

## Annie Estelle Beall

### ( - 14 Jul 1903)

---

**Beall.** On Tuesday, July 14, 1903, at Providence Hospital, Annie E. Beall, beloved daughter of Louis and Carrie Beall. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend the funeral service at her brother's residence, Mr. Esau Beall, 740 12th street southeast on Friday, July 17 at 3 p.m. (Warrenton, Va. Papers please copy).

*The Washington Post, July 16, 1903, p. 2*

#### **Child Dies From Pistol Shot**

##### **Little Virginia Girl Succumbs to Accidental Wound in Head**

Annie Estelle Ball [sic], nine years old, died at Providence Hospital at an early hour yesterday morning as the result of a pistol shot in the brain.

This was the final event in a distressing tragedy. The child's parents now live at 740 Twelfth street southeast, but until the last few weeks they lived at Warrenton, Va. Over a month ago the little girl was playing with a small companion, when they found an old pistol in a bureau drawer. In some manner the pistol was discharged, the ball taking effect in little Annie's right temple. Two days later she was brought to this city and placed in Providence Hospital. Meningitis developed and resulted in her death.

The hospital authorities issued a certificate of death from a gunshot wound, and Undertaker Repetti secured a burial permit on this certificate. The nature of the death came to Coroner Nevitt, however, and he instituted an investigation. He finally approved the certificate of death conditioned upon the subsequent development of the case, in order that the body might be turned over to Undertaker Thomas R. Nalley, who was selected by the family. He will investigate further the circumstances surrounding the death, but it is not thought that the Virginia authorities will wish to take any action.

The present arrangements for the funeral are for tomorrow afternoon, interment to be in Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, July 16, 1903, p. 16*

#### **Death Results From Wound**

The funeral of Annie E. Ball [sic], nine years old, will take place tomorrow afternoon from the home of the child's parents, 740 12th street southeast, and the body will be interred at Congressional cemetery. Annie was shot in the head more than a month ago, when her parents lived at Warrenton, Va., and her death occurred at Providence Hospital yesterday. The child and a companion were handling an old pistol, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, with the result stated.