Frederick Whyte

(- 5 Aug 1895)

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An Excellent Appointment

We learn that Mr. Frederic Whyte has received the appointment of Paymaster and Military Storekeeper at the Washington Arsenal.

Mr. Whyte is known as a most faithful and efficient officer, for a long series of years he having been in the Arsenal and in the Coast Survey service since 1843. During the war the very heavy and responsible duties of chief clerk at the Arsenal were performed by Mr. Whyte with a fidelity that elicited the warmest praise, and his promotion shows a commendable instance of appreciation of meritorious service.

Retired Officers Report (Serial Set)

Retired June 30, 1882, Being 66 years of age. Capt., Ord. Store-keeper, \$1950 + \$708.33 for longevity, \$11,920.83 as of March 31, 1888

Whyte. On August 5 at 5:45 a.m., Captain Frederick Whyte, U.S.A. (retired) in the 80th year of his age. Services will be held at his late residence, 21 Maryland avenue southwest on Wednesday, August 7 at 3 o'clock p.m.

From: Clifton A. Whyte, Jr., May 30, 2002

Frederick Wm Whyte, 1816-1895, was an English immigrant. He arrived in this country in 1840 and went immediately to St. Louis, MO. There he taught school in the area. He moved to Washington in 1843 and joined the Army. He was discharged by his own request in 1845. From there until 1865, the only record that I have is his service in the Union Army (Missouri Infantry) during the war. After that, I have his commission as a Military Storekeeper signed by President Andrew Johnson. He was stationed at the Washington Arsenal. There were stories in the family that he was the officer in charge of the burying detail when they hanged Lincoln's assassins. But I have not been able to uncover any proof of this story.