

George W. Leesnitzer

(1849 – 16 Sep 1905)

Leesnitzer. Suddenly on Saturday, September 16, George W. Leesnitzer, husband of Mary J. Leesnitzer.

The Evening Star, September 16, 1905, p. 2

Government Clerk Dead

George W. Leesnitzer Dies at His Desk

George W. Leesnitzer, a clerk of the bureau of statistics at 1335 F street northwest, fell dead while at his desk this morning just as he began his day's work. A physician from the Emergency Hospital responded at once and pronounced the clerk dead. Coroner Nevitt was notified and gave a certificate of death from heart failure. The body was removed to Lee's undertaking rooms, where it was prepared for burial. The time of the funeral has not yet been determined.

Mr. Leesnitzer was not feeling well during the first part of the week, but yesterday he had apparently recovered and went to his office as usual. He talked with others as he went up to the fifth floor in the Adams building and then went over to his desk. He had been seated but a moment when he fell from his chair.

Mr. Leesnitzer was born in this city in 1849, and had lived here all his life. On November 28, 1879, he was appointed a clerk in the Bureau of statistics, where he had been employed ever since. He received several promotions, and at the time of his death was in the division of examinations. He lived with his sister, Mrs. W.S. Anderson, at 464 F street southwest. He is survived by his wife, Mollie, and four children, Isabelle, Josephine, Minnie and George.

The Washington Times, September 16, 1905

Returns to Work and Falls Dead

George W. Leesnitzer Apoplexy's Victim

At Bureau of Statistics

Had Been Sick Two Days and Had Just Been Granted Annual Leave

Sitting in the window of the office of the Bureau of Statistics, where he had been employed for twenty-six years, George W. Leesnitzer, fifty-six years of age, slipped to the floor today, and when picked up was found to be quite dead.

Doctors in the office said he died from apoplexy. His body was sent to his home at 464 F street southwest.

Mr. Leesnitzer came into the office about 9 o'clock this morning after being on sick leave for two days. He put in an application for twenty days annual leave, which was granted, and then went to his desk and started to do a little work. A few moments later he got up and sat in the window as if to get a breath of fresh air.

J.G. Thrall, employed in the same office, was sitting near by at the time, and, happening to look in the direction of Mr. Leesnitzer, saw him slip noiselessly to the floor. He rushed to the man's assistance, and, after placing him in a chair, called Drs. Duffy and Young, who are employed in the bureau.

The doctors pronounced him to be suffering from a stroke of apoplexy, and ordered that the Emergency Hospital be notified. In the meantime, the doctors did everything in their power to resuscitate Mr. Leesnitzer, but their efforts were unavailing.

When the doctor from the Emergency Hospital arrived, he also pronounced Mr. Leesnitzer dead, and Coroner Nevitt was notified.

After viewing the remains Dr. Nevitt gave a certificate of death from natural causes.

William S. Anderson, a son of the dead man's brother-in-law, was notified and the body was removed to the Leesnitzer home.

The deceased is survived by his widow, three daughters and one son. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

Mr. Leesnitzer was a native of the District and was a member of National Union Fraternal Council No. 519.

The Washington Times, September 18, 1905

Burial This Afternoon of George Leesnitzer

The burial of George W. Leesnitzer, who died at his desk in the Bureau of Statistics building on F street, last Saturday morning, will take place today at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence in the Lafayette apartments. He had been employed in the Bureau of Statistics since 1879. A widow and four children survive.