

## Charles E. Garner

( - 9 Dec 1897)

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**Garner.** On December 9, 1897 at 3 p.m., Charles E. Garner, aged 21 years. Funeral from his late residence, 414 1st street northeast, Saturday, December 11 at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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### **Dose Was Fatal**

#### **Charles Garner Dies From Effects of Laudanum**

Charles E. Garner, the young man who was taken to the Emergency Hospital yesterday afternoon, suffering from an apparent dose of laudanum, died about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Coroner Carr made an investigation of the case, and gave a certificate of death from opium poisoning. The certificate does not say that it was a self-administered dose with suicidal intent, so that the question of why it was taken has not been decided. Garner was only 21 years old, and, as stated in yesterday's Star, he lived with his mother and sisters at No. 414 I street northeast.

The statement that the young man had been drinking is denied, and friends who were intimately acquainted with him say he was not a drinking man. Speaking of the case today, a brother of the deceased said he could not believe the latter had committed suicide. There was absolutely no reason for such an act, and he was inclined to the belief that the affair might prove to be other than suicide. His brother, he said, had been but recently paid off, and he had considerable money in his pockets night before last. But yesterday, he said, no money was found on him. Not even his key, he said, was found.

When the coroner gave the death certificate the body was turned over to Undertaker Lee and prepared for burial. His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.