

Alexander Earp

(- 4 Jul 1864)

Earp. The body of the late Alexander Earp drowned July 4, having been found, the funeral services will take place at Congressional Cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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Drowned

On the 4th instant, as the steamer Phoenix was returning from the excursion to Glymont, Mr. Alexander Earp, a young man well known in this city, was accidentally drowned. His friends say that he had laid down to sleep outside the rail in front of the wheelhouse, and awaking he turned suddenly, and was seen to fall in the river. He called for help once and immediately disappeared. Mr. Earp was a native of Washington, and a tin and sheet-iron worker by trade. He was highly esteemed by his acquaintances.

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Body Found

The body of Alexander Earp, who was drowned July 4th, on an excursion down river, has been recovered by his relatives, and the funeral takes place this afternoon. The body was found about four miles below Alexandria, and appears to have been in the hands of a party of thieves, who stripped it of money, rings, etc. There seems to be no doubt that the body drifted ashore as long ago as Tuesday last, and the supposition is that the parties in whose possession it was, concealed the fact of its being found, in hopes of a reward being offered for its recovery. The scoundrel pirates even stripped the shoes from the corpse, cut out the pockets, etc.