

General Roger Jones

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The National Intelligencer, Saturday, July 17, 1852

On Thursday evening last Death very suddenly removed from this community, and from a very large family circle, almost respectable and esteemed gentleman and a gallant and distinguished veteran of the Army. General Roger Jones, for so many years Adjutant General of the Army, died, at his residence in this city, after a very short illness, the evening before last. General Jones was in the 64th year of his age. He was a native of Virginia, and the elder brother of the gallant and respected Commodore Catesby Jones, of the Navy. We never knew a more honorable gentleman, or one more estimable in all the domestic and social relations. His professional services and merits are familiar to the whole country. The eloquent "general orders," inserted in another column, of the General-in-Chief, his old brother in arms, do justice both to the personal and professional virtues of the deceased.

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General Orders, No. 28

Headquarters of the Army

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, July 16, 1852

The painful task devolves on the General-in-Chief of announcing to the Army the death of Colonel and Brevet Major General Roger Jones, Adjutant General, who expired in this city about sunset yesterday, after an illness of a few hours.

General Jones commenced his military career January 26, 1809, as a Lieutenant of Marines, which commission he held at the outbreak of the war of 1812 with Great Britain, when he was appointed a Captain of Artillery in the Army. To those who were the companions in arms of the deceased, his services during the war are too well known to require special enumeration. His zeal and activity in the arduous campaigns of 1813 and 1814 on the Niagara frontier, and his distinguished gallantry as a Major of the Staff in the memorable conflicts of Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, and the sortie of Fort Erie, won for him the universal respect and admiration of his brother officers, and the marked approbation of the Government. Raised in 1825 to the confidential post of Adjutant General, held by him at his decease, the Army at large will understand it as no slight praise to say that he brought to the discharge of its highly difficult and responsible duties an intelligence, honesty of purpose, and untiring devotion, which carried him through every emergency with credit to himself and advantage to the public service. In all the relations of private life he was equally admirable. No man's integrity was more spotless. He was most amiable and sincere; courteous in intercourse, stanch in friendship, liberal in charity. Though poor himself, the poor knew in him their benefactor.

As appropriate honors to the memory of the deceased, each military post will fire minute guns, (thirteen,) commencing at meridian, and display the national flag at half staff from the same hour till sunset on the day next after the receipt of this order; and the Officers of the Army will wear the prescribed badge of mourning for thirty days.

By order of Major General Scott;

L. Thomas,

Assistant Adjutant General

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, July 16, 1852

The following arrangement has been made for the funeral honors of the lamented Brevet Major General Roger Jones, Adjutant General of the Army.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Funeral Escort

Commander of the Escort and Staff

The Clergy of the District and Surgeon General of the Army

Pall Bearers	H	Pall Bearers
Mr. Maury, Mayor	E	Col. Abert
Gen. Weightman	A	Gen. Totten
Gen. Henderson	R	Com'e Shubrick
Com'e Ballard	S	Gen. Jesup
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The Relatives of the deceased

The General-in-Chief of the Army and Staff

The General Staff of the Army

Officers of the Army

Officers of the Navy and Marine Corps

Officers of the Militia

The President of the United States (Fillmore)

Heads of Departments, should any of them be pleased to attend

Senators and Members of the House of Representatives should any of them be pleased to attend

Foreign Ministers and Suites, should any of them be pleased to attend

Clerks of the Adjutant General's Office

Societies and Fraternities that may join the Procession

Citizens and Strangers

The troops designated to form the escort, consisting of the volunteer companies of the District, will be commanded by the senior volunteer officer on duty, and they will assemble in front of the mansion of the deceased, at the corner of F and Tenth streets, at 4 1/2 o'clock p.m., on Saturday, the 17th day of July, from which the procession will move precisely at five o'clock.

The usual badge of mourning will be worn by Officers of the Army, on the left arm and on the hilt of the sword.

The senior Assistant Adjutant General on duty at the Headquarters of the Army is charged with the arrangements of the day.

By command of Major General Scott

L. Thomas

Assistant Adjutant General

MILITIA OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Division Order

The orders of the General-in-Chief of the Army of the United States, announcing the death of Major General Roger Jones, Adjutant General, speaks in well-deserved terms of the eminent merits of the deceased, both as a soldier and a man. Praise from so illustrious a commander, himself the favorite theme of praise with all, dispenses with any additional recommendation to the sympathies and respect of his fellow-citizens. But, if the high approval of a commander under whose eye the military services of the deceased were performed, and whose warm friendship he had shared for near forty years, needed any confirmation, it would be supplied by the personal testimony of the citizens and citizen soldiers of

this District, among whom he has resided so many years as a universally respected and beloved fellow-citizen.

To correspond, therefore, with the order of arrangement of the General-in-Chief of the Army, the Generals of Brigade will give the necessary orders for assembling the Battalions and Corps of Volunteers belonging to their respective commands at the proper time to join in the funeral escort.

Walter Jones
Major General Commanding the Militia
Washington, July 16, 1852

Brigade Order
Brigade Headquarters
Washington, July 16, 1852

In conformity to orders from the Major General, the Colonel commanding the volunteers belonging to the Third Brigade will give the necessary orders for assembling the regiment preparatory to joining the funeral escort and rendering military honors to the memory of the late Brevet Major General Roger Jones, Adjutant General of the United States army.

R.C. Weightman
Brigadier General Commanding Third Brigade

Regimental Orders
Regimental Headquarters of Volunteers, M.D.C.
Washington, July 16, 1852

The Commanding Officers of Companies belonging to the volunteer regiment of the Third Brigade will issue the necessary orders for assembling their companies in funeral trim, at their respective company grounds, with at least three rounds of blank cartridge, in time to assemble at Battalion rendezvous in front of the City Hall at 3 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, (tomorrow) to join the funeral escort of Brevet Major General Roger Jones, late Adjutant General United States army.

By order of Colonel Hickey
James A. Tait, Adjutant

The National Intelligencer, July 19, 1852

Funeral of Adjutant General Jones

This solemn ceremony took place on Saturday afternoon last, according to the published program. Large numbers of persons assembled at and near the residence of the deceased to witness the performance of the last sad rites. The funeral service, which was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Butler, who accompanied it with an address in part allusive to the life, character, and services of the distinguished deceased. After the conclusion of this service, the procession was organized under the immediate directions of Col. Hickey, of the District militia, and marched to the Congress Burial Ground to the strains of martial music befitting the mournful occasion. The Boone Rifle Company formed the van of the procession; with the German Yagers, National Greys, and Washington Light infantry, succeeding.. Then came the body in a coffin, enhearsed, and itself folded by the flag that the late gallant General had so well, and long, and faithfully defended and served in the actual shock of battle, as well as in the ordinary routine of official duty, for a period of more than forty years. The hearse was followed by a train of carriages occupied by the Clergy, heads of Army and Navy Bureaus, members of the family of the deceased, Mayor of the city, the General-in-Chief of the Army, President of the United States (Fillmore), and members of the Cabinet, with friends and acquaintances. The body was committed to its temporary resting place, in a vault in the Congress burial

ground, with the customary honors. It was fortunate that the heavy rain which prevailed in the morning cleared up before the hour for the funeral arrived.