

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
<b>Bowden, Lemuel Jackson</b>	b. 1815 - d. 2 Jan 1864	49 yrs.	<b>R60/60</b>

**See the on-line "Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress"**

*For details of the funeral and procession see "Pomp & Circumstance at Congressional Cemetery."*

*Reveille in Washington (1860-1865), Margaret Leech  
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"It had been hoped that Mrs. Lincoln would give a grand ball for the Russian officers; but the only entertainment of the White House was a reception given on the even of their departure. The President had been prevented by illness from attending any of the functions in honor of the strangers. He had returned from Gettysburg in poor health. At first, he was thought to be bilious; but, by the time he was ready to submit his congressional message to the Cabinet, he was aware that he was suffering from a mild form of smallpox. His advisers did not flinch from the summons to the White House, but their meeting was a proof of patriotism, for smallpox was epidemic in Washington, and not all the cases were light. The scare spread, while the capital celebrated the holidays with egg-nogs and feasting, and thronged shops and theatres and parties. People fled in terror from the streetcars at the sign of a mottled complexion. Many of the sick were carried to Kalorama Hospital, but there was no systematic program of isolation. Delirious Negroes stumbled through the streets, and died on doorsteps and in police stations. Senator Bowden of West Virginia died of smallpox, and Congress grew alarmed. Whispers that one of the House press gallery had paid a visit to the pesthouse caused such excitement in the press gallery that Speaker Colfax asked the man to leave. Physicians offered free vaccination to all who were unable or unwilling to pay for it. The smallpox hospital at the abandoned contraband camp on Twelfth Street was set on fire as a precautionary measure.