

Willis J. Beall

(– 12 Dec 1874)

Beall. Suddenly on the morning of the 13th inst., Willie J. Beall in the 25th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend his funeral from the residence of his father Mr. Benjamin Beall, No. 468, Louisiana ave. on Tuesday afternoon the 15th inst. at 3 o'clock without further notice.

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Drowned in a Bath Tub

The residence of Mr. Benjamin Beall, No. 486 Louisiana avenue, was the scene of a distressing occurrence yesterday morning. About 8 o'clock his son, William J. Beall, as has been his custom, repaired to the bathroom, and locked the door. Some two hours later he was missed and after a search the door of this room was forced open, when he was found dead in the tub. The bath tub was almost filled with water, and he was found with his face downward at the foot of the tub. He was taken out and medical aid summoned, but too late, as life was extinct. It is thought he was seized with an epileptic fit, which he was subject to, and fell in the water and was drowned. The coroner was summoned, but held no inquest. Mr. Beall was employed in his father's store on Pennsylvania avenue and was 24 years of age.

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Masonic Funerals

. . . The funeral of the late W.J. Beall took place from the residence of his father, Benj. Beall, No. 468 Louisiana avenue, yesterday afternoon, and was attended by many friends, including representatives of Acacia Lodge, No. 18, and Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, of Masons. The interment was made at the Congressional cemetery. Last evening Lafayette Chapter held a lodge of sorrow to honor the memories of the deceased and to commemorate their virtues; Dr. McCoy, M.E.H.P., officiating.