

James Lynch

(13 Nov 1817 – 6 Dec 1878)

Lynch. On December 6, 1878 at 2:35 a.m. of inflammation of the bladder, James Lynch in the 62d year of his age. Funeral will take place on Sunday at 2 1/2 p.m. from his late residence, No 128 E. Capitol street. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

The Evening Star, December 9, 1878

The Funeral of James Lynch (formerly a justice of the peace) took place from his late residence on East Capitol street, yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of the friends of the deceased, including many of the oldest citizens of the District. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. Richard Norris, (of Georgetown) formerly of Waugh Chapel, after which the cortege proceeded to Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were interred with Masonic honors--B.B. French Lodge and Washington R.A. Chapter, of which he was a member, being present.

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Death of Mr. James Lynch

Mr. James Lynch, lately a justice of the peace, whose serious illness was noticed in last evening's Star, died this morning about 2 o'clock. Mr. Lynch was born in the northern part of Ireland in 1817, but came here when a boy with his father and family, and they settled on Capitol Hill. Mr. Lynch has ever since lived in that part of the city. He was, under the old regime, one of the auxiliary guard, and was regarded by many as the best officer on the force; subsequently, he was chief of the city police, and more recently a justice of the peace. He was for many years a member of the old Columbia Fire Company, and in the anti bellum days was connected with the Washington Light Infantry. He had been for a long time a mason of B.B. French Lodge. He was a man of string integrity, and was quiet and unobtrusive. He leaves a host of friends in the community.

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Locals

Mr. James Lynch, formerly a justice of the peace, and for many years, under the municipal government, commissioner of the fifth ward, as also chief of the corporation police, is we regret to learn, lying very low at his residence on Capitol Hill, with but slight hopes of recovery.

The Evening Star, May 19, 1858

Riotous Conduct

At four o'clock this morning the house of Mr. James Lynch, East Capitol street, between 1st and 2d streets, was assailed with a shower of stones, which did him considerable damage in the way of breaking windows, shutters, etc. Mr. L. has every reason to believe that this cowardly outrage was perpetrated by a gang of rowdies infesting that part of the city, who call themselves "The Rams," whose exploits, somewhat after the same fashion, we have frequently had occasion to bring to the notice of the police in this way. Their organization is well known to every police officer in the Fifth Ward, we take it for granted, as many respectable citizens are aware of the fact, and can identify most of its members. Is it not high time that the authorities should take some efficient step at least to hold them in check

hereafter? Individuals of the same gang, it will be recollected, not long since essayed an outrage on Messrs. Houston and Barry, of the City Councils whose offense was having voted to establish the special police.