

Samuel L. Nelson

(27 Feb 1858 – 28 Oct 1896)

Nelson. Departed this life, October 28, 1896, at 7:40 p.m., Samuel L. Nelson the beloved son of Rebecca J. and the late Charles E. Nelson and husband of the late Annie Nelson (nee O'Connor). Funeral Sunday, October 31 at 2 o'clock from the residence of his mother No. 504 6th street southeast. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

The Washington Post, October 29, 1896, p. 2

Twelve Years on Police Force

S.L. Nelson, Friend of All His Acquaintances, Dies from Stomach Trouble

Samuel L. Nelson, for over twelve years a member of the Metropolitan police force, died at his home, 636 North Capitol street, at 7:40 o'clock last night. He was stricken down with stomach trouble September 14 and for some time all hope of his recovery had been abandoned. He was attached to the First Precinct, under Lieut. Amiss, and there is no one in the precinct more highly esteemed by his fellow-officers than was Private Nelson.

It is said of him that in all his years of service he did not make one enemy. As an officer he was highly praised by his superiors for his faithfulness and strict attention to duty. He frequently acted in the capacity of Sergeant. It was with great regret that the men at the First precinct heard of his death last night, and the same was true where ever Nelson was known, and he had an extensive acquaintance in the department.

The deceased officer was a widower having one small child, who is now left an orphan. Arrangements will be made today for the funeral. The dead policeman will be buried with befitting honors.

The Washington Post, October 30, 1896, p. 10

Police as Escorts at Funeral

Arrangements have been completed for holding funeral services over, the remains of the late Samuel L. Nelson, the First Precinct policeman, whose death was announced in The Post yesterday morning. Services will be held at the home of his mother, 504 Sixth street southeast. Lieut. Amis will detail a number of policemen, fellow officers of the late patrolman, who will attend the funeral as a mark of respect and in honor of his splendid record as a member of the Metropolitan Police Force.