

Judson Burgess (- 28 Jan 1909)

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Death Due To Accident

Coroner's Jury Passes on Case of John Burgess

A coroner's jury in the case of John Burgess, sixty-eight years of age, for many years a resident of Congress Heights, who died yesterday, having been struck by a street car while at the corner of 9th and B streets December 26, today rendered a verdict that death was due to unavoidable accident.

The autopsy showed that the body was in an exceedingly diseased condition from Bright's disease, heart disease and asthma, and therefore, it was pointed out, the enfeebled man could not withstand even the slight shock of the accident. The car struck him on the left ankle.

William Scantlebury, a resident of Anacostia, was a passenger on the car at the time the accident happened. He interested himself in the injured man and had the motorman stop the car at Providence Hospital and summoned a physician from the institution.

The physician examined him, detected the injury to the ankle, and said he would not admit Mr. Burgess to the hospital.

Dr. J.A. Watson gave the jury the information that he had been attending Burgess for heart disease, kidney trouble, asthma and dropsy. Deputy Coroner Glazebrook performed an autopsy and found the conditions mentioned by Dr. Watson.

It was stated to the jury that Burgess could not hear well, and that he was feeble. A statement made by Burgess, it was remarked, indicated he thought the accident resulted from his enfeebled condition.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place from the family home. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.