

## Nicholas B. Ray

(30 Oct 1833 - 11 Nov 1868)

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**Ray.** On Wednesday, November 11, of hemorrhage, Nicholas B. Ray in the 36th year of his age. The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at his residence, No. 648 L street north between 4th and 5th streets west at 3 o'clock p.m. on the 12th instant.

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### Death of a Policeman

This morning, Mr. Nicholas B. Ray, a member of the Metropolitan Police force, attached to the fifth precinct, died at his late residence on L street, between 4th and 5th, after an illness of several months, in the 36th year of his age. Mr. Ray was a native of Baltimore, and had been a resident here over fifteen years. He was appointed an officer of the force, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865, and was assigned to the fifth precinct, and was a good and faithful officer. His health however, failed him over a year ago, and for several months he was extremely ill, but last spring he went to Gettysburg and remained several weeks, and as was supposed completely recovered his health, but after a few weeks duty he was forced to his bed again, where he for the past five weeks has been sinking. Major Richards informs the force of his death as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE--

Office of Major and Superintendent, No. 2, Louisiana avenue, Washington, November 11, 1868--General order No. 202--Lieutenant

The decease of private Nicholas B. Ray is hereby officially announced. This melancholy though not unexpected event transpired at half-past twelve o'clock this morning, at his residence, on L street north, between 4th and 5th streets west.

Private Ray was ever faithful in the discharge of his duties as an officer and when in health was always at his post, and but a few hours before his death expressed his regrets at having been compelled by sickness to lose so much time from his duties. Bys his death an affectionate wife and three small children are left in mourning.

His funeral will take place from his late residence, tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. A detail of thirty men will be made to attend his funeral and officers off duty, so disposed, can join them. The detail will report promptly at 2 1/2 o'clock p.m. to Lieutenant Tait, at the Fifth Precinct station house.

A.C. Richards

Major and Superintendent

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### The Funeral of Policeman Ray

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the funeral of Policeman Nicholas B. Ray took place from his late residence on L street north, between Fourth and Fifth streets west. A large number of policemen called at his house to view the body of the deceased before the services. Sergeant Robert Johnson and Officers J.W. Davis, Elias Oliver, John Melson, C.P. Hopkins, and Wm. H. Howes were the pall-bearers, and the corpse was escorted to the grave at the Congressional Cemetery by a body of forty policemen, under the command of Lieut. Alex. Tait, of the Fifth Precinct, Capt. B.M. Reed was also present.

NOTE: Seriously injured in an explosion at the Navy Yard, July 27, 1861. See Francis C. Brown.