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Towers, Alice M.	d. 26 Jun 1914	58 yrs.	R156/186
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Towers. Departed this life on Friday, June 26, 1914 at 6 a.m., Alice M. Towers (nee Suit), beloved wife of C.W. Towers.

Weep not that her toils are over,
Weep not that her race is run;
God grant we may rest as calmly
When our work is done.

Till then we yield with gladness
Our mother to Him to keep;
Rejoice in the sweet assurance
He giveth His loved one sleep.

By Her Devoted Husband and Children

Funeral Monday afternoon, June 29 at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

Towers, Mrs. Cornelia F.	d. 3 Jun 1877	55 yrs.	R47/180
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Towers. On Sunday evening, June 3, 1877, at 8 o'clock, after an illness of thirty hours, of paralysis, Mrs. Cornelia F. Towers, wife of Lemuel Towers in the 56th year of her age. Funeral will take place from her late residence 807 Mount Vernon Place, Wednesday, June 6, at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends of the family invited.

Towers, Cornelia Frances	d. 21 Jun 1891		R47/177
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Towers. At 2:15 Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1891, Cornelia Frances, infant daughter of John V.R. and Gertrude G. Towers. Funeral tomorrow, Tuesday at 2 o'clock from residence, No. 520 Spruce street, LeDroit Park.

Towers, Henry C.	d. 30 Oct 1909	60 yrs.	R46/179
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Towers. On Saturday, October 30, 1909 at 1:30 a.m., Harry C. Towers in the 61st year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 1452 Belmont street northwest on Monday, November 1 at 2 o'clock p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

The Evening Star, October 30, 1909, p. 8

Death of Henry C. Towers

Succumbs to an Illness of Two Months

Known in the Forestry Service as Santa Clause From His

Liberality at Christmas Time

Henry Clay Towers died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the home of his brother, Lemuel Towers, jr., 1432 Belmont street northwest, after an illness of two months.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock next Monday afternoon at his late residence. Rev. Frederick B. Howden, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church of Georgetown, will officiate, assisted by Rev. William Tayloe Snyder, rector of the Church of the Incarnation. Interment will be made in Congressional cemetery. The pallbearers will be Edward J. Stellwagen, David Rittenhouse, Luther S. Fristoe, W. Price, A.K. Parris and William Dove.

Native of This City

Mr. Towers was in the sixty-fist year of his age. He was born in this city and spent his entire life here. For many years he was teller for the banking form of Middleton & Co. Later he organized the firm of Towers & Co., from which later he severed his connection and entered the West End National Bank as paying teller. He resigned this position and July 1, 1901, was appointed to the position of chief purchasing agent of the forestry division, Department of Agriculture, which position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Towers was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Georgetown. He never affiliated with any fraternal organizations, but was an enthusiastic member of the K. of R. Society of this city. His brother, Lemuel Towers, jr., and one sister, Miss Julia L. Tower, survive him. He was the son of Col. Lemuel Towers, who was in command of the Washington Light Infantry when that organization saw about three months' service in the civil war.

Had Many Devoted Friends

Mr. Towers was known and respected by every employe of the forestry service, both in this city and in the field.

His untiring efforts to please his fellow-employes won for him many friends. His annual Christmas treat of a tree for the children of the bureau employes and the distribution of gifts will long be remembered. Each year

Mr. Towers prepared a huge tree, brilliantly illuminated with electric lights and laden with toys, which was placed in the hallway of the forestry building. He would then appear in a "Santa Clause" costume and after greeting the employees and their children with a "merry Christmas" would distribute the toys. Many offers were made by the other employees of the service to aid him in purchasing the gifts, but Mr. Towers always refused, with thanks, saying he desired to be the "Santa Claus" alone.

Towers, John T.

b. 1811 – d. 11 Aug 1857

46 yrs.

R47/165

Towers. On the morning of the 11th instant, John T. Towers, in the 47th year of his age. The funeral to which the friends of the family are invited will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock moving from his late residence on K street between 8 and 9th streets to Trinity Church on 3d street where the funeral service will be performed.

The National Intelligencer, August 12, 1857

In the demise of this excellent citizen after a painful illness of several weeks duration, we are sure our whole community will feel more than an ordinary share of grief. Mr. Towers was a native of Alexandria, but for the last 30 years a resident of Washington, and one of our most popular and useful men. Possessed of excellent natural powers, cultivated through years of toil in a round of public and private duty, with a disposition at once manly, generous and true, he won early in life the respect and esteem of the people and served them faithfully many years in both branches of the City Councils and very recently for one term as Mayor. In all the relations of life he acted well his part, and has descended to an honorable tomb, leaving to the young men of the day an example of how much may be achieved by well-directed industry and ambition Mr. Towers was in the 47th year of his age.

At his death lived on the North side of K street between 8th and 9th. Funeral from Trinity Episcopal Church.

*The Evening Star, August 11, 1857**Death of John T. Towers*

The Washington public will grieve to learn that ex-Mayor John T. Towers died yesterday at the residence of his father-in-law, in Montgomery county, Md., of the disease under which he had been wasting away for some months past.

We knew him intimately since the boyhood of both of us, and rarely knew a man in whose nature there were combined more substantial and valuable qualities. He was distinguished for public spirit, frankness, liberality and good sense as a citizen, and for all the personal qualities which secure for a man the ardent love of his own family and of those even remotely depending upon him for happiness or success in life. Few men of his age have been of more substantial service to Washington city, the improvement and prosperity of which were always the subjects of unflagging solicitation on his part.

*The Evening Star, August 13, 1857**The Funeral of Mr. Towers*

Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the funeral procession left the late residence of Mr. Towers, headed by the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of the District Central Lodge, and members of the Patriarchal branch, accompanied by Prosperi's band and a band of martial music.

The pall-bearers on the part of the Corporation were—Gen. R. Weightman, J.H. Bradley, James F. Halliday, Samuel E. Douglass, Jonathan T. Walker, Dr. A. McD. Davis, A.G. Seaman, Samuel Bacon. On the part of the Odd Fellows—P.G.M.'s John Mills and John Sessford, and P.G.'s William Cooper and William Hoover.

The line of march was down Massachusetts avenue and Third street to Trinity Church, (Episcopal) in which the deceased was a pew holder.

The bells of the Fire Company No. 6 and of the Fifth Presbyterian Church were tolled during the march.

On receiving the corpse at the house a solemn and affecting dirge, the composition of the leader, Mr. F. Prosperi, was performed by the band.

The services at the church (in the absence of Rev. Mr. Cummins) were performed by Rev. Mr. Pinckney, and Rev. Mr. Hutton, of Brookville, Md. Who ministered by the bedside of Mr. Towers during his illness, and who delivered an instructive and impressive funeral sermon.

At six o'clock, the procession, which was a long one, numbering some sixty carriages containing the family and friends of the deceased, Corporation officers, etc., left Trinity Church for the Congressional Cemetery. At the grave the concluding rites of the Episcopal Church were performed by the Rev. Mr. Hutton, and the impressive service of the I.O.O.F. was performed by P.G.M. John T. Clements, who officiated as chaplain.

From early manhood he was prominent in local military affairs, entering first the old National Blues (afterward the Grays), under Gen. Peter F. Bacon and subsequently the Washington Light Infantry. When the civil war was inaugurated he was captain of Company A of the battalion, and the company which entered the United States service was commanded by him. When this service expired, being acquainted with the upper Potomac, he served for a short time under General Patterson in the neighborhood of Winchester. He had command of the 1st District Regiment subsequently, and was provost marshal of Alexandria, Va., for several months during the war. He had the honor of commanding the first volunteer company which entered the service, and which, in May and June of 1861, with other companies of the District, had charge of the Chain bridge, where good service was done in preventing intercourse between the opposing hosts. On one occasion the force prevented President Lincoln from possible capture, when he was too closely approaching the lines of the enemy.

For some years Colonel Towers had been an invalid at his home presiding there with a family of three sons and a daughter, in the house he moved into from 6th street between G and H streets, over fifty years ago.

The Evening Star, October 14, 1899, p. 11

Funeral of Col. L.W. Towers

Six of His Nephews Act as Pallbearers -- Tribute to His Worth

The funeral of the late venerable Col. Lemuel W. Towers took place from the old family residence, No. 817 K street northwest, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. During the entire morning there were callers constantly coming to offer sympathy to the family and take a last look at the features of one they had esteemed so highly.

The body reposed in a heavy casket, covered with black cloth and heavily trimmed with silver, and the well-known features of the dead man were almost lifelike, seeming more as if in the repose of sleep than set for eternity. The casket was covered with exquisite floral offerings and the mantels of the parlors and their corners were filled with similar remembrances.

The services were attended by a large number of the old citizens of the District, and of representatives of the Washington Light Infantry, of which Col. Towers was one of the organizers, in 1836. The infantry had expressed a desire to designate six of its officers to serve as pallbearers, and to turn out the battalion as an escort of honor, but the family regretfully declined, preferring no display and wishing to continue the Towers custom of having immediate relatives act as pallbearers.

Rev. F.H. Barton of St. John's Church, Georgetown, conducted the services, and paid a feeling tribute to the high and manly qualities of the dead and the charity which always characterized his acts and his opinions.

At the conclusion of the services at the house the remains were taken to Congressional cemetery, where they were buried in the Towers family lot. The pallbearers, who were all nephews of the dead man, were William H. Towers, C.M. Towers, W. Scott Towers, William P. Towers, James M. Towers and John T. Towers.

The surviving children of the deceased, who are Mr. Harry C. Towers of the West End National Bank, Mr. Lemuel W. Towers of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company, Mr. J.V.R. Towers of the government printing office and Miss Julia Towers, and a number of near relatives and old friends, accompanied the body to its last resting place.

Towers, Mrs. Susan Burrows b. 1816 – d. 26 Sep 1852 35 yrs. **R47/166**
Towers. On Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock after a lingering illness, Susan B., wife of John T. Towers in the 36th year of his age.

Towers, Walter Lenox d. 5 Nov 1886 **R47/168**
Towers. At the residence of his brother-in-law, John Keyworth, 815 9th street northwest, November 5, 1886, Walter Lenox Towers. Notice of funeral hereafter.

The Evening Star, November 8, 1886, p. 4

Funeral of Walter Lenox Towers

The funeral of Walter Lenox Towers, which took place yesterday afternoon from 815 9th street northwest, was largely attended. Rev. Dr. Elliott, of Ascension church officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Green Shackelford. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Dorsey Clagett, W.H. Dempsey, Jas. P. Willett, G. Thomas Noyes, C.W. Howard and Jas. B. Nalie. The remains were interred in Congressional cemetery.