

Edward L. Clarke

(- 15 Apr 1909)

Clark. Suddenly, Friday, morning April 16, 1909, Edward L. Clark, beloved husband of Julia V. Clark. Funeral from his late residence, Nichols avenue, Congress Heights, D.C., Monday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Coroner Will Investigate

Edward L. Clarke Struck by Street Car and Fatally Injured

An inquest is to be held at the District morgue tomorrow morning over the body of Edward L. Clarke, a special watchman employed at the Government Hospital for the Insane, who died at Providence Hospital last night shortly after he had been removed there from 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, where he had been struck by car No. 521 of the Capital Traction railway.

Mr. Clarke was returning to his home at Congress Heights shortly before 12 o'clock. He was walking on the terrace between the street car tracks when an east-bound car approached. He is said to have stepped to the adjoining track not noticing an approaching west-bound car. He was struck and thrown several feet. The motorman applied his brakes but he was unable to stop the car in time.

Mr. Clarke was taken to the hospital in a taxicab which was passing the place at the time. It was found that his skull had been crushed and he died shortly after reaching the institution.

Motorman B. Hummer and Conductor G.T. Daniels were arrested this morning and locked up at the fifth precinct station pending the investigation of the coroner's jury.

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Death Was Accidental

Coroner's Verdict in Case of Asylum Special Policeman Clarke

An inquest was held at the morgue yesterday into the circumstances under which Edward L. Clarke, a special policeman at the Government Hospital for the Insane, received fatal injuries when he was struck by a Capital Traction car at 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast Thursday night, shortly before 12 o'clock. Motorman Beverly Hummer, in charge of the car which inflicted the fatal injury, said his train was moving west, and just as the crossing was reached the pedestrian made an effort to get out of the way of a car moving east, stepping directly in front of his car. Hummer stopped his car as quickly as possible, but not before Clarke had been struck and thrown into the fender.

Thomas Hill, motorman on the east-bound car, testified that he saw Mr. Clarke when he jumped from in front of his car and thought he had cleared the track.

Chester L. Rollins testified that he saw Clarke try to get out of the way of one car and step in front of the other, and Morgan Hopkins told of having assisted the injured man from the fender.

A verdict of accidental death was returned, and the body of the deceased was removed to the family home, Congress Heights. Funeral will take place this Monday afternoon and the interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.