John W. VanZant
(20 Jan 1855 – 17 Dec 1912)

VanZant. On Tuesday, December 17, 1912 at 6:10 p.m., John W., beloved husband of Margaret T. Van Zant (nee Wilson). Notice of funeral hereafter.

The Evening Star, December 17, 1912, p. 8
Policeman Van Zant Dying
Surgical Operation Reveals a Puncture of the Stomach

Policeman John W. VanZant, who has filled a position in the property room at police headquarters for several years, is reported to be dying. He underwent an operation at Providence Hospital last Friday, having been taken ill suddenly that morning.

He had been treated for indigestion from time to time, and a few days ago, his ailment was diagnosed as stomach trouble. The operation revealed a puncture of the stomach, and attending physicians said his condition was critical. Today there was a change for the worse and Maj. Sylvester was notified that the patient could live but a few hours.

John W. VanZant was born in Virginia, January 20, 1855, and was a jeweler when appointed to a position in the police department in 1885. He served as a member of the fifth precinct command a number of years, and later was detailed as pharmacy inspector.

The Evening Star, December 18, 1912, p. 2
Policeman Van Zant Dead
Was Patient in Providence Hospital Since Last Friday

Policeman John W. VanZant, who underwent an operation at Providence Hospital last Friday, having been taken ill suddenly that morning died shortly after 6 o'clock last evening.

Funeral services will be held Friday at his late residence, 149 4th street southeast. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery. The time for the funeral has not yet been announced.

Mr. Van Zant was born in Virginia, January 20, 1855, and became a member of the police department here in 1885. He had filled a position in the property room at police headquarters for the last few years. His widow, Mrs. Margaret T. Wilson VanZant, survives him. He was a member of Golden Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross.