LIFE STORY OF THE MAN WHO WAS VALET TO GENERAL GRANT

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[Photograph of the Vacant Chair at Mount McGregor.]

This is the story of a man who was valet to General Grant—Eugene J. Capt. Price, who served as valet of General Grant in the White House, has written this account of his experiences.

Eugene J. Price was born in 1845 in New York City, where he was educated at the University of Virginia. He was also a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. In 1865, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Navy.

Price served with distinction in the Civil War, and in 1869 was appointed a captain of the gunboat USS Columbia. He was later appointed as the first executive officer of the United States Navy Department.

In 1876, Price was appointed as the personal valet of General Ulysses S. Grant, who was then the President of the United States. Price served as valet to Grant until his death in 1885.

Price was a man of great charm and intelligence, and was highly respected by Grant. He was also a skilled musician, and often accompanied Grant on his piano.

Price's duties as valet included the care of Grant's clothing, the supervision of his personal staff, and the management of his personal affairs. He was also responsible for the care of Grant's health, and was often called upon to act as his personal physician.

Price's most famous duty as valet was the care of Grant's children, who were often ill and required constant attention. He was also responsible for the care of Grant's pets, including a dog named "Buck." Buck was a well-known figure in Washington, D.C., and was often seen walking with Grant.

Price remained close to Grant throughout his life, and was one of the few men who could approach Grant without fear of rebuff or anger. He was often seen as a father figure to Grant, and was highly respected by his colleagues and subordinates.

Price died in 1906, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His name is remembered in the United States Navy, and he is often remembered as one of the greatest valets in American history.