

## Phillip Mansfield

(1856 – 25 Dec 1907)

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### **Long Term of Service**

#### **Death of Philip Mansfield, Policeman 25 Years**

Philip Mansfield, who had been connected with the local police department for about twenty-five years, died last night at Providence Hospital, the result of a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered last Sunday afternoon while at a boathouse on the river front. When he was stricken he was removed to the hospital. The physicians found his condition serious, although his death was not then expected to occur soon.

The death of Phil Mansfield, as he was called, removes from the force one of its most popular members, and those who served with him will keenly feel the loss of his companionship. He was a native of this city, and was born in 1856. He attended the public schools and was afterward employed in the navy yard as an iron roller, his employment there being upon the manufacture of cable chains for the anchors that were used in the navy and the bolts used on the wooden vessels belonging to the government. Early in May, 1883, he was appointed a member of the police force, doing his first duty in the southeast section of the city, where he resided. Later he was transferred to the sixth precinct, doing duty under Lieut. John F. Kelly.

Mansfield performed duty on what was known as the "Swampoodle" beat during the time when the services of strong and fearless men were demanded, and he participated in many fierce struggles. Later on he was detailed in charge of the patrol service at the sixth precinct, being transferred from there to the ninth precinct about nine years ago. He was on duty almost up to the time he suffered the stroke of paralysis, although he was not in good health the past year. Mrs. Mansfield, three daughters and two sons survive him.

An undertaker took charge of the body at the hospital this morning, and later removed it to the family home, 1210 11th street southeast. The funeral will take place from the family home Saturday at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

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### **Honors to Late Associate**

#### **Police Escort Remains of Philip Mansfield to Grave**

Capt. Daley, Lieut. Falvey and two sergeants from the ninth police precinct headed an escort of twenty-four privates at the funeral of the late Policeman Philip Mansfield of the ninth precinct this afternoon. Services over his remains were conducted at the family home, 1210 11th street southeast, and the interment was at Congressional cemetery. Many members of the police force from the different precincts attended the funeral, the members of No. 9 sending a handsome floral tribute.