

Ford, George F.

Ford, George Frederick
 Birth Date: abt 1844
 Birth Place: Boston, Mass (see obit)
 Death Date: 30 March 1898
 Death Place: Carson City, Nv.
 Inscription: G. F. Ford Co. A 13th Mass Inf
 Section: W1E Row 2 Plot 30

Military Data:

Regiment Name 13 Massachusetts Infantry
 Side Union Company A
 Soldier's Rank_In Pvt.
 Soldier's Rank_Out Pvt.
 Film Number M544 roll 14
 Source: Civil War Soldier and Sailors System

Census Data:

1880 – Occupation: Bookkeeper
 Marital Status: Single
 Residence: Carson

Other Sources:

Find A Grave Cemetery Records- George F. Ford
 Note: FindAGrave contains biographical information on this soldier provided by another researcher that we have not validated.



See obituary and burial notice on next page.

Other Possible Sources:

Ford, G. Carson Appeal Newspaper Index, 1865-66, 1879-80, 1881, 1885-86 - Nevada State Archives
Ford, G. F. Nevada State Prison Records (1863 - 1973) Nevada State Archives
Ford, G. F. Carson Appeal Newspaper Index, 1865-66, 1879-80, 1881, 1885-86 - Nevada State Archives
Ford, George F. BLM Land Records - Mineral Co. - 1874 - 1933 (online)
Ford, George P. 1866 - 1867 Territorial Enterprise Announcements (Committees, Unions, Election, Lodge Lists)
Ford, George W. Carson Appeal Newspaper Index, 1865-66, 1879-80, 1881, 1885-86 - Nevada State Archives

Ford, George F. - Obituary

Death of Major Ford

The Morning Appeal, April 1, 1898

Yesterday morning there came the startling announcement that Major Ford, Secretary of the V & T R R Co. had died of heart disease.

He was at the Arlington House with a number of friends and remained up until a late hour. J. A. Yerington, Lawrence Elrod and a Mr. Lynch of San Francisco, walked down towards the Mint. They were about to separate when the Major said he would remain up a while and walk and asked them to come with him. They complied and in front of Walsh & Wylies he complained of being ill and sat down on the edge of the sidewalk. A conveyance was procured at Raycrafts stable to take him home and Dr. Huffaker summoned.

He was taken at once to the stable and died in a few minutes after reaching there. The death was the result of heart disease.

George F. Ford was a native of Boston, where he was born in 1843, being in his 55th year at the time of his death. On August 16, 1862, he entered the service in Company A, 13th Massachusetts Infantry as a private, and on August 1, 1864, he was discharged as a private as his service had expired.

During the second day's battle of Gettysburg he was taken prisoner and lodged on Belle Isle where he remained until an exchange was effected later.

He came to Virginia [note: this would be Virginia City, Nv.] in 1866 and was first employed as fireman at the at the Savage Mine and later became home secretary of the Ophir mine. In 1878 he entered the service of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, as private secretary to Mr. H. M. Yerington, which position he held up to the time of his death. For his position he was one of forty applicants. He is said to have been the most perfect pen man on the coast.

Deceased was a member of Virginia Lodge, No. 3; F. & A. M.; of Virginia Chapter, No. 2 R.A.M. of DeWitt Commandery, No. 1, K. T. and the Custer Post, No. 5 G. A. R.

He was Major and Assistant Adjutant General of the staff of Brigadier General Batterman, Nevada Militia in 1885, and Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Adjutant General on Major General Forman's staff, which official position he also help on Major Keatling's staff until his resignation. He was a man of somewhat reticent disposition and often alluded to as "the only man in Carson who never meddled with other people's business."

He will be buried in this city from Masonic Hall tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Services conducted by Virginia Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M. The coffin was draped with the American flag and buried in flowers. The Masons bore a floral cresent in the procession. The flag on the V. & T. depot was at half-mast and numbers of people came from Virginia City and Dayton. Rev. Eddy officiated as Chaplain.

Burial of Major Ford

The Morning Appeal, April 3, 1898

Yesterday afternoon Major Ford was buried from Masonic Hall, where a very elaborate service was held by the Knight Templars.

The procession passed with the G.A.R. at the head with draped colors, the employees of the V. & T. R. R., shop were next in line and followed by the Masonic Fraternity headed by the Knight Templars in full uniform.

The pall bearers were Col. Boyle and P. B. Ellis for the Knight Templars, C. Pool and Geo. Gilson for the Chaper and J. McDonald and Chas. Ford for the Lodge and Phil Doyle and Frank McCollough for the G.A.R.

The hearse was followed by a riderless horse with saddle draped and boots reversed as part of the Knight Templar's ceremony.