

Harry A. Cornwell

(- 20 Aug 1909)

Cornwell. Suddenly on Friday, August 20, 1909, Harry A. Cornwell. Funeral from his late residence, 359 1st street southwest, Monday, August 23 at 2:30 p.m., thence to Fifth Baptist Church, E street between 6th and 7th streets southwest. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Young Bather Loses Life

Harry Cornwell Drowned Near Highway Bridge

Body Recovered by Police Boat Crew --

Dead Boy Son of Local Detective.

While bathing in the river near the south end of the Highway bridge yesterday afternoon, shortly after 4 o'clock, Harry Cornwell, eleven years old, son of Detective Fred M. Cornwell of Inspector Boardman's staff, waded too far from shore and was drowned. His brother, Fred, fourteen years old, was one of the party of bathers, and although he was unable to swim he went to the assistance of Harry. The latter did not appear on the surface after going down, however, and Harry was unable to rescue him.

When Fred Cornwell dived into the river and made an unsuccessful effort to save his brother he also came near losing his life. He swallowed considerable water, and when he came to the surface he found it necessary to call for help. James Duncan, twelve years old, living at 341 I street, also a member of the party of bathers, rushed to Fred Cornwell's assistance and saved him from drowning. He then made an unsuccessful attempt to find Harry.

Realizing there was nothing they could do the boys summoned the police to search for the body. They then left the river bank and returned to the city. Mrs. Cornwell was prostrated by the sad intelligence being imparted to her by her son. Detective Cornwell hurried to the harbor precinct, when he learned of the accident, reaching there after the members of the crew of the police boat had gone with the two young bathers to the scene of the drowning.

Body Recovered

Shortly after reaching the point where Harry Cornwell sank, the members of the crew of the police boat recovered the body, finding it on the bottom of the river near where the boy disappeared from view. The body was removed to the morgue. The boys had been in bathing there three times before yesterday, but, it is stated, on the former occasions the tide was low and they were able to wade out a long distance without endangering their lives. Yesterday they neglected to give proper attention to the condition of the tide.

Undertaker Lee took charge of the body at the morgue and removed it to his establishment, where it was prepared for burial. Today the body was removed to 359 I street southwest, where the funeral will take place Monday. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

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Funeral of Harry A. Cornwell

The funeral of Harry A. Cornwell, 11 years old, who was drowned in the river near the Virginia end of the Highway bridge Friday afternoon took place from the home of his mother, 359 I street southwest,

this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted over the remains at the Fifth Baptist Church, E street southwest. The interment was in Congressional Cemetery.