

## Antonio Biondi

( - 26 May 1885)

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**Biondi.** On Tuesday, May 26, 1885, at 9 a.m., Antonio Biondi, a native of Sicily, but for the last thirty years a resident of the District of Columbia, aged fifty-nine years, a veteran of the Mexican war in the U.S. Navy.

His toils are past, his work is done  
And they are fully blest;  
He fought the fight--the victory won,  
And entered into rest.

Then let our sorrows cease to flow;  
God has recalled His own;  
But let our hearts in every woe  
Still say "Thy will be done."

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... Antonio Biondi came to the United States from Sicily in 1840, enlisted in the Navy as a musician, was leader of a ship band at the onset of the war between the United States and Mexico and received an injury making it impossible that he play his instrument, the cornet. Before the close of the Mexican War he came to live in Southeast Washington.

Three of his boys -- Joseph, William and Charles P. -- live in Washington. I have the name of but one daughter, Hattie (married E. Massari), and do not know that there were other children than those named.