

Andrew W. Balmain (- 12 Jul 1868)

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Drowned

Mr. Andrew Balmain, aged about twenty-five years, was drowned between twelve and one o'clock, yesterday, while bathing in the Potomac, near Easby's wharf, foot of E street north. After swimming around for some time his comrades found that he was drowning and succeeded in rescuing him and getting him ashore. He partially dressed himself and then plunged in again, when one of the young men, John Glasgow, swam after him, the deceased keeping away from his pursuer as far as possible. After swimming about for a short time his friends noticed that he again was in the act of drowning and went to his rescue a second time, but their efforts were in vain, as life was extinct before they succeeded in getting him out of the water. His body was conveyed to his father's house, on H, between 17th and 18th streets. Justice Morsell, acting coroner, summoned a jury of inquest yesterday over the body, who, after hearing a number of witnesses and examining the body, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from exhaustion while bathing in the river, near Easby's wharf, as above stated.