

Joseph B. Varnum

(- 31 Dec 1874)

The Evening Star, January 1, 1875

Locals

Mr. Joseph B. Varnum, a native of Washington, died in Astoria, L.I. yesterday morning.

The Evening Star, January 2, 1875

The Late Joseph B. Varnum, whose death at Astoria, Long Island was briefly mentioned in yesterday's STAR was a native of this city. He graduated at Yale, and afterwards was a member of the bar of New York. Deceased was a grandson of General Varney, of the revolutionary army. He was a member of the New York Legislature for several sessions, and in 1857 was a candidate for Congress, but was defeated. He was a man of much literary culture and prominently associated with the City Reform movement. He was 56 years old.

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The Funeral Ceremonies over the remains of the Hon. Joseph B. Varnum were performed in New York Sunday afternoon in the Madison Square Presbyterian Church. After Dr. Adams' sermon, Mr. Varnum's favorite hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," was sung and then the body was taken to the Marble cemetery for temporary interment prior to being brought to this city for burial. The coffin was covered with black broadcloth heavily mounted with silver, and the silver plate bore the simple words: "Joseph B. Varnum, born April 4, 1818. Died Dec. 31, 1874."

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The Late Joseph B. Varnum's Will

An exemplified copy of the will of the late Joseph B. Varnum, formerly a resident of the District, who died in New York, December 31st last, was filed yesterday in the office of the Recorder of Deeds. He bequeathes to his son, James M., the sum of \$12,500 to be raised by mortgage on the property known as "Vernon Row," corner of 10th street and Pennsylvania avenue; also, all his oil paintings and his watch and jewelry. Several special requests are made, and the balance of his estate is bequeathed to be equally divided between his five children.