

John W. Compton

(- 4 Nov 1878)

Compton. On Monday, November 4, 1878 at 5:15 p.m., John W. Compton, aged 57. Funeral will take place Thursday the 7th inst. at 2 o'clock, from 512 9th street northwest. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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Locals

Mr. John W. Compton, a well-known deaf mute clerk in the Sixth Auditor's office, Treasury department, died at his residence, 512 9th street northwest, in the 57th year of his age, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been efficient and faithful in the government service for thirty-five years, and was a native of Georgetown, D.C.

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The Funeral of the Late John W. Compton,

the well known deaf mute clerk, who for a long series of years has been attached to the office of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, took place from his late residence, No. 512 9th street, yesterday afternoon. There were present a very large attendance of friends of the deceased, including Dr. E.M. Gallaudet and officers and students of the National Deaf Mute College, many of his fellow clerks, and a large number of our oldest citizens. The remains were clothed in a full suit of black cloth, and were in state casket, heavily silver mounted with bar handles, full glass top, with the name and age of the deceased on the silver plate. There rested upon the coffin a profusion of floral ornaments, including an anchor, a pillow on which was the word "rest," and several bouquets. The services were conducted by Rev. A.T. Steele, of St. Mark's (P.E.) Church, Capitol Hill, an old personal friend of deceased, who feelingly spoke of the worth of the deceased, who feelingly spoke of the worth of the deceased as a friend and a Christian, and his remarks were interpreted in the sign language to the mutes present, his widow being herself a deaf mute. The corpse was followed by a large cortege of carriages to the Congressional Cemetery, where after the conclusion of the service they were placed by Mr. Speare in a vault, and they will be hereafter removed to Greenwood, N.Y. The pall bearers were Melville Ballard, C.W.K. Strong, and ___ Fowler, deaf mutes, James Smith, Byron H. Murphy, and J.E. Ellegood.