

## Howard Mason Stansbury

(25 Dec 1852 – 24 Feb 1879)

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**Stansbury.** Suddenly in Georgetown on the 24th February 1879, Howard Mason Stansbury in the 27th year of his age. Funeral will take place at the residence of his father, Charles F. Stansbury, Wednesday, 26th inst. at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and the family are invited to attend (Republican).

*The Evening Star, February 25, 1879*

**A Sad Case of Suicide** occurred here about six o'clock yesterday evening. Mr. Howard M. Stansbury, son of Dr. Charles F. Stansbury of this city, a young man about 27 years of age, committed suicide at his father's residence, No. 53 1st street, while laboring under a temporary aberation of mind. He had come from his duties at the Pension office, eaten his dinner and retired to his room, nothing unusual being noticed in his manner. About 6 o'clock the inmates were startled by the report of a pistol and hastening to the room occupied by the young man found him lying upon the floor, covered by his own blood. The ball entered a short distance above the right ear, penetrating the brain. Drs. W. Bowie Tyler and James McV. Machall were quickly summoned, but no efforts could avail and in about 15 minutes after the act life was extinct. Coroner Patterson having arrived deemed an inquest unnecessary and gave a certificate for burial. Much sympathy is expressed for the family of the unfortunate young man.

*The Evening Star, February 27, 1879*

**The Funeral** of the late Howard M. Stansbury took place yesterday evening from the residence of his father, No. 53 1st street, Rev. Mr. Paret officiated, assisted by the Rev. J.J. Joyce, and the following acted as pall bearers: Messrs. Bradley Wilkins, Howard Goodrich, Hugh Caperton, C.B. Cropley, E.P. Tyler, and J.E. Beall. The interment was at the Congressional burying ground.