

Samuel Keithley, Jr.

(4 Feb 1852 – 28 Dec 1889)

Keithley. Suddenly on Saturday morning December 28, 1889 near White Sulfur Springs, W. Va. Samuel Keithley of this city in the 38th year of his age. Funeral will take place from the residence of his mother 634 M Street, S.E., Wednesday, January 1 at 3 o'clock p.m.. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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Accident Near White Sulfur Report That 10 People Were Killed On The Chesapeake and Ohio

White Sulfur, W. Va., 12-28-89. -- A wreck on the C&O railroad occurred here at 7 o'clock this morning. It was reported that 10 people were killed and 10 injured. The accident was caused by a broken axle.

Cincinnati, Ohio, December 28 -- A telegram to the officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad says: There was a terrible wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio near White Sulphur, W. Va., at 7 o'clock this morning. Five passengers and as many employees were killed and many injured. The accident was caused by a broken axle.

Chief Clerk Ryan of the passenger department of this city says he thinks none of the killed are Cincinnatians, but most of them reside principally in Virginia and West Virginia. The engine is not off the track, but car 64, combined car 204 and coach and sleeper Hermasa turned over on its side. The coach telescoped the combined car, and it was there where the people were killed. Five passengers in the second class coach and five employees were killed. The names of the dead as far as have been learned are as follows: Kidder Kidd of Hannibal, Mo.; Baggage-master Barksdale of Huntington, W. Va.; H. Mattson, mail clerk, Charleston, W. Va.; newsboy, name not learned; two colored men who worked on the Allegheny section, names not learned; Thos. Karsh, Blackstone, Kas.; J.D. West, Howardsville, Va.

The injured as far as learned are: Conductor Schuweichert, legs crushed; Section Master Myers, injured in breast and back. The injured men were taken to the Caldwell house, White Sulphur.

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Killed at White Sulphur

Reports of the wreck which occurred on the Chesapeake and Ohio road near White Sulphur, W. Va., at 7 o'clock last Saturday morning failed to give an entire list of the names of the dead, and as Mr. Samuel Keithley of this city had left for Hot Springs, Ark., at 9:40 Friday night over that line his relatives here communicated with the authorities by wire and thus identified his body. Mr. Keithley was a painter by trade and in the 38th year, but unmarried, making his home with his mother, who belongs to one of the old families of the District, at 634 M street southeast. He was going to the Hot Springs for his health and expected to spend the winter there. The remains were brought to the city this morning and taken to Mitchell's undertaking house on 11th street southeast. The funeral will be held from the house at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Besides his immediate relatives he had a wide circle of friends, who will be grieved to hear of his untimely end.

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Locals

Samuel Keithley, whose death in the White Sulphur railroad accident was mentioned yesterday, was a paper hanger instead of a painter. He was formerly with Mr. Markriter but for several years with J.S.P. Green.