

Peter A. Rearick

(- 9 Feb 1901)

Rearick. At his home, 904 E. Capitol street, Saturday, February 9, 1901, Peter Anton, rear admiral, U.S.N., beloved husband of Sarah V. Rearick. Funeral from his late residence on Tuesday, February 12 at 11 o'clock a.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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Found Lifeless in Bed

Sudden and Unexpected Death of Rear Admiral Rearick

Rear Admiral Peter A. Rearick, U.S.N. (retired), was found dead in bed about 8 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 904 East Capitol street. He was a victim of heart trouble. The admiral, who was about 63 years of age, retired at his usual hour last night in apparently excellent health, and he had not been ill for a long time. He leaves a widow and four daughters, the latter being Mrs. C.W. Freeman of Baltimore and Mrs. G.T. Woodward, Mrs. C.H. Weaver and Mrs. H.A. Austin of Washington. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Appointed From the District

Admiral Rearick was born in Maryland. He entered the naval service in 1860, being appointed from the District of Columbia. He was made third assistant engineer, and assigned to duty on the Crusader of the North Atlantic squadron. He served on the Housatonic in the Gulf squadron in 1862, and in 1863 served on the South Atlantic station.

In that year he was promoted to the grade of second assistant engineer. The following year, while serving on the Britannia, on the North Atlantic station, he was promoted to first assistant engineer. He saw duty on the ironclad Dictator near the close of the war, and in 1866 was assigned to special duty at Washington. From 1867 to 1869 he was on the Powhatan, flagship of the Pacific squadron. He served on the Saco of the European fleet from 1870 to 1872, returning in the following year to Washington, for duty at the navy yard.

In the latter part of 1873 he was assigned to the Colorado, on the North Atlantic station, and served on that vessel one year. The same year he was made chief engineer. From 1875 to 1876 he served on the North Atlantic station, on the Ossipee. He was on the Essex in 1877, and the next year was assigned to the South Atlantic station, serving there until 1881. The latter year he was placed on duty with the receiving ship Franklin. The next year he was ordered to the Asiatic station and assigned to the Juniata.

In 1886 he returned to the United States and was placed in charge of the stores at the Norfolk navy yard on which duty he remained until 1889. He was assigned to the Pacific station in the latter year, and served in various capacities at different stations until his retirement, February 17, 1900, with the rank of rear admiral.

Peter A. Rearick. Chief Eng., Feb. 17, 1860.

Appointed 3d Asst. Engineer, Feb. 17, 1860; promoted 2d Asst. Engineer, July 22, 1862; 1st Asst. Engineer, March 1, 1864; steamer Crusader, N. A. Squadron, 1861; Housatonic, W. G. Squadron, 1862; S. A. Squadron, 1863; Britannia, N. A. Station, 1864; iron-clad Dictator, N. A. Station, 1865; retained in service, and subsequently promoted Chief Engineer, with relative rank of Lieut.-Commander