

John H. Speiser

(- 5 Jan 1881)

Speiser. Suddenly, Wednesday morning January 5, 1881, John H. Speiser. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from Christ Church, Friday afternoon, 7th inst. at half past 2 o'clock.

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Sudden Death

Mr. John H. Speiser, chief clerk of the construction department of the Washington Navy Yard, dropped dead of heart disease yesterday in front of the marine hospital. He was well-known in the eastern section of the city, and especially in the Navy Yard, where he rose from the position of apprentice to the one he occupied at the time of his death, which he had filled for over 15 years. He was about 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

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The Funeral of Mr. John H. Speisser, chief clerk of the construction department of the Navy Yard, took place from Christ P.E. church, Navy Yard, yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. The Brotherhood of Christ church and Mount Vernon Lodge, Knights of Honor, No. 2,145; Revs. Andrew Averit, Steel, Philip and Fletcher officiated. The pall-bearers were Mr. Wm. P. Allan and Peter Little, on the part of the Knights of Honor; Mr. Francis Wood and J.T. Strattan, on the part of the clerks in the Navy Yard, and Mr. J. Wiley and Alex. McKenzie, on the part of Christ church. The remains were conveyed to Congressional cemetery and placed in the vault, the Rev. M. Andrews conducting the service at the vault.