

Alonzo D. Shaw

(19 Apr 1828 - 13 May 1914)

Shaw. On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, at 7 a.m., Alonzo D. Shaw, father of Mrs. Edna G. Thompson in the eighty-sixth year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 1005 9th street southeast, Saturday, May 16, at 1 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.



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Civil War Veteran Dies of Paralysis

Alonzo D. Shaw, Long Resident of the District, Passes Away This Morning

Alonzo D. Shaw, eighty-six years old, civil war veteran and long a resident of this city, died early this morning at his home, 1005 9th street southeast.

Last month he suffered an attack of paralysis, and had been in bed since. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but interment is to be in Congressional Cemetery.

Several weeks ago while preparing for breakfast he complained to his daughter, Mrs. Edna G. Thompson, with whom he lived of a headache, and later was found lying stricken on the floor of his room. Since that time he has been hovering between life and death, until the end came this morning at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Shaw was born in Boston, April 19, 1828. Ten years later he came to Washington, and at the outbreak of the civil war enlisted as a private in the 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac. This corps was known as the "Clover Leaf."

Several Times Wounded

With his command Mr. Shaw shared the perils of many engagements. He was wounded while in action at Lewinsville, Va.; at the second battle of Bull Run; at the battle of Fredericksburg and during the Seven Days' battle. Among the engagements that Mr. Shaw took part in are the battles of Fair Oaks, Yorktown, Seven Days, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, second Bull Run, Mine Run, the battle of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse.

For five days following the battle of the Seven Days, Mr. Shaw, then a sergeant, lay wounded and lost. He managed to get enough to drink by catching raindrops on the end of his coat and the putting it in his mouth. Food he had none. After five days of suffering he was found and sent to a Washington hospital.

Mr. Shaw was a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, of the G.A.R. and of the Redmen. He was one of the five survivors of the Veteran Firemen's Association of the District, and was allied with many social and fraternal organizations which passed away before him. He is survived by his daughter and four grandchildren.