

George Whitfield Pratt

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George W. Pratt Dead

Was for Many Years Connected With War Department

George W. Pratt, for many years chief of the regimental records division of the adjutant general's office, War Department, died from an attack of heart failure this morning at his residence 1112 East Capitol street. He had been ill with acute indigestion for about a week.

Mr. Pratt was a native of Maine and served through the civil war as a member of Company K, 5th Maine Volunteers. He declined an appointment as second lieutenant in 1864, and served as a private in the general service from October of that year until May, 1866, when he was appointed a clerk of class 1 in the adjutant general's office.

By promotion through the various grades he became a clerk of class 4 in August, 1882, and chief of a division in July, 1905. His service for the government covered a continuous period of forty-eight years. He leaves a wife and three sons.

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Funeral of G.W. Pratt

Services Held at His Late Home on East Capitol Street

Funeral services for George W. Pratt, for a number of years an employe of the War Department, were held at his late residence, 1112 East Capitol street, yesterday afternoon. Large representations were present from Lafayette Lodge, No. 19; Columbia Chapter, No. 1, and Columbia Commandery, No. 2, of the Masons; also from Albert Pike Consistory of the Scottish Rite and Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

George G. Meade Post, G.A.R., had many members in attendance. The German American Building Association, No. 8, was represented by its entire board of directors, of which Mr. Pratt had been a member for twenty-five years.

The service was conducted by Rev. L.E. Murray of Indiana, acting pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church during the absence of Dr. F.D. Power.

The pallbearers were Dr. J.B. Nichols, master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, and J.H. Lichliter, secretary of the lodge; Dr. H.A. Johnston and Alexander Abrams of the War Department; Charles Matthews and W.W. Eldridge of Meade Post, G.A.R. Interment was in Congressional cemetery.