

Benjamin N. Meeds, Sr.

(1837 – 10 Mar 1875)

Meeds. On the morning of the 10th instant, Benjamin N. Meeds, aged thirty-eight years. Funeral from 324 Virginia avenue southeast, at 2 'clock p.m. (Friday) 12th inst. The friends of the deceased and family are invited to attend the funeral.

The Evening Star, July 23, 1872, p. 4

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Mr. B.F. Meeds, auditor to the Board of Public Works, was taken ill with a fit in his office yesterday, and was removed to his residence.

The Daily National Republican, March 11, 1875, p. 5

Death of Benjamin N. Meeds

The community was shocked yesterday afternoon to learn of the death, after a short illness, of Mr. Benjamin N. Meeds, who died of apoplexy, superinduced by a wound in his head, at his residence on Virginia avenue east, in the thirty-eighth year of his age.

Mr. Meeds was a soldier in the Sixth Wisconsin regiment, and at the close of the war he settled in this city, where he has since remained. Soon after he arrived here he engaged in politics, and on the election of Mr. Bowen as mayor he was appointed his clerk, and remained in that position during Mr. Bowen's first term. He was then appointed assessor of internal revenue, which he held until the Territorial government was organized, when he was tendered and accepted the position of auditor of the Board of Public Works. In two years the laborious duties of the office completely broke him down, and he was compelled to tender his resignation and enjoy a short season of rest. When Mr. Shepherd was appointed Governor and the several bureaus were reorganized he succeeded Mr. Z. Richards as District auditor and continued in that position until the Commission was appointed, when he resigned and engaged in the claim business, which he has since vigorously prosecuted.

At the battle of Fredericksburg he received a wound in the head from the fragment of a shell, which was subsequently the occasion of frequent attacks similar to the one which caused his death. Mr. Meeds was considered one of the best clerks and accountants in the city, and filled the several responsible positions assigned him with accuracy and fidelity.