

William H. Burch

(- 13 Jun 1866)

Burch. On the 13th instant, Willie H., oldest son of Richard H. and Georgeanna E. Burch in the 16th year of his age.

A little heart has ceased to beat
That once was filled with love
But strikes its measured notes again
In that bright land above.

A mind mature beyond its years
Has faded out in time
But lives again beyond the stars
In heaven's blissful clime.

Those black eyes that gleamed with joy
Will gleam on earth no more
But open again in brighter scenes
Beyond the earthly shore.

That silvery voice that sang so clear
Is now forever gone
But wakes again in clearer strains
Around Jehovah's throne.

The little one so fond and good
Has faded from our view
Transported from this earth by death
To better bloom anew.

We miss thee much! A void is left
Within our anguished heart
To heal no more until that day
We meet, no more to part.

His funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his parents residence on New Jersey avenue between L and M streets south (Baltimore and Philadelphia papers please copy).

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Drowned

Yesterday William Burch, a lad 15 years old, son of Richard Burch, a carpenter, who resides on New Jersey avenue between L and M streets south was drowned in the Potomac at Guinard's Wharf foot of 4th street east. When last seen he was fishing from the wharf having previously cast loose the lines for

the steamer Wawaset, which had started with an excursion party. The lad was subject to fits, and it is supposed fell overboard in one of those attacks. The body had not been recovered at an early hour this morning.

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Recovered.

This morning about 6 o'clock the body of William Burch, the little boy who was drowned on the morning of the 13th instant in the Potomac was found by William Rothingham floating in the Eastern Branch near Poplar Point. The body was taken to the house of his mother and father at the foot of 4th street near the river and the coroner was notified to hold an inquest.