

The Staunton (Va.) Daily News gives an account of the funeral of Major Joseph Brion Murphy, at that place recently. The deceased was a Union veteran of the Civil War, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The funeral took place at St. Francis Catholic Church, and was conducted by Rev. Father McVerry, assisted by Father Brien Murphy, son of the deceased. The services are described as being unusually impressive, deceased being a very prominent member of the congregation. The occasion was notable from the fact that although Major Murphy was a Union veteran, and a G. A. R. member, his body was escorted to and from the church by Stonewall Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans, and three of the eight pall bearers were members of the camp. After the services at the church the body was conveyed back to the Federal Cemetery, of which Major Brion Murphy had for so many years been the superintendent, and was deposited among the soldier dead. This was in accordance with his wish, expressed while living, which was readily complied with by the government. The deceased was a native of Care County, Tipperary, Ireland. He was a brother of Mr. Mortimer Murphy, who resides at No. 19 Holmes Street, Poughkeepsie, who was a second lieutenant in Meagher's Irish Brigade. He had six brothers, three of whom were on the Union side and three on the Southern side, brothers against brothers. Major Murphy was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg for which he drew a pension. After that he was messenger for Secretary Stanton, and frequently mounted messenger for Gen O. O. Howard.

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