

Jonas Pascal Keller

(- 10 Dec 1871)

Keller. In this city, on the morning of Sunday, December 10th, of pneumonia, Jonas Pascal Keller, aged 64 years.

Dying, still slowly dying
As the hours of the night rode by
He had lain since the light of sunset
Was red in the evening sky;
Till after the middle watches,
As we softly near him stood,
When his soul from his prison fetters
Was loosed by the hand of God.
One moment his pale lips trembled
With the triumph he might not tell,
As the sight of his life immortal
On his spirit's vision fell
Then the look of rapture faded,
And the beautiful smile was faint
As that in some ancient picture
On the face of dying saint.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (December 12th) at 2 o'clock, from the Church of the Epiphany.

The Evening Star, December 9, 1871.

Mr. J.P. Keller, chief clerk of the Ordnance Bureau is dangerously ill at his residence on 13th street. His disease is pneumonia.

The Evening Star, December 11, 1871

The Funeral of Mr. J.P. Keller, whose serious illness was noticed on Saturday, will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, at two o'clock, from the Church of the Epiphany. The Rev. Dr. Starkey, rector, will officiate. Mr. Keller died of pneumonia, yesterday morning. He came to this city in 1814, and has for the past thirty-two years occupied a position in the ordnance bureau, War Department, being its chief clerk at the time of his death. He was also one of the vestry of the Epiphany church, and a member of the association of Oldest Inhabitants. His sudden death has cast a gloom over a large circle of friends, by whom he was greatly beloved.