

## Alfred H. Marlow ( - 21 Apr 1904)

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**Marlow.** Suddenly on Thursday, April 21, 1904 at 3:15 p.m., Alfred H. beloved husband of Margaret E. Marlow in his 76th year. Funeral from his late residence 308 B street northeast, Saturday April 23 at 11 o'clock.

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### **Mr. Marlow's Sudden Death**

#### **Veteran Clerk Expires at Post of Duty in Treasury**

Alfred H. Marlow, familiarly known to his associates as "Uncle Al," a veteran employee of the government and said by his superiors to have been one of the most efficient clerks in the office of the auditor for the Navy Department, expired suddenly at his desk in the treasury at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Marlow had been about his duties as usual during the entire day yesterday. He had an attack of grip about a month ago, but was supposed to have entirely recovered from it. One of his fellow clerks noticed him place his head down on his desk yesterday and ran to his side. Before reaching him, however, Mr. Marlow had expired.

Mr. Marlow was 76 years old. His wife and a son survive him. He entered the government service as assistant messenger July 24, 1862 at a salary of \$600 per annum and was promoted each year thereafter, until his salary reached \$1,600 per annum. He was reduced to \$900 per annum in 1897, because he had reached the age of seventy years. He was again promoted, gradually, however, and the coming July would have been placed back at the salary of \$1,600 from which he was reduced.

"He was one of the most efficient clerks in the office," said a clerk in the office to a Star reporter today. "He could do more work in his line than any three young men. In fact there is not a man or woman in the office that can take his place. He was an authority on his work and knew it to his fingertips."

It is understood that Mr. Marlow had been rather depressed of late by reason of the introduction of Representative Gillett's bill to retire all clerks in the classified service of the government upon their reaching the age of seventy years. The matter preyed upon his mind, and it is freely expressed that he grieved himself to death over the possible passage of such a measure, which would result in taking from him the work which he had made a life study.

"Mr. Marlow and his work are conspicuous instances of the made nonsense some members of Congress have attempted in trying to do away with the services of clerks who have given their lives to the service of the country in time of war, and to the government in time of peace. Even though they had reached the age of seven times seventy years, if they are competent to do the work assigned to them, they should be retained," was the manner in which a treasury official spoke of the death of Mr. Marlow this afternoon.

Arrangements are being made to have the funeral services over the remains of Mr. Marlow at his late residence, 308 B street northeast, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.