

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 44 Space: I

Find A Grave # 11905815

Name: **Ford, Jefferson Lee Sr.**

Birth date: January 18, 1862 Death date: March 17, 1919 Burial Date: March 19, 1919 Age: 57
b. MD

Spouse: Clara Gibson Ross Ford (1863-1923) m. April 2, 1891 by Rev. Lewis W. Gibson

Children: Jefferson L. Ford II (b. abt. 1893); Sarah Elizabeth Ford Lulio (1896-1932)

Parents: John V.L. McMahon Ford (1830-1901) and Sallie A. Ford (1829-1904)

Siblings: Harry Francis Ford (1859-1925); Amy Ford Walker (1865-1936); Ella Ford (); Leta Ford
() Harry J. B. Ford (abt. 1861-1902) Last 4 are documented in 1902 obituary of Harry J. B. Ford, attached.

Residence: Washington, D.C. at time of death

Cause of death:

Service/occupation information: Constable in 1891; Real estate broker; hotel manager Bayard Hotel, Dover, DE
and Capitol Hotel, Wilmington, DE

Officiate: Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson

Lot Owner: Jefferson Lee Ford

This area was not properly surveyed with GPR in 2021. This recorded burial does not appear in survey images.

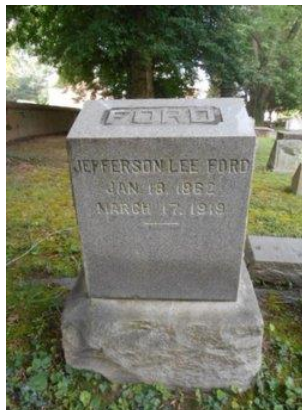
Inscription:

Jefferson Lee Ford
Jan. 18, 1862
March 17, 1919

DIMENSIONS: H 40" x 27" x 16"

STYLE: headstone with FORD on top

Repairs needed: tilted;
stone straightened summer
2022



Inventory date: February 4, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE, Friday, April 3, 1891

Evening Journal, Friday, April 3, 1891

TWO WEDDINGS AT DOVER.

Both Ceremonies Performed in Christ Church by Rev. L. W. Gibson.

Special Correspondence **EVENING JOURNAL**, DOVER, Del., April 3 —Two very brilliant weddings were solemnized in Christ Protestant Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon and evening. Rev. L. W. Gibson officiated at both. The first was that of Miss Clara Ross to Jefferson L. Ford at 2 30 o'clock. The bride was becomingly attired in a handsome light tar-colored traveling dress. The church was well filled. The couple left on the next train for an extended wedding tour.

Marriage license:

Ford, Jefferson L. & Ross, Clara G.
MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Issued to *Jefferson L. Ford*
Date of issue, *March 31, 1891*
Amount paid, *2.00*
No. _____

Know all Men by these Presents,
THAT WE, *Jefferson L. Ford*
and Clara G. Ross

are held and firmly bound unto the State of Delaware in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, lawful money of the said State, to be paid to the said State of Delaware, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, and each of us, jointly and severally, our and each of our heirs, executors or administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this *31st* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, *One*

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE WRITTEN OBLIGATION IS SUCH That if *Jefferson L. Ford* aforesaid and *Clara G. Ross* may lawfully unite themselves in marriage, and if there be no legal objections to celebrating the rites of marriage between them, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in force.

Witness my hand and Delivered in Presence of
J. P. Keeler *Jefferson L. Ford* [SEAL]
Clara G. Ross [SEAL]

Morning News, Wilmington, DE, Thursday, March 20, 1919

Death of Jefferson L. Ford

DOVER, March 19.—Jefferson L. Ford, aged 59 years, son of the late John M. Ford, with whom he was associated for many years in conducting the Bayard House, and later proprietor of the Capitol Hotel of this town, died in Washington, D. C., Monday. His body was brought here today and interment made in the Ford lot in Christ P. E. cemetery.

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE
Friday, December 14, 1898

The Delaware House.

With the opening of the new Hotel Ortlip and the change of proprietorship of the Delaware House, the two first-class hostelries will be added to the city's capacity for entertainment. The Delaware House, after the first of the year, will be conducted by John M. Ford and his son, Jefferson L. Ford of Dover. Mr. Ford has for years been the proprietor of the Bayard House at Dover, which is now conducted by his son Harry. The Bayard was so well managed that it obtained a good reputation all over the Peninsula and was the resort of most of the travelling men of the Peninsula. The old Delaware House was for years the leading hotel in Wilmington and under the proprietorship of Brooke Turner it had a national reputation among the Whig politicians. This property is to be thoroughly remodeled

Philadelphia Inquirer, Wed. Dec. 14, 1898

The Morning News, Wilmington, DE
Tuesday, August 13, 1901

HOTELS AT THE CAPITAL

May be Important Changes in Management at the Close of the Year.

Special to "The Morning News."

DOVER, Del., August 12.—Two of the big Dover hotels which are so well known to politicians and citizens throughout the state who have business at the state capitol every year, some every week, may undergo important changes of management by the close of this year. The Hotel Richardson has passed entirely under the control of Dr. J. G. Sharpe, its new manager—now owner, and has become a handsome hostelry, under the brushes of painters and decorators.

Now it is understood that the Bayard House, for so many years under the control of Proprietor John M. Ford, and of late years managed by his son, Harry F. Ford, will pass into the hands of an entirely new proprietor at the close of this year, and it is said that the new proprietor will be former Sheriff Amos Cole of Kent county, who now resides in Wilmington. Mr. Ford, who may retire from Dover hotel business, is being persuaded to erect and manage a modern hotel at the new attractive bayside resort, Kitt's Hammock. Efforts have been made for several years to establish a bayside resort in Kent county, which can be approached by land. The failure of the Levy Court to find any permanent relief for the Bombay Hook road has cut off Woodland Beach from the Delaware people except those who go there by boat.

The Capitol Hotel also may pass out of the hands of the present management, although Proprietor James Millington has greatly increased the patronage of the well-known State House hostelry by dashing modern methods. By means of establishing private drinking rooms and novel games of the legitimate sort he has greatly increased the drinking trade. Now Mr. Millington may retire and former Proprietor George A. Millington may return to the Capitol.

News Journal, Wilmington DE
Tues. August 13, 1901