Silas S. Lincoln

(1825 – 14 Aug 1905)

Lincoln. On Monday, August 14, 1905 at 3:20 p.m. at his residence, 913 I street northwest, S.S. Lincoln, husband of M.E. Lincoln in his 80th year.

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Veteran Pension Office Clerk Passes Away

The Pension Office yesterday lost the services of one of its oldest clerks in the death of S.S. Lincoln, who had been in the office thirty-three years. Mr. Lincoln was eighty years of age. He was born in Maine in 1825.

Mr. Lincoln served in Massachusetts Battery during the civil war.

The funeral services will be held at Speare's undertaking apartments, 930 F street northwest, tomorrow morning.

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Silas Lincoln Dead

Union Veteran Who Served With Mins' Battery in Civil War

Silas S. Lincoln, a veteran of the civil war, formerly of Malden, Mass., but for the past twenty-six years a resident of Washington, and an employee of the bureau of pensions, died yesterday morning at his residence, 913 I street northwest, of general debility. Mr. Lincoln was born in 1825 in the state of Maine, but when quite a young man moved to Massachusetts, where for a number of years he was an officer of the state's prison at Charlestown.

He was one of the original members of the famous Nims' Light Horse Battery of Massachusetts and served in that battery from July 30, 1861 to August 17, 1864. He fired two shots at the ironclad Merrimac during its fight with the Monitor in Hampton Roads, his battery at that time being stationed at Hampton, Va., awaiting transportation to Sip Island and the department of the gulf. In the following year he also sighted a gun whose shell, it is claimed, entered a port hole of the rebel gunboat Essex, when that boat ran the gauntlet of the upper Mississippi fleet at Vicksburg, Miss.

Next to his old commander, Col. Ormand F. Nims, who survives him and who last year at the encampment of the G.A.R. in Boston, at the age of 84 years, marched every step of the route of the parade, Mr. Lincoln, the "old sergeant," as he was affectionately called, was the oldest member of that famous battery which, it is claimed, Generals Butler, Banks, Grover, Franklin and Clausson pronounced to be the best battery in the United States service.

Sergeant Lincoln will be buried in the Congressional cemetery. The funeral services will be held at the undertaking establishment of W.R. Speare, 930 F street northwest, tomorrow morning.

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Funeral of S.S. Lincoln

The funeral of S.S. Lincoln of 913 I street northwest took place yesterday afternoon, services having been conducted by Rev. Dr. Bradford. Mr. Lincoln was a member of U.S. Grant Circle, No. 1, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Mrs. Dell Fuller Wright is president. A number of the ladies of the circle were present, and Mrs. Emma J. Hawkes performed the flag service over the remains of the

deceased comrade. He was also a member of Lincoln Post, G.A.R., and that organization held a service at Congressional cemetery, where the interment took place.