

Major Augustus A. Nicholson

(– 18 Jul 1855)

Nicholson. In this city, on Wednesday evening, Major Augustus A. Nicholson, Quartermaster of the United States Marine Corps, aged 53 years. His brother officers of the Army and Navy and his friends and acquaintances are invited to attend his funeral, from the family residence, this (Friday) afternoon, 20th instant, at 5 o'clock, punctually.

The National Intelligencer, Monday, July 23, 1855

The Funeral of Major Augustus A. Nicholson, Quartermaster of the United States Marine Corps, took place from the family residence of the deceased, on Capitol Hill, on Friday afternoon. A large number of the friends of the lamented dead followed his remains to the grave, including several officers of the Army and Navy. A company of Marines, commanded by Capt. Tansill, comprised the military cortege, marching to the solemn music of the Marine Band. The impressive service for the burial of the dead was conducted by Rev. Smith Pyne.

The Evening Star, July 20, 1855

The Late Major Nicholson – General Henderson's Announcement

"It is with deep regret that the commandant has to announce the death of Major Augustus C. Nicholson. He has so long filled one of its most important staff offices, that his loss will be felt by the entire corps in all its relations.

"As chief of the staff, it comes, with peculiar force, on the undersigned, who has been so long and so familiarly associated with him in the discharge of military duties.

"The Almighty, however, has taken him from among us, and in respect for his memory, as a long-cherished military associate, the usual badge of military mourning will be worn for him. The flag at headquarters will be lowered until Friday evening next.

Archibald Henderson

Brevet Brig. Gen. Commanding

Headquarters of the Marine Corps, Washington, July 19, 1855

The funeral will take place from the family residence, on Capitol Hill, on this (Friday) afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

The Navy Yard Section During the Life of the Rev. William Ryland
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One of the best-known men in the Navy Yard section in Mr. Ryland's day was Major Augustus A. Nicholson, of the Marine Corps. His residence was on South Carolina Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets southeast--the house now being occupied by Mrs. Olivia Briggs. A part of this house was standing before the city was laid out. It was afterwards twice enlarged, and is now in the condition it was when Major Nicholson occupied it. He was a man of very aristocratic character, of fine taste, and what the French call a bon vivant. His entertainments were attended by the most fashionable people in the District. Major Nicholson was married in 1821 to Miss Lisperd of New York, by whom he had a number of children, among them being Commodore Nicholson of the Navy and Major Nicholson of the

Marine Corps, both residing in Washington now. His second wife was Sallie Carroll, daughter of Daniel Carroll of Duddington.