

William Cross

(- 22 Sep 1864)

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Distressing Suicide

Yesterday at noon, the body of Mr. William Cross, an old and well-known resident of the Sixth Ward, was found dead in the stable of the Congressional Cemetery, where he had hung himself with a rope made fast to a beam. Mr. Cross was about 67 years of age, and had been a widower for some years, and made his home with his brother, Jeremiah Cross, who is the superintendent of the Congressional Cemetery. For some time past the deceased has been suffering with a disease which caused him much pain, and frequently when suffering he would wish himself dead, and at times he was in a melancholy mood. Yesterday he took breakfast with his daughter, near the Navy Yard, when he appeared in his usual spirits, and about 11 o'clock went to the cemetery. About noon, someone having occasion to go into the stable, found him hanging to the beam, as above stated. Coroner Woodward held an inquest yesterday afternoon, when a verdict was rendered that he came to his death by his own hands. Mr. Cross was known as a quiet, inoffensive man, and many years ago held the position of master mason at the Navy Yard.