

John M. McCalla

(1793 – 28 Feb 1873)

McCalla. On Friday, 28th February, General John M. McCalla. The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 330 Indiana avenue on Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m.

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John M. McCalla was born near Lexington, Ky., in 1793 and became a resident of this city in 1845, at which time he purchased the property (now numbered 330 Indiana Avenue) from Mrs. Joseph Wood, the wife of a prominent artist, for whom it was built in 1833. This continued to be his home until his death in 1873, with exception of seven years (1848 to 1855) a portion of which time it was rented to a Rev. Mr. Cushman, who conducted a ladies' school there.

When war with England was declared in 1812, Mr. McCalla, then but nineteen years old, was among the first to respond to the call for troops. He soon rose to the rank of adjutant and afterwards obtained the rank of brigadier general. In the report made by the commanding general of the actions of January 18 and January 22, 1813, he was named among those who had distinguished themselves in those battles. During his early life in this city Mr. McCalla was second auditor under the Polk administration, but after that time his profession was that of lawyer and claim agent. His son, Dr. J.M. McCalla, who had been a resident of Washington for fifty years at the time of his death, above mentioned, graduated in medicine, after a course at Columbia College, now known as Columbian University, but owing to ill health he was obliged to discontinue practice of his profession. His sister, Miss Maria F. McCalla, is still a resident of this city.