

## Percy M. Faunce

( - 10 Apr 1896)

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**Faunce.** Drowned at Virginia Beach, April 10, 1896, Percy Faunce, son of the late John B. and Eliza Faunce, aged eighteen years. Funeral service will take place at his late residence, 803 G street southwest, Tuesday, April 14, at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment private. (Philadelphia, Pa., papers please copy)

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### **Capt. John Faunce and His Son Percy**

Capt. John Faunce, his son Percy of this city, and seven colored men were drowned near Virginia Beach yesterday afternoon. The tragedy occurred at Capt. Faunce's fishery about a mile and a quarter south of the Princess Anne Hotel and about midway between life-saving stations 2 and 3, too far for the life savers to render assistance in time.

They were just putting out from the beach to set a net when a big wave struck the boat and turned it end over. Not one in the boat was saved. Two succeeded in getting on top of the boat and remained there about fifteen minutes, but they were washed off and sank.

The affair was witnessed from the shore by John Faunce, another son of Capt. Faunce. As quickly as possible he put out in a small boat with another man, but reached the scene too late.

### *Percy Faunce's Body Found*

Information has been received here that the bodies of Percy Faunce and the two colored men were recovered this morning a short distance from the place where the disaster occurred, and the former's remains are expected to reach his home, 803 G street southwest, tonight.

At the time the dispatch was sent from Norfolk this morning search was still being made for the body of Capt. Faunce and the other lost men.

Capt. Faunce was one of the most experienced fishing men who sailed out of Washington, and had followed the water almost his entire life. He was a widower, and, with his two sons, Percy and John, resided with his sister, at 803 G street southwest. Mr. Faunce's two brothers, who are also in the fishing business, left last evening for Norfolk as soon as they learned of the affair.