

William H. Quinn

(- 2 Nov 1909)

Quinn. Suddenly, November 2, 1909 at 4:30 p.m. at his residence, 14 8th street southeast, William Quinn. Funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Grissom, 1227 G street northeast., Thursday, November 4 at 2 p.m. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, November 3, 1909

Victim of Apoplexy

Wm. Quinn, War Department Messenger, Dies After Long Service

William Quinn, a messenger in the quartermaster general's office at the War Department, died at his residence, 14 Eighth street southeast, yesterday afternoon. He was stricken with apoplexy at the office Tuesday morning, and owing to his advanced age, was unable to recover. A native of Ireland, he served the United States government continuously and faithfully for fifty-one years.

He enlisted in the United States cavalry in 1858, and served on the frontiers against hostile Indians. During the civil war he took part in forty-one battles and engagements, including those at Antietam, Gettysburg, Brandy Station and Gaines Mills, and was wounded in the last named battle. On being mustered out as first sergeant he was placed in charge of the commissary depot at Alexandria, and served there until the close of the war, when he was transferred to this city and was in charge of the bridges in this vicinity under the superintendent of public buildings and grounds, until 1878.

In that year he was appointed a messenger in the office of the quartermaster general, and served in that capacity up to the day of his death. He leaves four sons, William A., George I., James A. and Morris B. Quinn and two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Grissom and Miss Katherine Quinn. Funeral services will take place at the residence of Mrs. Grissom, 1227 G street northeast, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic of which he was a member. Interment will be made at Congressional cemetery.

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LONG SERVICE ENDED

William Quinn Dead After 51 Years'

Duty in War Department

After 51 years of continuous service in the War Department, William Quinn, Indian campaigner, civil war veteran, and later, clerk in the War Department, passed away at his home 14 Eighth street southeast, Tuesday from a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Quinn enlisted in the army in 1858 and for three years was engaged in campaigns against hostile Indians.

At the outbreak of the civil war he was ordered East and took part in 41 battles, including Antietam, Gettysburg, and Brandy Station. Upon being mustered out as a first sergeant he was transferred to the quartermaster's depot at Baltimore, remaining there until the end of the war, when he was appointed superintendent of bridges for the District of Columbia. Later he received his appointment as a clerk in the War Department, remaining there until his death.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Grissom and Miss Katherine Quinn, both of this city, and four sons.

Mr. Quinn was an active member of the G. A. R. The funeral service will be held at the residence of Mrs. Eugene Grisson, 1227 G street northeast, Thursday. Burial will be in the Congressional Cemetery.