

John W. Bradshaw

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Died of His Injuries on Leaving Hospital

Bradshaw, Thrown From Car, Insisted on Going Home--Result Was Fatal--Coroner May Act

Injuries which John W. Bradshaw, employed in the Pension Office, received when he fell from a car at Ninth and B streets northwest yesterday forenoon resulted in his death at the home of his relatives shortly before 1 o'clock.

Physicians at the Emergency Hospital say they discovered no fractured members, and death was brought about by concussion of the brain, severe contusions, and the patient's removal from the institution when he was in a precarious condition.

It is likely that an inquest will be held over the body by Coroner Nevitt.

Bradshaw was sixty-three years old and lived at 203 Virginia avenue southeast. Leaving the Pension Office, where he was employed as a skilled laborer, he started for his home and boarded an Anacostia car. He was riding on the trailer. When the car, in charge of Motorman Henry Jones and Conductor A.C. Daniels, struck the curve at Ninth and B streets northwest, as the front end swirled round the aged passenger was hurled from the platform of the rear car.

Striking the asphalt on his head, he rolled over several times, and finally stopped near the curbing.

The crew on the car and several fellow-passengers went to his assistance. He was in great pain, and an ambulance was summoned from the Emergency Hospital. His relatives were informed of the accident, and when they visited the institution about three hours afterward they insisted that they be allowed to take him home. The patient and his relatives were warned of the danger, but they paid no heed. A carriage was summoned and the aged man walked to it.

About 12:20 o'clock this morning, Mr. Bradshaw lapsed into unconsciousness and died a few moments after.

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Injuries Were Fatal

John W. Bradshaw Dies From Effects of an Accident

John W. Bradshaw, sixty-three years old, who fell from a street car at 9th and B streets northwest yesterday afternoon and was seriously injured, died at his home, 203 Virginia avenue southeast, last night about midnight. He was riding on the rear end of a motor car on the Anacostia line, and was accidentally thrown off when the car struck the curve. The injured man was rendered unconscious, and was taken to the Emergency Hospital, but regained consciousness, and was taken home later in the day. A change for the worse was noticed during the early hours of the night, however, and his death occurred about the time stated.

Coroner Nevitt investigated the accident, and will hold an inquest at the morgue tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. An autopsy was performed on the body this afternoon. The victim of the accident was employed as a messenger in the pension office.

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Accidental Death

Coroner's Verdict in the Case of John W. Bradshaw

An inquest was held at the morgue today over the remains of John W. Bradshaw, the pension office employee who fell from a street car on the curve at 9th and B streets northwest Monday morning and was fatally injured. Witnesses explained to the jury that the elderly man was standing on the platform and that he lost his balance and fell or was thrown from the car. He was unconscious when picked up and taken to the sidewalk. The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital responded to a call and Dr. White hurried with him to the hospital.

At the inquest this morning the doctor stated that the injured man regained consciousness about an hour after he reached the hospital. He was taken to his home, 203 G street southeast, against the advice of the hospital authorities, the doctor stated. Several persons who were passengers on the car at the time the accident happened were examined by the coroner, but they were unable to throw any light upon the affair.

A verdict of accidental death was returned after the jury had heard the testimony of the witnesses, including Deputy Coroner Glazebrook's statement. He said Mr. Bradshaw had sustained a fracture of the skull and that his death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The deceased was a native of England and was sixty-three years old. His funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be at Congressional cemetery.