

Edward P. Williams

(24 Jul 1840 – 21 Apr 1875)

Williams. On Tuesday night, April 20th, 1875, Edward P. Williams in the 35th year of his age. (Philadelphia papers please copy). Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 725 8th street southeast, on Sunday, April 25, at 3 o'clock.

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Locals.

About 1 o'clock today, Edward Williams, a white man was found drowned near the 4th street wharf. It is said that he belongs to one of the yacht clubs.

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The Sad Fate of Mr. Ed. Williams

It was briefly mentioned in The Star of yesterday that the body of a man had been found at the 6th street wharf, and that it was that of Mr. Ed. Williams. Dr. Patterson, the coroner, was notified, and his inquiries developed the following facts: The deceased, Edward P. Williams, was a late printer at the Treasury and was a member of the Washington Yacht Club, and resided at 725 6th street southeast. On Tuesday evening he and others were on their yacht, "Ella Treadwell," lying off 11th street wharf. Some parties desiring to go ashore the deceased rowed them and returned to the yacht, where he was last seen bailing out his boat. It was supposed that he had subsequently gone ashore, but his friends yesterday finding no trace of him instituted a search, and the body was recovered. The coroner did not deem an inquest necessary. The remains were taken in charge by the plate printers and removed to Buchly's undertaking establishment on Pennsylvania avenue, near 9th street, and then to the late residence of the deceased opposite the Marine barracks. The deceased was about 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and three small children. He was a man much beloved by a host of friends, and possessed a genial disposition and benevolent nature. He was a member of Washington Naval Lodge, No. 4, Naval Chapter, No. 6, and Columbia Commandery, No. 2, of the Masonic fraternity. It is supposed that while in the act of bailing, the water being very rough at the time, that he must have lost his balance and fell overboard, and not being able to swim was soon drowned.

The Evening Star, April 26, 1875

Funerals

The funeral of Edward P. Williams, who was accidentally drowned in the river at the foot of 7th street, took place yesterday from his late residence, on 8th street southeast, and was largely attended. Rev. Charles Andrews, of Christ church, conducted the church services at the house and at the grave, after which the Masonic services were performed. The members of Columbia Commandery, Knights Templar; Naval Lodge of Masons; Plate Printers' Union, and Washington Light Guard turned out in large numbers and marched in procession to the grave.