John V. Smithson

(- 27 Aug 1927)

Smithson. Suddenly Saturday, August 27, 1927, at 1 p.m., J.V. Smithson, beloved husband of Ella M. Smithson. Funeral from his late residence, 1209 Pa. Ave. s.e., Tuesday, August 30, 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Member of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101.

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John V. Smithson, 65, Drops Dead On Street

Native Washingtonian Survived by Widow and Six Sons, All of Capital

John V. Smithson, 65 years old, of 1209 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, native of Washington and for more than 25 years a compositor at the Government Printing Office, fell dead yesterday afternoon on the sidewalk at New Jersey and Massachusetts avenues.

Coroner Nevitt ordered an autopsy and the body was taken to the morgue where it was announced later that a heart attack was the cause of death.

Mr. Smithson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Caldwell Smithson, and six sons, Harry, Ralph, Charles, Emer, Arthur and Thomas Smithson. All are residents of Washington, but Thomas Smithson is on board a vessel en route to England at present. Mrs. Smithson was notified at Colonial Beach last night where she was passing a vacation.