

Charles M. Buckey

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Dr. Charles M. Buckey Accidentally Killed Entire Charge From Companion's Gun on Hunting Trip Enters Neck Shot While Gaming in the Vicinity of Forestville, Md. Yesterday Afternoon

Dr. Charles M. Buckey, fifty-four years old, who was a dentist at 602 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday afternoon while on a gunning trip in the vicinity of Forestville, Prince Georges county, Md. The entire charge from a gun held by Joseph Weber, clerk in the Post Office Department, entered his neck and killed him instantly.

Last night a jury was impaneled and an inquest held. The jury promptly reported a verdict of accidental death and Mr. Weber, who resides at 1501 Vermont avenue northwest, returned home.

Dr. John E. Sansbury of Forestville, while hurrying to the scene of the accident in response to an emergency call in his automobile, struck a fence on the Tayman farm and he was thrown to the road and injured. He sustained a painful injury to his hip.

Late yesterday afternoon a telephone message from the wife of a member of the gunning party told Mrs. Buckey of the fatal accident.

Dr. Buckey and Fayette Smart, his nephew, left home yesterday morning to go on their accustomed Thanksgiving outing, Weber and others joining them. Near Forestville they visited the Tayman farm, and two sons of their host accompanied them to the fields and woods. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the dogs of the hunters started a rabbit and several of the sportsmen shot at it.

Then arose the question of who had killed the rabbit, most of the members of the party jokingly claiming it.

Account of the Shooting

"Let's draw straws for it," suggested one of the gunners, and all agreed that it was the way they could get the most fun out of their efforts to solve the problem. Dr. Buckey stepped a few feet away from his companions, and it was suspected that he was going to try to get a shot at another rabbit while the others were enjoying the straw-drawing contest.

Weber, standing near his friends, reloaded his gun and, it is stated it was accidentally discharged the charge taking the life of his friend Fayette Smart was standing near enough to his uncle to catch him and prevent him from falling. A physician was summoned, but life was extinct.

Dr. Buckey, who was a native of Wilmington, Del., was a member of the Buckey family of Georgetown, having come to this city when he was a boy. When a young man he was associated in the grocery business with his father, the late Philip Buckey. Tiring of the grocery business, he studied dentistry and practiced his profession in New York city several years.

Built Up Large Practice Southeast

Returning to this city, Dr. Buckey established himself in the southeast section where he built up a large practice and gained the friendship of a large circle of neighbors. He was a member of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Naval Lodge No. 4, F.A.A.M., and Martha Chapter, No. 4, O.E.S.

Dr. Buckey leaves a wife, Mrs. Georgie Jarboe Buckey; a sister, Miss Helen Buckey, and Philip Buckey, a brother, who resides in New Brunswick, N.J. Rev. Father E.L. Buckey of St. Matthew's Church is a cousin of the deceased.

Funeral arrangements probably will not be completed until the body is brought here this afternoon.