

George A. Egbert (- 19 May 1896)

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Drowned While at a Picnic

Sad Occurrence Near Glen Echo Yesterday

A party of ladies and gentlemen who went on a picnic to Glen Echo yesterday met with a sad accident, and had to return home without one of their number. This unfortunate one was George A. Egbert, who lost his life while bathing in the canal. Just about dark, when the members of the party were ready to return, the young men went in the canal to fake a bath and enjoy a swim. Egbert could not swim, but as his companions were good swimmers he felt perfectly safe, and so he ventured in the water.

Almost as soon as he got in the water he disappeared below the surface and failed to come up. His friends made every effort to rescue him, but without success.

After doing all in their power to rescue him before life was extinct, and, failing, they procured a set of grappling irons and, after some effort, found him. This afternoon the body was brought here and taken to the home of Egbert's mother, No. 823 D street northeast. His mother, Mrs. Neal, is a widow and has a number of relatives in Mecklinburg, near Watkins Glen, N.Y. His father died at Leonardtown, Md., several years ago. The deceased was about twenty-five years old and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventists Church, on 8th street northeast, from which church his funeral will take place. The young man was a devout Christian and was devoted to his mother, who is now left alone in the world.