

## John F. Maddox

(17 Jun 1837 – 7 Nov 1893)

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**Maddox.** On November 7, 1893, John F. Maddox, in the 56th year of his age. Funeral from his brother's residence, 915 G street s.e. at 2 p.m. the 9th inst. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.



JOHN F. MADDOX

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### **A Veteran Fireman Gone**

#### **Death of John F. Maddox, for Many Years Foreman of No. 2**

John F. Maddox, who was foreman of No. 2 engine company until the 1st instant, died yesterday at Providence Hospital. He was one of the best-known firemen in the United States. He had seen more active fire duty than probably any man in the District of Columbia fire department. He was born in this city, June 17, 1837, and entered the old volunteer department when a boy, running with the Anacostia company. Subsequently, young Maddox resigned and learned the trade of wheelwright with Andrew J. Joyce. He was a member of company "A," Washington Light Infantry, and served with that company under the command of Capt. Lem. Williams in the three months' service. On the formation of the paid fire department in July, 1864, he was made private in engine company No. 2. In three months after his appointment he was made foreman of his company, which position he filled with credit until 1868, when he left the department, returning December 9, 1876, when he was reappointed in his old company. In 1882 he was promoted to foreman, and in 1886 was made acting assistant chief. He did not like his new position, and in 1887 resigned and went back to his old company as foreman. Foreman Maddox came near losing his life in 1886 at a fire on Capitol Hill, where he was painfully cut on the face and hands by the explosion of a quantity of gasoline. No member of the fire department was loved and respected more than John F. Maddox, and his death is mourned by the entire department. His funeral will take place from his brother's residence, 915 G street southeast, Thursday, November 9 at 2 o'clock p.m. The following members of the fire department who are also members of the fire department who are also members of the Elks, will act as pallbearers; Joseph parris, chief; William T. Belt, assistnat chief; W.T. Shedd, James Moriarty, Thoams Martin, engineers, and James Ragan of the volunteer organization. The Elks and Veteran Firemen will attend the funeral.

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### **John Maddox Retired**

After a service of twenty-eight years in the fire department John F. Maddox of Engine Company No. 2 was today placed upon the retired list at his own request. Foreman Maddox is one of the best known men in the fire department and is a brave and courageous fireman. He entered the service as a volunteer in 1857 and served for seven years until the organization of the paid fire department, when he became a member of that organization. Chief Parris in his letter to the Commissioners today recommended that owing to the poor health, the result of long and faithful service and close attention to duty in the department, that he placed on the retired list to take effect November 1, 1893 at a compensation of \$40 per month. Chief Parris was visibly affected when the Commissioners approved this order and said it was the greatest blow the department had yet suffered.

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**A Parade Next Week**

**Chief Parris and His Brigade to Turn Out Next Thursday**

**Men Who Fight Flames**

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The real foreman of No. 2 Engine Company is John F. Maddox, one of the best known firemen in the United States. Foreman Maddox is on sick leave at present, although it is hoped he will be able to take command of his old company shortly. Foreman Maddox has seen more active fire duty than probably any man in the department. He was born in Washington, June 17, 1837, and entered the old volunteer department when quite a boy, running with the old Anacostia company. Subsequently young Maddox resigned and learned the trade of wheelwright with Andrew J. Joyce. He was a member of Company A, Washington Light Infantry, and served with that company under the command of Capt. Lem. Williams, in the "three months service." On the formation of the paid fire department in July 1864, he was made private in Engine Company No. 2. In three months after his appointment he was made foreman of his company, which position he filled with credit until 1868, when he left the department, returning December 9, 1876, when he was reappointed private in his old company. In 1882 he was promoted to foreman and in 1886 made assistant chief. He did not like his new position, and in 1887 resigned and went back to his old company as foreman. Foreman Maddox came near losing his life in 1886 at a fire on Capitol Hill, when he was painfully cut on the face and hand by the explosion of a quantity of gasoline.