

William J. McDonald

(- 5 Jun 1878)

McDonald. On Wednesday, June 5th, 1878 at 2:45 o'clock p.m., in the 65th year of his age, Wm. G. McDonald, Chief Clerk, U.S. Senate. The funeral will take place from the Church of the Epiphany Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Evening Star, June 6, 1878

Major W.J. McDonald, the well-known chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Senate for the past twelve years, died at his residence, No. 1108 New York avenue, yesterday afternoon. It will be remembered that on Saturday last when Mrs. McDonald was informed of the precarious condition of her husband, from a disease of the kidneys, The announcement prostrated her, and she died in less than an hour. Since then Major McDonald has been rapidly declining. He was born in this city in the year 1814, and has been continuously in the service of the Senate since 1836. He was a member of the Washington National Monument society, a director of the old Patriotic Bank, and the Franklin Insurance Company, and was greatly respected, being a good citizen and an efficient officer. The funeral will take place from the Epiphany church tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

The Evening Star, June 7, 1878

The Funeral of the late Major W.J. McDonald took place this afternoon. The body, encased in a walnut casket covered with black cloth, was removed from the family residence, 1108 New York avenue, to the church of the Epiphany, where the services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Paret. Senators Edmunds, Bayard, Eaton and Thurman, Major Slack and Dr. John B. Blake were the pall bearers. A large concourse of people attended. The Washington Monument Society yesterday adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the deceased, and the members were present at the funeral.