

Wesley Frye

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Sudden Death of Wesley Frye, The Blind Ballad Vender

Last night, about 10:30 o'clock, a man, who was standing at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street, suddenly dropped to the ground as if in a fit. Some half dozen men who saw him fall rushed up and found him insensible and without visible signs of life. He was carried to Gilman's drug store, when life was found to be extinct, and he was recognized as the well known blind vender of printed songs, etc., named Wesley Frye, who, before he lost his sight, was a sporting man well known in this city, Alexandria, Richmond and Baltimore. Mr. Waters, special officer at the St. Marc hotel, who had assisted in his removal to the drug store, turned the body over to Officers Johnson, Arnold and Milstead, who conveyed it to the 7th precinct station house. Mr. Frye was about forty years of age, and unmarried. He lived near the navy yard.

Dr. Hartigan, assistant coroner, this morning investigated the case, and came to the conclusion to hold no inquest, the cause of death being cerebral apoplexy, caused by dissipation. He ordered the body to be kept until 4 o'clock p.m., and if not claimed by the friends of the deceased, to be buried at the expense of the corporation.