

James E. Griffith

(- 4 Oct 191)

Griffith. Suddenly on October 4, 1910 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. at his residence, 321 G street s.e., James E. Griffith, husband of Sarah J. Griffith (nee Goldsmith). Funeral Friday, October 7 at 2:30 p.m. from Trinity M.E. Church, 5th street and Pennsylvania avenue s.e.

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Two Die in Blast

Third Man Is Injured in Explosion at Navy Yard

Victims Badly Mangled

First Terrific Blast Was Followed by a Second One

New Explosive Is Blamed

No Official Statement Made, But It Is Known Experiments

Were Being Conducted

Two men were killed and one other painfully injured by two fierce explosions in the fuse and prime shop at the Washington navy yard about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

John Cademartori, thirty-eight years old, an Italian whose address was 942 E street northwest, was one of the men killed. James Griffith, fifty-five years old, of 321 G street southeast was the other. Cademartori was badly mangled.

Were Assembling Fuses

Christian Scheide, a workman at the yard, who lives at 915 9th street southeast, was seriously injured.

It was stated at the yard this afternoon by Capt. E.F. Beatty, U.S.N., the commandant, that the three victims of the explosion were engaged in assembling fuses for the major caliber guns. He could advance no theory to account for the accident.

One of the employes of the yard declared positively, however, that just before the explosion the three men had been engaged in experimenting with a new explosive. This employe insisted that these experiments had been going on for some time under the direction of a workman from the plant of the du Pont Powder Company at Wilmington, Del.

Died at the Hospital