

Lloyd Cross

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Cross. Suddenly, Sunday, June 27, 1909, Lloyd, eldest son of Mary M. and the late Pinkney Cross. Funeral private from his late residence, 1259 Twenty-third street.

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Five Perish in River

Three Men and Two Boys Lose Lives While Bathing

Father and Sons Drown

Thomas H. Perry Was Teaching His Boys How to Swim

Diver's Head Strikes a Rock

Lloyd Cross Was a Good Swimmer and

So Was Henry Smith, Who Had Cramps

Five bathers lost their lives in the waters of the Potomac river and the Eastern branch yesterday. Three of them were members of one family--a father and his two sons. Three of the victims were good swimmers and the other two were boys who had gone to the river with their father to learn to swim. A third son was rescued. Those who lost their lives were:

Lloyd Cross, white, thirty-six years, 1259 23d street

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Cross Was a Good Swimmer

Lloyd cross, who was the eldest son of Mrs. Mary and the late Pinkney Cross, was a popular young man in Georgetown and the western section of the city. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when he went to Lock Cove, a short distance above the Aqueduct bridge, with three friends, Lewis Hoover, George Thomas and James West, intending to enjoy a dip in the water. He was a splendid swimmer and there was no reason for his friends to display any uneasiness when he dived into what was thought to be deep water.

It is believed that his head struck against a rock and so completely stunned him that he was unable to make an outcry when he rose to the surface. When it was seen that he sank and remained beneath the surface his friends went to his assistance, but were unable to rescue him. The harbor police were appealed to for assistance and friends and boatmen searched for the body, which was finally recovered by James West and E.L. Kendig.

The drowned man formerly kept a cigar store at Pennsylvania avenue and 22d street and had recently been employed in a Georgetown restaurant. His mother, two brothers and a sister survive him. His sister is Mrs. George Goodacre of Georgia avenue. Pinkney Cross, one of his brothers, is a member of the fire department, while Hayward Cross is in the automobile business. Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be at Congressional cemetery.

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Funeral of Lloyd Cross

The funeral of Lloyd Cross, who was drowned while bathing in the river near Cove Lock last Sunday afternoon, was held this afternoon at the home of his mother, 1259 23d street. Rev. Robert Talbot,

rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiated. The interment was in Congressional cemetery. Three uncles of the deceased, Erastus Barnard, Montgomery Barnard and Ebenezer Barnard, and two brothers, Pinkney Cross and Hayward Cross, served as pallbearers.