

## Henry Pratt Cattell

(7 Sep 1838 – 8 Dec 1915)

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**Cattell.** At his residence, 2300 18th street n.w. on Wednesday, December 8, 1915, Henry P. Cattell, in the 78th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence on Friday, December 10 at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery

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### **Henry P. Cattell Dead**

#### **Was a Retired Member of the Police Department**

Henry P. Cattell, a retired member of the police department, died at his home at the Madrid this morning about 11 o'clock. Arrangements for his funeral have not been completed.

Mr. Cattell, who was a native of New Jersey, was born September 7, 1838, and was appointed a member of the police force September 17, 1883. He served as station clerk in several precincts and later was placed in charge of the property room at headquarters, where he handled thousands of dollars' worth of lost, stolen and abandoned property.

A number of years ago he did duty at the Baltimore and Potomac depot, and his last assignment was at Union station, where he was in charge of the police room. He was retired from the force March 1, 1912.

Mr. Cattell is survived by five daughters and one son. His daughters are Miss Fannie Cattell, Mrs. F.J. Mersheimer, Mrs. William Barclay and Mrs. Elizabeth Wood of this city and Mrs. Harry Ritner, Rocky Mount, N.C. The son is William Cattell, who is in the Philippines in the service of the Agricultural Department.

*Forman, Stephen M., A Guide to Civil War Washington, Washington, DC: Elliott & Clark Publishing, 1995.* Cattell was an embalmer for Brown & Alexander and embalmed the body of Abraham Lincoln for the trip back to Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln's blood was drained from his jugular vein. A cut was made on the inside of his thigh, and a chemical preparation was force-pumped into the circulatory system, which soon hardened the body like marble.

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*McMahan, Virgil E. The Artists of Washington, DC, 1796-1996. The Artists of Washington, Washington, DC, 1995.*

CATTELL, HENRY P.

Lithographer active in Washington, DC during the period 1872-1877. He died in the District in 1916.

REFS: PROVINE; WCD (1872-1877).