

Charles E. Osborn

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"Black" Smallpox Claims a Victim

Dread Form of Disease Brought to Washington by a Visitor-- Six Persons in Quarantine

Six Persons are held in quarantine at 111 Fifth street northeast, as the result of the discovery of a case of hemorrhage or "black" smallpox, the most virulent form of the disease.

Charles Osborne, twenty-one years of age, arrived in the city Monday from Jersey City, N.J., where he had been working in the railroad shops, intending to visit his sister, Mrs. L.R. Lippincott, at the above address. Late in the evening a physician was called in to attend him and pronounced him a victim of smallpox.

Early yesterday morning the case was reported to the Health Office. Osborne died before the health officials arrived, "Black" smallpox has not appeared before in the District for several years. It caused a number of deaths here at one time.

Two nurses from the George Washington University Hospital are still confined at the smallpox hospital, having developed smallpox a short time ago from exposure to William F. Luddington, who died at that institution.