

## John S. Blandford

( - 6 Sep 1922)

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Blandford. Died suddenly, Sept. 6, 1922, 8 p.m., at Georgetown hospital, John S. Blandford. Funeral from his sister's residence, 922 K st. se., Saturday, September 9. Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m., at St. Peters Church. Relatives and friends invited.

*The Evening Star, September 7, 1922, p. 2*

### **Rider In Clarendon Tournament Killed Knight Fatally Injured by Spear Dropped From His Auto**

Accidentally stabbed with his spear which he had used in the tournament held in connection with the second annual carnival of the Clarendon, Va., Citizens' Association and fire department. John Blandford thirty-nine years of age, of 518 6<sup>th</sup> street northwest, died yesterday evening a few minutes after reaching Georgetown University Hospital.

Blandford at the time of the fatal accident was returning from Clarendon in an automobile to attend the tournament ball at the carnival after having taken dinner with George Ferguson of Columbia pike. The spear was tied to the side of the car, and when the courthouse was reached it became loosened, the but end falling to the ground and the pointed end striking Blandford who was occupying the rear seat of the machine. The spear entered under the chin and pierced the brain.

The injured man was rushed to Georgetown Hospital by George Ferguson and JA. Harron, other occupants of the car, but nothing could be done to save him.

Coroners B.A. Swain of Arlington county and J. Ramsey Nevitt of Washington reviewed the body and concurred on accidental death.

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Word was received at the grounds last night that the body of John Blandford, the tournament rider, who was accidentally stabbed to death by his tournament lance Wednesday evening, will be taken to Piscataway, Md., the town of is birth, and the present residence of his parents, for burial tomorrow.

*The Washington Post, September 10, 1922, p. 13*

### **Fair At Clarendon For 3 Days More Tuesday's Proceeds to Be Given Family of Tournament Rider Killed Last Week**

Owing to popular demand, the carnival committee last night decided to continue the celebration throughout Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, the entire net proceeds of Tuesday to be used as a benefit fund for the family of John Blandford, one of the tournament riders, late of Washington, who lost his life as a result of an accident on Wednesday evening of last week, while returning from the carnival.