

M. Porter Snell

(1839 – 31 Dec 1909)

Snell. At Newton, N.J. on Friday, December 31, 1909 at 12:30 a.m., Rev. M. Porter Snell.

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Funeral of Rev. Snell

Services in Congressional Cemetery Chapel Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Rev. M. Porter Snell will be held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of Congressional cemetery. The officiating clergymen will be Rev. George M. Cummings, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D., and Rev. J.B. North of Snow Hill, Md.

Rev. M. Porter Snell was born in 1839. He was a direct descendant of John Alden and a great-great-grandson of Jonathan Edwards. His father was Thomas Snell of North Brookfield, Mass., a first cousin of William Cullen Bryant and brother of Ebenezer Strong Snell, the Amherst mathematician.

Mr. Snell was a graduate of Amherst College (1861) and of Hartford Theological Seminary.

Serving through the war in the Union army, Mr. Snell won a commission as lieutenant, and was brevetted captain for gallantry in the Wilderness campaign and before Petersburg, acting a part of the time as aid de camp on the staffs of Gen.s. Crawford and Duncan.

For thirty years Mr. Snell rendered service in departmental offices in Washington, but during this period, as all through his life, his religious interests lay close to his heart. His weekends were occupied in pastoral work and preaching, and for many years he served as an agent of the Washington City Bible Society.

Mr. Snell is survived by his wife, Mary C. Snell, daughter of Gerard Hallock, erstwhile editor of the New York Journal of Commerce; two daughters, Mrs. J.M. Long and Miss Coral L. Snell of this city, and five sons, Merwin P. and Theodore T. Snell of New York city, and Charles L. William Arthur and Clarence Edwards Snell of Washington, D.C.

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To Be Buried Sunday

Services Over the Remains of Rev. M. Porter Snell

Services over the remains of Rev. M. Porter Snell, who died at Newton, N.J., December 31, will be held Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, in the chapel at the Congressional cemetery. Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, Rev. George M. Cummings and Rev. J.B. North of Snow Hill, Md., will officiate.

Mr. Snell leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary C. Snell, daughter of Gerard Hallock, a former editor of the New York Journal of Commerce; two daughters, Mrs. .M. Long and Miss Cora L. Snell of this city, and five sons, Merwin P. and Theodore T. Snell of New York city, and Charles L., William Arthur and Clarence Edwards Snell of this city.

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Victim of Paralysis

Rev. M. Porter Snell Stricken While Occupying the Pulpit

Rev. M. Porter Snell, well known in Anacostia, where he has resided for many years, was stricken with paralysis while occupying the pulpit of the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church on Minnesota avenue, in that suburb, at the 11 o'clock service yesterday morning. Mr. Snell, who has had no regular

charge for several years, was relieving Rev. Dr. Gay, the pastor of Garden Church and had practically concluded his sermon when he was stricken. The people in the audience observed that the speaker's words became somewhat incoherent, and in the prayer that was then begun by Mr. Snell the attack developed, rendering him speechless. Friends went to his assistance, and he was at once removed to his home, 551 Harrison street, Anacostia, and physicians were summoned. Drs. T.D. Mudd and R.A. Pyles soon reached the clergyman's bedside, where an examination was made and everything possible done to relieve the sufferer. He continued to be without the power of speech, however, which had not returned up to a late hour.

The physicians, while pronouncing the case to be serious, were of the opinion that no immediate fatal termination is to be feared. Mr. Snell, who has for some years been a worker in the departments, is over fifty years of age, and his family comprises a wife and several grown children. The news of his sudden attack was received with general regret. It was explained that the stroke was only a partial one, which affected the right side.

Mr. Snell has recently been a sufferer from rheumatic trouble, it is stated. He was a man of strong physique and apparently of good constitution.