

## **Eppa Hunton Coumbe**

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**Coumbe.** On Thursday, August 12, 1897, Eppa H. Coumbe. Funeral on Friday, August 20 at 2 p.m. from his late residence, 1312 9th street northwest. Relatives and friends invited.

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### **The Body Recovered**

#### **Remains of Dr. Eppa Coumbe Rescued From the Bay**

The body of Dr. Eppa H. Coumbe, who fell out of a sailboat and was drowned Thursday last in Comet bay, off the eastern shore of Maryland, was recovered in the deep water near the place of the accident last evening. Dr. Oscar H. Coumbe, a brother of the deceased, who is now at Chapel Point, telegraphed the family here last night to the effect that the remains had been found. The friends had practically given up all hope, as several days had elapsed since the drowning.

The body is now on the way from Chapel Point, on Chesapeake bay, and is expected to arrive at Washington tomorrow. It will be conveyed to the residence of Dr. Oscar H. Coumbe, 1312 9th street. The funeral will take place from that number, but no arrangements can be attempted until the arrival of the remains. No information other than the telegram announcing the finding of the body had reached Washington up to this afternoon.

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### **The Last Rites**

#### **Funeral Services This Afternoon Over Remains of Dr. Coumbe**

Unusually sad were the funeral services this afternoon over the remains of Dr. Eppa H. Coumbe, the young dentist of this city who was drowned in Comet bay, off the eastern shore of Maryland, Thursday last while with a sailing party. The remains were brought to this city from the scene of the accident yesterday, and the funeral occurred at 2 o'clock from the residence of Dr. Oscar Coumbe, a brother of the deceased, No. 1312 9th street.

There was a constant stream of callers at the house yesterday afternoon and today, the friends and acquaintances of the family desiring to express their sympathy. The casket was almost hidden from view by elaborate floral tributes. The sailing party with which the young man was associated at the time of the fatal accident sent a handsome cross. The Arlington Wheelmen, of which the deceased was a popular member, paid their respects to his memory with a set piece, and his classmates at Columbian University showed their regard through the medium of a broken column. Particularly pathetic was a simple wreath of bride's flowers at the head of the casket bearing a card on which was inscribed the name of the young lady to whom Dr. Coumbe was engaged to be married.

The services were simple, conducted by the Rev. C.K. Milliken of Fairfax Court House, Va., who is a personal friend of the family. Rev. Mr. Milliken spoke feelingly of the character and commendable traits possessed by the late Dr. Coumbe, and referred to the fact that it was particularly sad that he should be so suddenly taken away just as he had reached manhood and was beginning what promised to be a useful Christian career. In connection with the services, Miss Ida O'Neil sang "Some Sweet Day" and "Asleep in Jesus."

Interment was made in Congressional cemetery there being brief services at the grave. The pallbearers were Dr. Binkart and Messrs. Richard Magruder Rindle and Hammett Delaplaine. The

Arlington Wheelmen attended the funeral in a body, and accompanied the remains to the cemetery in carriages.