

## Isaac E. Todhunter

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### **Death Caused By A Fall**

#### **Isaac E. Todhunter, Aged Seventy-Eight, the Victim of Accident**

Isaac E. Todhunter, seventy-eight years old, who had been in the pension and claim business in this city for many years, fell down a flight of steps in the flats at No. 707 13th street northwest, about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was instantly killed. The noise made by the fall attracted a number of people to the flats. A colored woman who happened to be passing at the time notified people in the neighborhood. No time was lost in calling for medical assistance. The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital, in charge of Dr. Williams, soon reached the flats. An examination showed that Mr. Todhunter's neck had not been broken by the fall.

Coroner Carr was summoned, and he permitted the removal of the body to R.S. Cain's undertaking establishment on 7th street. An investigation of the premises developed that an iron fixture at the head of the steps had been broken. It is supposed Mr. Todhunter, realizing he was going to fall, grabbed this fixture, but it was not strong enough to hold his weight.

The deceased was a native of Maryland, having been born near Baltimore. He attended school in his native state and completed his education at Princeton. Long before the war he came to this city and was prominent in official and social life. During the Mexican war he was connected with the War Department, and was sent to fill an important position in New Orleans. He was also connected with other branches of the government, among them the pension office. He finally concluded to abandon official life and enter the claims business.

A daughter and son, who live at 1812 16th street northwest, survive him. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, and will be private. The body will be placed in the family vault at Congressional cemetery.