

William H. Dietz

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Instantly Killed

Tragic Death of Lewis Dietz Near Severn, Md.

Mr. Lewis Dietz was accidentally killed yesterday morning at the clay pit of the Washington Hydraulic Press Brick Company near Severn, about twenty-eight miles north of this city, on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad. Mr. Dietz was the superintendent there, where in blasting the clay dynamite was used. Yesterday morning a blast was fired and a large lump of the clay was hurled with such force against his head as to kill him instantly. An inquest was held over the remains yesterday and the body was sent to J.W. Lee's undertaking establishment in this city last evening.

Mr. Dietz was a native of Germany, sixty years of age. He came to this country when a boy of fourteen and spent his minority in Williamsport, Pa., learning the business of steam engineering. He came to this city about forty years ago and resided most of the time in South Washington, for a time being in the employment of Johnson Brothers. About fifteen months ago he accepted a place as superintendent under the brick company, residing at Harmon's, in Anne Arundel county. His wife and seven children, the latter mostly grown, survive him. He had many friends in Calvary Baptist Church and in the union missions of this city.

The funeral took place from Lee's chapel this afternoon, Rev. Dr. Greene officiating, and the interment was made in Congressional Cemetery. The pallbearers were James M. Little, C.H. Braatz, James Croggon, James Belt, James Nye and A.W.C. Nowlin.