

John Campbell Morfit

(– 8 Jan 1858)

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Died, on Friday, the 8th instant, of the typhoid fever, at Chicago, (Illinois,) in the 28th year of his age, Dr. John C. Morfit. He was a native of this city, and resided here during the earlier portion of his life -- a life too short for the hearts of his family and friends, but long enough to have realized, in the virtues and talents which adorned it, their fondest and brightest hopes. Trained by his excellent parents to walk in the path of duty and honor, he was ever mindful of their precepts and true to their example. His natural abilities were enriched by a liberal education and invigorated by an earnest and persistent course of mental discipline. In the profession of his choice he had not long taken his degree before his exertions were rewarded by a full share of its honors and emoluments. Zealous to enlarge his acquaintance with its science and practice, he withdrew for some months from a successful field of labor, in order to frequent the celebrated medical schools of Paris. After a diligent use of their great advantages he returned to Chicago, with the prospect before him of an eminent and brilliant career; but it was the will of Providence that he who had dedicated all his faculties and energies to prolonging the lives of others should himself become one of death's earliest victims. Scarcely had he set foot again in his native land when he was cut down in the blossom of youth, in the vigor of usefulness, and in the pride of high and growing reputation. Wherever known he was beloved for his kindness of heart, generosity of spirit, and courtesy of manner, and respected for the integrity and dignity of his character. May those who most feel with the keenest anguish the bereavement which it has pleased an all-wise Being to inflict on them be strengthened by Him to bear it with resignation and firmness.

Source, Clan Moffat Society:

Christened by Rev. Wm. Hawley 16 July 1824.

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Buried in the lot of his father H. M. Morfit in the Congressional Burial Ground in Washington DC where he now lies..