

Philip W. Fowler

(- 15 Sep 1893)

Fowler. On Friday, Sept. 15, 1893, Philip W. beloved husband of Mary E. Fowler in the 52d year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, No 753, 13th street s.e., Monday, September 18th at 3 o'clock p.m. Friends and relatives invited.

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Suicide in a Graveyard.

Laborer Philip W. Fowler Kills Himself in Congressional Cemetery.

Philip W. Fowler, employed as a laborer in Congressional Cemetery, committed suicide yesterday morning about 9 o'clock by cutting his throat with a penknife. Fowler had been working in the cemetery during the entire summer, mowing the lawn and raking grass. Yesterday morning he reported for duty about 7:30 o'clock and commenced raking grass near the superintendent's house. He worked only a few minutes, however, and then disappeared.

About an hour afterward his absence was discovered, and a search was instituted for him. For several hours all the employes of the cemetery scoured the grounds in search of Fowler, and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon his dead body was found in an unfrequented part of the cemetery. His throat was cut almost from ear to ear, and apparently he had been dead for several hours.

Coroner Woodward was notified, and after investigating the case gave a certificate of death from suicide.

Fowler was fifty years of age, and lived at 753 Thirteenth street southeast. He was a married man, and leaves a wife and three children. He is believed to have been insane, his fellow-workmen asserting that he has been acting queerly.