

## **John Raymond Padgett** **( - 25 May 1913)**

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**Padgett.** On Sunday, May 25, 1913 at 8:15 o'clock at Casualty Hospital, J. Raymond Padgett, aged 32, beloved son of Mrs. Sarah C. Padgett. Funeral Wednesday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m. from his late residence, 308 Pennsylvania avenue s.e. Friends and relatives invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery (Baltimore and Philadelphia papers please copy).

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### **Badly Hurt In Crash**

#### **Motor Cyclist's Skull Fractured When He Collides With Automobile**

J. Raymond Padgett, a printer, thirty-two years old, sustained a fracture of his skull as a result of a collision between his motor cycle and an automobile belonging to C.F. Larrabee, of 1514 21st street northwest on the east plaza at the Capitol last night shortly before 9 o'clock.

Padgett, it is stated, was hurrying to his home at 308 Pennsylvania avenue southeast to escape the rain and operated his motorcycle directly in the path of the automobile. The motorcycle was thrown some distance.

Scott Hamel, 2118 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, who was operating the automobile, took charge of the injured man and hurried him to Casualty Hospital. It was said at the hospital this morning that the injured man's condition was critical. The chauffeur was taken to the sixth precinct police station and detained until the police could make an investigation. It was learned by the police that the accident was an unavoidable one so far as Hamel was concerned and he was released.

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### **Auto Accident Fatal**

#### **J. Raymond Padgett Dies of a Fractured Skull**

J. Raymond Padgett, who was in the printing business at 308 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, died at Casualty Hospital last night about 8:30 o'clock as a result of a fracture of his skull. He received the injury Friday night when his motorcycle and an automobile operated by Scott Hamel collided in the Capitol grounds.

Coroner Nevitt held an inquest at the morgue this afternoon. Two witnesses gave testimony and the jury reached a verdict of accidental death, attaching no blame to Hamel.

Following the inquest the body was taken from the morgue to the late home of the deceased. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.