

Richard Sutton

(- 14 Jul 1878)

Sutton. On the 14th day of July 1878, about 5 o'clock p.m., after a long and painful illness, Richard Sutton, in the 70th year of his age. His funeral will take place on Tuesday, the 16th day of July at 3 o'clock p.m., from his late residence, No. 6 I street northwest. His friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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Death of Mr. Sutton

Mr. Richard Sutton, for many years the official reporter of the U.S. Senate, died yesterday afternoon at his residence on I street near North Capitol street. Mr. Sutton was a native of England, and in early life was employed in the House of Commons of Great Britain as a reporter, but came to this city over a third of a century ago and up to a few years past was an official reporter of the debates of Congress, for a long time having charge of the business. He was as may be supposed, one of the best shorthand writers of the day, and in the art was the tutor of the Murphy's and others who stand high in the profession. Mr. Sutton amassed quite a competency and retired a few years ago, but he had too active a life to leave off work at once, and at his house he fitted up a sort of workshop in his back building where he spent much of his time. He was a gentleman of a very kindly disposition, but somewhat peculiar in his manners. He gave much of his time and means to the alleviation of the wants of his fellowmen. He conceived the idea several months since of conducting a free lyceum or institute for young men, but it had poor success.