

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour # 17

Lot Number: 31 Space: E

Find A Grave # 9121585

Name: **Sterling, Gen. William Henry**

Birth date: December 4, 1828 Death date: January 30, 1918 Burial Date: February 1, 1918 Age: 89 b. Philadelphia, PA

Spouse: Matilda "Tillie" Louise Farquhar Sterling, m. October 1, 1861

Children:

Parents: Henry Sterling (1785-1868) and Susan *Brown* Sterling

Siblings: Anna M. Sterling (1831-), Frank Sterling (1839-); Alexander Sterling (1841-); Mary Sterling (1843-);

Residence: Plainfield, NJ

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: service in New Jersey, see obituary

Service/occupation information: US Army; Governor's Staff, NJ 1878-1881

Officiate: : Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson

Lot Owner: Mrs. Sophie C. Jester, A - J

Marker: Shared with spouse

Inscription:

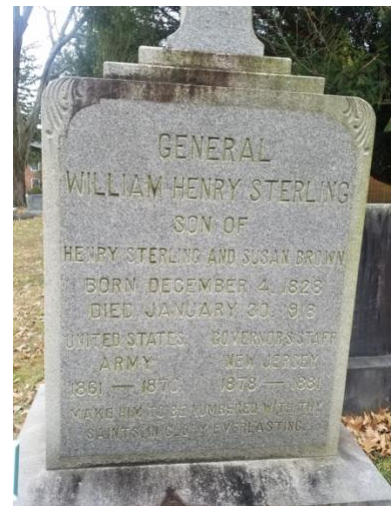
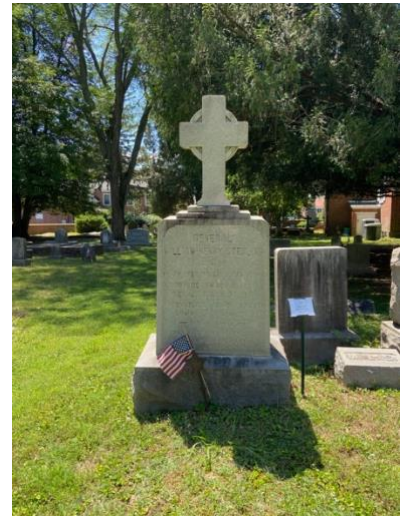
General
 William Henry Sterling
 son of
 Henry Sterling and Susan Brown
 Born December 4, 1828
 Died January 30, 1918
 United States Governor's Staff
 Army New Jersey
 1878-1881
 "Make him to be numbered with thy
 saints: In glory everlasting."

DIMENSIONS: H 80" x W 42" x D 24"

STYLE: headstone, veteran's marker, family monument with cross on top

No repairs needed

Inventory date: July 9, 2020 Recorder: Nancy Quinn



He attend West Point (United States Military Academy) in 1849.

He enlisted for service in the Union Army, enrolling as Second Lieutenant of Company G of the 1st U.S. Army Infantry Regiment.

During the summer of 1861 he served at Army posts in New York City, first at Fort Columbus and later at Fort Lafayette, and by September he had been promoted to First Lieutenant and Adjutant of his regiment.

He was transferred to the military base at Plattsburgh, New York in May 1862 where he remained until February, 1863, when William was transferred to the base at Annapolis, Maryland.

Later, William served in a number of administrative posts in the South, including numerous military commissions and the Louisiana Freedmen's Bureau. In 1870 he was honorably discharged from the Army.

Served on Governor George B. McClellan's (former Union General) staff in New Jersey from 1878-1881.

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AIDES-DE-CAMP TO GOVERNOR GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN,
1878—1881.

CLIFFORD BEAKES ROSSELL: Born, Detroit, Mich., June 4, 1845; Colonel and Aide-de-Camp, Staff of Governor George B. McClellan, January 15, 1878; residence, Trenton, N. J.; commission expired, January 17, 1781; died, Philadelphia, Pa., March 19, 1888.

WILLIAM HENRY STERLING: Born, Philadelphia, Pa., December 4, 1828; Cadet, United States Military Academy, July 1 to October 15, 1849, Second Lieutenant, First Regiment, Infantry, United States Army, May 18, 1861; First Lieutenant, May 18, 1861; Adjutant, September 1, 1861, to July 2, 1863; Captain, July 2, 1863; adjutant, September 1, 1861, to July 2, 1863; Captain, July 2, 1863; honorably discharged, at his request, October 1, 1870; Colonel and Aide-de-Camp, Staff of Governor George B. McClellan, January 15, 1878; residence, Plainfield, N. J.; Brigadier-General and General Inspector, National Guard, New Jersey, April 4, 1879; retired March 18, 1881.

The Courier-News, Bridgewater, NJ,
Thursday, January 31, 1918 and Friday, February 1, 1918

DIED
The Courier News, Bridgewater, NJ, Thursday, Jan. 31, 1918

STERLING—On January 30, 1918, General William Henry Sterling, in his 90th year, dearly beloved husband of Matilda Louise Sterling.

Funeral services at his late residence, 820 First place, on Friday, February 1, at 3 p. m. Interment at Dover, Delaware.

**GEN. W. H. STERLING'S
BURIAL IN DELAWARE**

The funeral of General William Henry Sterling, who died on Wednesday, in the ninetieth year of his age, was held this afternoon at his late residence on First place, the Rev. E. Vicars Stevenson, rector of Grace church, officiating. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends and there were many beautiful flowers.

The interment was made in Dover, Delaware.

The Courier News, Friday, Feb. 1, 1918
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