

Adam Alburger (- 15 Aug 1848)

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Explosion at the Arsenal

We are sorry to learn that Adam Alburger, pyrotechnist, was dreadfully injured by an explosion in the laboratory at the Arsenal, which took place yesterday, about nine o'clock, while the unfortunate man was working alone in the pyrotechnical department. We learn that no hope is entertained of the poor man's recovery by the medical gentlemen in attendance. It is a remarkable coincidence that three years ago, precisely yesterday, a German laborer named Eiring was blown up while employed at the Arsenal in the same kind of work, and died on the same night, the building being, as on yesterday, completely unroofed and almost demolished.

Will of Adam Alburger of Washington Arsenal, D.C.

(dtd. Aug. 15, 1848, probated Oct. 6, 1848)

I Adam Alburger, feeling sensible that I am about to die and being desirous to secure to my beloved Emily all my estate real and personal that may be left after paying my just debts do hereby give and bequeath to her all my property of every name and kind, and do further appoint her my legal administratrix to settle my affairs, retaining for her sole use and benefit everything that may be left after the payment of my just debts--Being impressed with the belief that this is my last act on Earth and being in possession of my mental faculties, I make this my last will and desire as witness my hand [and] seal [signed] David [his "x" mark] Alburger.

Wits. Samuel Byington; John H. D'Bille