

John W. Jones

(- 2 Aug 1871)

Jones. On Wednesday at 11:46 p.m., John W. Jones in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, aged 53 years. Funeral will take place today at 4:30 p.m. from his late residence, 469 Missouri ave. between 4 1/2 and 6th streets to which the friends of the family are invited.

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Sudden Death of Mr. J.W. Jones, Stationery Clerk of the Senate

Those who saw the above-named gentleman in the apparent enjoyment of excellent health yesterday morning, will be greatly surprised to hear of his sudden death at 12 o'clock last night. At 12:30 p.m. yesterday, the deceased was making preparations to leave the city on a short visit to Philadelphia. Calling upon Major McDonald, chief clerk of the Senate, to say "good bye," conversation turned on the studies of his little son, of whose proficiency Mr. Jones was very proud. Major McDonald asked the boy questions about his studies, and soon after, while the boy was reciting some poetry, the father began to tremble, and appeared to be falling. Major McDonald and Mr. Draper saw it and caught him. On being asked if he felt sick, Mr. Jones replied "No," that he had tripped against the chair. He was removed to a lounge, and almost immediately became insensible, the only external evidence of life being heavy breathing--so loud as to be heard in all parts of the Senate wing of the Capitol, where he died about midnight. The deceased was a native of Ohio, and was about fifty-five years of age. He was always an active politician--first as a whig, and then as a republican. About 1862 he came to this city, and accepted a position under Col. Forney, then secretary of the Senate, and for many years has held the position of chief clerk in the stationery room. He was a good officer, and had a large circle of acquaintances and friends in this city, who are deeply grieved at his sudden taking off.

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The funeral of the late J.W. Jones, yesterday evening, was largely attended. The Rev. Dr. Holmead, of Grace Church, conducted the services which were followed by Masonic rites by Federal Lodge, No. 1, F. and A.M., of which deceased was a member. Past Masters Judge Barron, Fifth Auditor, Gilman, Baldwin, Simpton, Gregory, and other brother Masons, officiated as pall-bearers.