

Thornton E. Cropley, Jr.

(-23 Jul 1924)

Cropley. Suddenly, Wednesday, July 23, 1924, at Shady Side, Md., Thornton E., beloved husband of Ruth A. Cropley (nee Edwards) Funeral from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Lula M. Cropley, 817 B st. s.e., Saturday, July 26, at 2 o'clock. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

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Wife and Parents See Young Man Drowned
Thornton E. Cropley, Jr., of Bureau of Standards.
Victim of River Near Shady Side, Md.

Thornton E. Cropley, jr., 19 years old, who expected to complete his apprenticeship as instrument maker at the Bureau of Standards in September, was drowned in West River near Shady Side, Md., yesterday afternoon. His wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edwards, Bradbury Heights, witnessed the drowning, but were powerless to assist the young man.

Young Cropley, member of the Georgetown family of that name, his 18-year-old wife and her parents, went to the river resort yesterday morning for a day's outing. While fishing the young man left his boat and waded into the water. Bystanders warned him of the presence of dangerous holes in the bed of the river. He stepped in one of the holes and disappeared. His body did not reappear on the surface, and when recovered life was extinct.

The deceased is survived by his mother, a brother, widow and infant child. His father died suddenly about two years ago. The couple continued to live at the home of the husband's mother, 817 B street southeast until a few days ago, when they moved to a cottage the husband had built at Bradbury Heights.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. W.H. Pettus, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, will officiate, and burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.