

Louis C. Benner (- 22 Apr 1878)

Benner. On the evening of April 22, 1878, Louis C. Benner, in the 29th year of his age. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 25th instant, from the residence of his brother-in-law, 1418 Eighth street n.w.

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Killed by a Railroad Train

The express train which left the Baltimore and Ohio depot at half-past seven o'clock last evening was near Ivy City ten minutes afterwards, where the cow catcher struck a white man walking on the track, and so badly injured him about the head that he died about 9:25 o'clock last evening, after he had been brought to this city. The deceased appeared to be about 26 years of age, light complexioned, with reddish moustache, the other portions of the face being cleanly shaved; was 5 feet 10 inches in height, and wore a black slouch hat, dark coat, white linen collar, black silk scarf, heavy white yarn socks, and a pair of army shoes. There were no marks on the body, and no papers were found which would serve to identify him. He was evidently a laboring man, carrying home a supper for his family. He had a white willow covered basket, which contained a shin bone ready cracked, a small package of green tea, some suet, one ginger cake wrapped in brown paper, and three pickles inclosed in a piece of white paper, on which was written in lead pencil "Mrs. Bennett." The body was today identified as that of Lewis C. Brenner, a plate printer by trade, born and raised on Capitol Hill, and who being out of work has for some time been living in Bladensburg with his brother-in-law, to whose place he was on his way at the time. The coroner viewed the body this morning, and is holding an inquest this afternoon. Some persons claim that as the blood found near the body of the man had coagulated he must have been killed before the 7:30 train struck him.

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Inquest Over the Body of Louis C. Benner.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Patterson, the coroner, held an inquest at the seventh precinct station on the body of Louis C. Benner, who was killed on the track of the B&O R.R., near Ivy City, on the night previous. The testimony of Mortimer Taylor, conductor; Curtis Elliott, engineer; W.J. Crockett, dispatcher; S.E. LaBarrer, the fireman, and P.J. Coliflower, a passenger, was taken, and the jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death by reason of injuries of the head received near Ivy Station, by the 7:30 p.m. outgoing train, drawn by engine No. 412 of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and from the evidence adduced, they see no reason to censure the employees of said company.