

Zaccheus Collins Lee

(5 Dec 1805 – 26 Nov 1859)

Lee. At eight minutes before 5 o'clock this morning, at his residence in the city of Baltimore, in the 54th year of his age, the Hon. Zaccheus Collins Lee, Judge of the Supreme Court of that city. This melancholy event will sadden many hearts in Washington, where Judge Lee had long resided before his removal to Baltimore. He was a gentleman of high integrity and honor, of a kind heart, of fine talents, and had acquired an extensive reputation as an eloquent and effective public speaker. For some months before his death, his health had been impaired; but the immediate illness which proved fatal was of only a few days' duration. He has been taken from us in the prime of life, and in the midst of a career of public usefulness, to the deep affliction of his bereaved family and friends, and the regrets of the community of which he was an esteemed and honored member.

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The Funeral of Judge Lee was largely attended in Baltimore yesterday, and the remains were brought to this city for interment in the Congressional cemetery. Judge Lee prior to his death expressed a desire to be buried by the side of his mother in this cemetery and the request has been complied. The remains were accompanied to this city by the Rev. Dr. Cummins of Baltimore (formerly of Trinity church in this city) by whom the funeral services were performed.

Lee, Edward Jennings, MD, Lee of Virginia, 1642-1892, The Descendants of Col. Richard Lee, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1974., pp. 466-467

Zaccheus Collins (6th gen.), the second son of Richard Bland Lee (5) [Henry (4), Henry (3), Richard (2), Richard (1)] and Elizabeth Collins, his wife was born the 5th of December, 1805, and died at Baltimore, the 26th of November, 1859. Mr. Lee was educated at the University of Virginia; studied law under William Wirt, and practiced his profession at Baltimore. He was a prominent member of the bar of that city; was considered an effective and eloquent speaker; he served as United States District Attorney from 1848 to 1855; was Judge of the Superior Court of Baltimore from 1855 to the time of his death. He was married, on the 15th of June, 1837, to Martha Ann, daughter of Thomas C. Jenkins, of Baltimore; she was born the 5th of April, 1819 and died the 16th of April, 1864. They had only two children:

Richard Henry

Mary Elizabeth, born the 5th of November, 1840; has been twice married; first on the 26th of December, 1861 to William B. Perine, of "Homeland," Baltimore county, Md., and had a daughter, Martha Lee Perine, born the 19th of September, 1862, and died the 27th of April, 1891; Mr. Perine died in May, 1863, and his widow was married, secondly, on the 15th of August, 1867, to Bernard John Cooper, Post Captain of the English Navy, who died on the 26th of July, 1889, leaving three children: 1, Mary Elizabeth Lee, born the 11th of December, 1868; 2, Mary Frances Donelan Lee, born the 23d of September, 1870; 3, Bernard John Lee, born the 26th of September, 1873. Mary Frances D.L. Cooper was married, at Rome, on the 6th of June, 1894, to Don Giuseppe, second son of Marquis Patrizi, Standard Bearer of the Holy Church; he was born on the 27th of December, 1872. Mrs. Cooper resides at Rome, Italy.