

George William McLellan

(3 Dec 1803 – 22 Jan 1877)

McLellan. In this city at 11:30 p.m., Monday January 22, 1877, after a short illness of pneumonia, George William McLellan, aged 73 years. Friends who desire to view the remains are invited to do so on Wednesday between the hours of 11th and 1, at the residence of the family, No. 1018 8th street northwest. In accordance in the special request of the deceased the funeral will be strictly private (Boston and Portland, Me. papers please copy).

The Evening Star, January 24, 1877

Mr. George William McClellan died at his residence on 8th street on Monday, in the 73d year of his age. The deceased was a native of Massachusetts. He was educated for the law and practiced in his native state and under the administration of President Lincoln was second assistant postmaster general, a position the duties of which he discharged with signal abilities, showing executive talents of a high order. For several years past he has been engaged in prosecuting claims. The deceased was the father of Mr. George F. McClellan of this city, formerly a trustee of our public schools.

The Evening Star, January 26, 1877

Hon. G.W. McLellan, who died in this city on Monday last, was born in Portland, Me., October 3, 1803. Early in life, when the tide of emigration was setting towards Maine, he went to Eastport, where he became a very successful merchant, until he, in common with so many others, fell a victim to the great financial crash of 1837. After that, he held different public offices, representing his town in the state legislature a number of years, until 1845, when he removed to Boston and entered again upon commercial pursuits. Almost immediately he was elected a member of the city council and one branch of the school board. Soon after the election of President Taylor, he was offered the position of the head of one branch of the customs service in Boston, which he retained through the administration of President Pierce, although he was well known as a republican. Moving to Cambridge, he represented that city in the legislature for some years, and was a delegate to the Chicago convention, voting for Mr. Seward on every ballot. A few days after President Lincoln's inauguration he was waited upon and tendered the position of second assistant postmaster general, which he accepted, and retained through the administration of President Johnson, to whose political measures he was actively opposed. On the incoming of President Grant he was removed to make a place for one of the President's personal friends. Since that time he has resided here devoting his time to business before Congress and the departments. His prominent personal traits were honesty, fidelity, and ability as a public officer, and devotion to his friends.