

McArthur, Col. William E. d. 29 Jul 1896 **R51/242-243**

McArthur. Suddenly on Wednesday, July 29, 1896, Col. William P. McArthur, son of the late Capt. William P. McArthur, U.S. Navy and brother of Hon. L.L. McArthur of Portland, Ore. Funeral from 1914 16th street northwest.

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Death of Col. McArthur

Col. W.E. McArthur, who has been a well-known man about Washington for a half dozen years past, was overcome by heat at the corner of New Jersey avenue and 1st street yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock. He fell to the pavement, where he was found by the police and taken to the station house under the impression that he had been drinking. Police Surgeon Nevitt attended him, and said that while the colonel may have been drinking, it was certain that the heat had been too much for him.

The unfortunate man was taken at once to the Emergency Hospital, where the physicians did everything possible to restore him to consciousness. Their efforts were unsuccessful, and he died shortly after reaching the hospital. None of his friends knew what had happened, and the body was kept at the hospital all night.

Col. McArthur was the private secretary of Representative Herrmann of Oregon and the clerk of the committee on navigation and arid lands. He came to this city about eight years ago from Oregon, where he was formerly in the newspaper business at The Dalles. He was a brother of Judge J.B. McArthur of Spokane, one of the leading citizens of the state of Washington. Col. McArthur was unmarried and about 56 years of age. He formerly boarded at 218 New Jersey avenue, but for the past fortnight had roomed in the Maltby building. This morning the body was taken to a local undertaker to be prepared for burial.

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Col. Wm. E. McArthur Buried

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Col. Wm. E. McArthur, which took place yesterday afternoon from 1914 16th street. There were many floral offerings, including a wreath of lilies and roses sent by the friends of the deceased in the Senate. The pallbearers were ex-Congressman Levi P. Malsh, Col. Andrew James and Messrs. A.J. LeBreton, John Irwin, Harry Gilfry, J.D. O'Connor and William Blackford. The remains were buried in Congressional cemetery next to the monument over the grave of Capt. William E. McArthur, the father of the dead man, who was a distinguished naval officer.