

Ambrose Brown

(- 16 Feb 1871)

Brown. On the 16th of February, at 9 o'clock p.m., Ambrose Brown, the beloved son of William and Malinda Brown, aged 20 years and 11 months. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 228 3d street east, between Maryland avenue and C street north, on tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Suicide of a Young Man

He Jumps from a Bridge and is Drowned

Sad Ending of a Little Home Unpleasantness

About 9 o'clock last night a young man named Ambrose Brown, whose parents reside on 3d street east, between Maryland avenue and C street north, committed suicide by jumping from the draw of the Anacostia bridge into the stream. A colored man who was in conversation with Brown as they were walking over the bridge, states that the young man, after giving him a chew of tobacco, told him to keep the entire piece, and then asked if he (the colored man) knew Officer Anderson, in Uniontown; and receiving an affirmative answer, requested him to see Anderson and give his love to him and his children, and say

"GOOD BYE"

to them. He was also particular in asking where the deepest part of the river was, and receiving an answer that it was deepest at the draw where the channel was, he, when he arrived at the draw, walked along the footpath, the colored man meanwhile keeping in the wagon road. Suddenly young Brown jumped on the rail, and then leaped off into the water. The colored man immediately rushed to the side of the bridge, and when Brown's head came out of the water he shouted, "Can you help me." The colored man hallooed to him to swim toward him, but he soon sunk again. The body was dragged for, and recovered about one o'clock this afternoon and taken to the eighth precinct station house, and the coroner was telegraphed for to hold an inquest. The deceased was a gas fitter by trade and was only about 20 years of age. It appears that yesterday, while at home, some of his brothers or sisters teased him, and he slapped one. The mother then

SCOLDED HIM,

and some words passed between them, she saying that unless he could behave himself she wished that he would stay away.

He then took his hat and left, saying that he would not return. During the afternoon he was seen several times in the eastern section of the city, and visited an acquaintance, with whom he left an envelope containing

A RING

which he desired should be sent today to a young lady. About 8 o'clock last evening he was in Bryan's Green House, corner of 8th and L streets, and left with Mr. Bryan

A NOTE FOR HIS FATHER

reading as follows:--"Good-bye, father; I am going to jump overboard tonight, for I have had a falling out with mother.

Give my love to mother, and accept a share for yourself." The father of young Brown is an old resident of the eastern part of the city, and has the sympathies of the entire community in his affliction; and it seems that troubles never come alone, for his oldest son is now on the way home from Texas, where, by an accident, he has been disabled from work probably for life.