

## **Milton G. Brown**

### **( – 5 Dec 1910)**

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**Brown.** Suddenly on Monday, December 5, 1910 at 5 p.m., Milton G. Brown, beloved husband of Irene F. Brown (nee Warren). Funeral private from his late residence, 127 15th street southeast on Thursday, December 8 at 1 o'clock pm. Interment at Congressional cemetery. (Baltimore papers please copy).

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#### **Victim Left Behind**

#### **"Joy" Riders Speed On After Running Man Down**

#### **Has A Fractured Skull**

#### **Autoists Say They Thought He Was Only Slightly Hurt**

#### **Motor's Wind Shield Broken**

#### **Chauffeur, in Signed Statement to Police, Declares He Lost His Presence of Mind**

Milton Brown, twenty-five years old, in Casualty Hospital with a fracture of the skull; Andrew B. Carlsen, chauffeur for George W. Stewart, fish and oyster dealer, under arrest at the fifth precinct station, and the wind shield of an automobile in the room of Capt. Mulhall at the fifth precinct police station are evidences of an alleged "joy" ride in southeast Washington about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

Physicians at the hospital said this afternoon that Brown's condition was extremely critical and that in their opinion he could not recover.

The accident happened on Pennsylvania avenue between 6th and 7th streets, and a big car, with Carlsen driving it and with Burnes De Mar, Carroll Jenkins and a seaman in the navy named Daly with him, did not stop, the occupants of the car saying they thought the victim of the accident had not been badly hurt. Carlsen is alleged to have said to Detectives Mullen and Warren:

"I would hae stopped, but one of the other men told me to go ahead; that somebody would find him."

#### **Found Unconscious in Street**

It was about 3:10 o'clock when the unconscious man was found on the street. An individual who was standing near the scene of the accident saw the automobile pass there and he then noticed a form on the asphalt pavement. Shortly after the accident happened Robert E. Downing, a cabman, passed. He took the injured man, who was unidentified at that time, to Casualty Hospital.

While the detectives and policemen were conducting an investigation yesterday afternoon to ascertain the identity of the man who was operating the car at the time of the accident, Carlsen surrendered to the police of the third precinct. He gave his address as 805 I street southeast and made a statement of the affair. After being transferred to the fifth precinct station he made another statement to Precinct Detective Woods.

His signed explanation is that he was operating his machine at between fifteen and eighteen miles an hour when he saw a man run from the sidewalk. He called to him and did his best to prevent an accident, but the machine struck him, breaking the wind shield.

"I cannot say why I did not pick him up," the chauffeur stated, "only that I lost all presence of mind."

He drove the car to about Pennsylvania avenue and 9th street, and then turned and went to the stable of his employer in the rear of 805 G street southwest. There he left the broken wind shield and

took the car to the Dupont garage. He said there were three others in the automobile when the accident happened; that he had met his friends at 8th and D streets Saturday night and that they later went to the Southern Athletic and Social Club, 908 Pennsylvania avenue.

#### *Had Visited Saloons*

Burnes De Mar, 803 I street southeast, and Carroll Jenkins, 835 C street southeast, also made statements to the police. De Mar says he was aroused by the sudden application of the brakes and the tooting of the horn, having been almost asleep. The car was going at a speed of about twelve miles an hour, he thought, and he did not think the man who was struck had been seriously injured. De Mar said they had visited two saloons and the rooms of the club.

Carroll Jenkins told the police he was asleep when the accident happened, and did not know of it until he was told of it, several squares away. Daly stated that he knew nothing of the accident until he read of it in a newspaper. Mr. Stuart, owner of the car, is reported to have told the police he did not know the car was out at the time the accident happened.

Brown was employed at the Bryant street pumping station, and was to have reported for duty last night. Walter E. Beall, a neighbor, identified the patient at the hospital last night. Brown has a wife and two children. It is said by the police that Brown was taken to the hospital about five minutes after the accident happened.

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#### **Criminally Careless In Operating Auto**

#### **Jury Blames Carlsen for Brown's Death, and He Is Held for Trial**

"We believe that the death of Milton Brown was the result of criminal carelessness on the part of Andrew B. Carlsen in the operator of an automobile. We hold him for the action of the grand jury."

A coroner's jury so declared at the District morgue today at the inquest over the body of Milton Brown, twenty-five years of age, who died at Casualty Hospital yesterday afternoon of injuries received as a result of being struck down on Pennsylvania avenue between 6th and 7th streets, southeast by an automobile driven by Carlsen early Sunday morning.

Dr. Kilgore of the staff of Casualty Hospital was the first witness. He testified as to the nature of the wounds and of the death of Brown.

Burns DeMar of 80 3d street southeast, who was in the machine at the time of the accident, described the movements of the party from the time he entered the machine. He told of having had several drinks at restaurants and of the accident.

He said he was partly asleep just before the machine struck Brown, and was awakened by the applying of the brakes by Carlsen.

Carroll Jenkins also in the machine at the time, stated he had had several drinks with the other members of the party and was asleep when the accident occurred.

Carlsen declined to make a statement. Following the verdict he was taken to the fifth precinct police station.

Assistant United States Attorney Perry appeared at the hearing for the government. The inquest was conducted by Coroner Nevitt.

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#### **Funeral of Milton G. Brown**

#### **Services Will Be Held at the Family Home Tomorrow Afternoon**

Funeral services for Milton G. Brown who was fatally injured Sunday morning about 3 o'clock by an automobile in charge of Andrew B. Carlsen while crossing near the intersection of 7th street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, will be held at the family home, 127 15th street tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, Mr. Brown leaves a wife and two children. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

Carlsen, who was held for the grand jury yesterday, was committed to jail in default of bail. The technical charge against him is manslaughter. It is said to be likely that the application for bail for him will be made shortly.

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#### **Funeral of M.G. Brown**

#### **Victim of Automobile Accident Buried in Congressional Cemetery**

The funeral of Milton G. Brown, an employe of the District water department, who was fatally injured Sunday morning by an automobile, took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock from his late home, 127 15th street southeast. Rev. H.V. Hinton, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, officiated. The pallbearers were B.E. Danfield, Edward Anderson, William Dudduth, Charles Bawsell and John Lacoppidan, employes of the water department. Interment was at Congressional cemetery.

Mrs. Brown is left with two small children. Her husband had arranged to purchase the 15th street home, but had only partly paid for it. The wife and children were dependent upon his earnings for their support. He did not carry any life insurance.