

## William W. Selden

(31 Jan 1791 - 28 Apr 1874)

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*The Evening Star, April 29, 1874*

### **Death of a Venerable Citizen**

The announcement of the death of Col. Wm. Selden, which took place yesterday, on M street, near 12th, was received with sorrow by his many friends and acquaintances in this District., Col. Selden was born in Norfolk, Va., in 1790, and came here in the latter part of President Van Buren's administration, and in '38 or '39 was appointed Treasurer of the United States, succeeding Hon. John Campbell, who resigned on account of ill health. He proved to be such an upright, conscientious officer that his services were retained by the succeeding administrations -- Tyler's, Polk's, and during a part of Taylor's. He resigned in November, 1850, and shortly afterwards took an interest in the banking firm of Selden, Withers & Co., succeeding R.W. Latham & Co. In 1857 he was appointed by President Buchanan U.S. marshal of this District, succeeding Major J.D. Hoover. This position he held until 1861 -- Marshal Lamon succeeding him. During President Johnson's administration he was appointed collector of internal revenue for the Norfolk, Va., district, but in consequence of advanced years and failing health he held it but a few months. Col. Selden was a man of upright character, a communicant of the Episcopal Church for many years, and leaves behind him a spotless reputation, of which his children may well feel proud.

His funeral will take place from the Church of the Incarnation, 12th and N streets, on Friday afternoon, at two o'clock.

*The Evening Star, May 2, 1874*

The funeral of the late Col. William Selden took place yesterday afternoon from the Church of the Incarnation, corner of 12th and N streets, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Rev. John H. Elliott, associate rector of the Church of the Ascension, officiated, and after the services the cortege proceeded to the Congressional cemetery, where the interment was made. The remains were enclosed in a handsome walnut casket with silver moldings and bar-handles, the lid of which bore the inscription, "William Selden, born January 31, 1791; died April 28, 1874," and it was profusely decked with floral garlands, crosses and wreaths. The pall-bearers were Senator J.W. Johnston, Wm. S. Mitchell, W. Bell, Senator J.W. Stevenson, Thomas Green and Conway Robinson.