

George Richard Deale

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Deale. On Tuesday, July 19, 1910, George Richard Kingman, son of John B. and Minnie L. Deale aged 11 years 2 months. Funeral from his parents residence, 9 3rd street northeast, Friday, June 22. Services at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3rd and A streets southeast at 4 p.m.

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Deale's Body Is Found

Choir Boy Was Drowned In The Coan River

Was Swept Off Yacht by Swinging Boom -- Would-Be Rescuer Fails

The body of George Deale, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Deale of 9 3d street northeast, who was drowned Tuesday afternoon in the Coan river, near the mouth of the Potomac, was recovered this morning.

The body will be brought to this city tomorrow morning and funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3d and A streets southeast. Rev. Dr. W.L De Vries, rector of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Congressional cemetery. Companions of the boy will act as pallbearers.

Young Deale was a member of the vested choir of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and was one of the party of fifty choir boys who went on an excursion to Scotland, St. Mary county, Md. The party was under the direction of Rev. Dr. De Vries, his assistant, Rev. R.A. Curtis and Henry Blair, a lawyer of this city.

Dr. De Vries wanted to return to Washington Tuesday afternoon. The members of the party boarded their yacht and crossed the river at Cornfield harbor. While in the harbor they became becalmed. The engineer was endeavoring to start the engine when suddenly a breeze sprang up, and without warning the boom swung around and Deale, who was standing on the deck, was knocked overboard. George Bullough, a clerk in the rural free delivery division of the Post Office Department, who was in the party, jumped overboard and caught Deale as he came to the surface.

Boy Slips From His Grasp

In his plunge overboard, however, Mr. Bullough swallowed a quantity of water, and while endeavoring to eject it the boy slipped from his grasp and sank. Mr. Bullough was himself nearly overcome by his exertions and had to be assisted aboard the yacht.

Shortly after the boy went down several members of the party dived about the spot, but were unable to recover the body. The yacht returned to Scotland and Rev. Dr. De Vries came to this city to inform the boy's parents of the drowning. Dr. De Vries received a telegram from his assistant this morning stating that the body had been recovered.

Mr. Bullough, who made the unsuccessful effort to save the boy, is a member of the Washington Canoe Club and a fine athlete. He is regarded as a strong swimmer, and had he not swallowed so much water it is believed he would have saved the boy.

The outing of the choir boys this year which is an annual event, is the fourteenth that has been given. Deale had only been a member of the choir since February.

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Funeral of George Deale

Associates of Choir Boy Will Serve As His Pallbearers

Funeral services over the remains of George Deale, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Deale of 9 3d street northeast, who was drowned Tuesday afternoon in the Coan river, will be held this afternoon in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where he was a member of the vested choir.

Rev. Dr. W.L. DeVries, the rector, and Rev. R.A. Curtis, the assistant rector, will conduct the services.

Interment will be made in Congressional cemetery. Redd Bullough, Herbert Babcock, William Beck and Edwin Tyler, who were on the outing of the choir at the time Deale was drowned, will act as pallbearers.

The body of Deale was brought to Washington early this morning, accompanied by Rev. R.A. Curtin and four pallbearers. The younger members of the choir will return to Washington next week, while the older boys will not return until August 2.