

HIS WAS AN ACTIVE CAREER

Col. Howard Indian Fighter And Civil War Veteran.

The funeral of Col. **James Howard**, son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Howard, who died Tuesday night at his apartments, 6 West Read street, after a week's illness of pneumonia, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of his brother, Capt. McHenry Howard, 910 Cathedral street. Rev. Dr. J. Houston Eccleston, rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, will conduct the services, and burial will be in the Howard vault in Old St. Paul's burying ground.

Colonel Howard was born October 28, 1832, at the residence of his parents, on the site of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church. He was educated at St. Mary's College and McNally's School, and for some years was engaged in mercantile pursuits.

In 1857 the young man was commissioned second lieutenant in the Third Artillery Regiment and served on the Pacific Coast, being in Col. George Wright's campaign against the Walla Walla Indians and afterward with an escort party in the location of Mullin's road from Fort Walla Walla eastward across the Rocky Mountains to Fort Benton, on the upper Missouri river.

He resigned from the United States Army on April 3, 1861, and entered the Confederate States' service, being commissioned first lieutenant. After serving at Pensacola until the winter of 1861, he was, at his request, transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia, where he served on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Gustavus W. Smith until that general was disabled after the battle of Seven Pines. Lieutenant Howard was placed in command, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, of part of the Richmond defenses, having under him two battalions of Virginia Heavy Artillery. Under Maj.-Gen. G. W. Custis Lee he was in the retreat from Richmond in April, 1865, and, with the rest of General Ewell's command, was captured at the battle of Sailor's Creek on April 6. Carried to the old Capitol Prison at Washington on the evening of President Lincoln's assassination and afterward to Johnson's Island, Sandusky, Ohio. Colonel Howard was finally released in June and returned home.

After the war he was agent at Baltimore of the Southern Express Company, and subsequently was for two terms Assistant Adjutant-General of Maryland, and then for two terms Adjutant-General. In the riots of 1877 he was made colonel of the Seventh Maryland Regiment, raised in that emergency. He also held the office of justice of the peace, and for the last 8 or 10 years had been a bailiff in the Baltimore courts. He was the ranking surviving officer of the Maryland Confederates.

On his father's side Colonel Howard was a grandson of Col. John Eager Howard, of Revolutionary War fame, and on his mother's side of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

He is survived by two brothers, Capt. John Eager and Capt. McHenry Howard; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Lloyd, of Wye House, Talbot county, and Mrs. Charlton H. Morgan, of Lexington, Ky., and by the children of his deceased brothers, Frank Key Howard and Major Charles Howard.