

Emanuel Massari

(- 9 Sep 1893)

Massari. Departed this life on Saturday, September 9, 1893, at 6:15 o'clock, after a long and painful illness, at his residence, 650 E street southeast, Emmanuel Massari, beloved husband of Hattie Massari.

The Evening Star, August 12, 1893

Funeral of Emanuel Massari

Emanuel Massari, an ex-member of the Marine Band, died at his home, 650 E street southeast, Saturday of consumption. For twenty years Mr. Massari was a soloist in the Marine Band and as a musician he ranked high. He served throughout the late war and was a member of the Grand Army. He was also a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Italian society, all of which organizations attended his funeral this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in a body. The interment was made at Congressional cemetery. The deceased left a wife and two children.

The Evening Star, July 26, 1925 (The Rambler)

You have read in these rambles mention of Emmanuel Massari. I have sought a picture of this celebrated musician and have found one, but the difficulty of reproducing it seemed great and I believed that a satisfactory "cut" for a newspaper could not be made from it. Further on in this series I may show you Massari's picture. He was born at Naples in 1843. When he came to the United States I do not know, but he enlisted in the Navy in January 1861, and served as a musician in the ship Susquehanna until 1863. September 4, that year, he "enrolled" in Capt. Osborn Wattson's company -- Company J, 3d Pennsylvania Artillery -- and remained with that command until honorably discharged, November 9, 1865, at Fort Monroe on the muster-out of the company. His discharge is signed, "H.C. Corbin, assistant adjutant general."

After the Civil War he enlisted again in the Navy, and I have seen his honorable discharge signed, John H. Stephenson, paymaster, but I have no information where his service was. He enlisted in the Marine Corps as a musician in 1873, and soon after that the Rambler finds him a member of the Marine Band and living at 650 E street southeast.

He married Miss Harriet Biondi of Washington, a daughter of Antonio Biondi. ...

Emmanuel Massari and his wife Hattie had two children, John and Edith, or Eva, who live in Washington. Emmanuel was retired by the Marine Corps in 1881 on account of physical disability. He taught music and played in private bands and orchestras. Old musicians and the older people on the navy yard speak of him with esteem.