

Adam Grinder

(- 24 Nov 1873)

Grinder. On the 24th inst., after a short illness, Adam Grinder in the 57th year of his age. Funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 1112 1st street east between L and M south on Thursday, 27th inst. at 2 1/2 o'clock. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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Locals

Mr. Adam Grinder, the well-known and respected brick maker, died yesterday morning at his late residence, near the Virginia avenue bridge, in the 56th year of his age.

The Evening Star, February 24, 1874

A Contested Will Case

Today, in the Circuit Court, Judge Carter, the case of Grinder et al., agt. Grinder, was called, Mr. J.E. Norris for plaintiff, and Judges Moore and Paschal for defendant. The case comes up on issues from the Probate Court, on the will of the late Adam Grinder, who died a few months ago, as to whether the testator was at the time of executing the will capable of making a valid deed or contract. It will be recollected that deceased was a brick-maker in the southern part of the city, and left considerable property in that section, and after his death several papers, purporting to be his last will were propounded in the Orphans' Court, dated respectively March 23d, 1865, February 3d, 1870, and December 28th, 1871. One of these alleged wills leaves his estate, personal and real, to the widow absolutely, the second bequeathes to her the personal property and a life estate in the real estate, and the third bequeathes the estate to the widow, two brothers, and a nephew. The object of this suit is to act aside the last will, on the ground that he was at the time incapacitated from making a valid will by reason of intemperance. A large number of witnesses were sworn on both sides on this point.

The Evening Star, October 3, 1859

Horrible Affair

Saturday evening about 8 1/2 o'clock a.m., an affair occurred at the shop of Wm. Grinder, near Lambell's brick yard, between Adam Grinder, brick-maker, brother of William Grinder and Thomas Martin, which resulted in the very dangerous wounding of the latter by Adam Grinder. The wound was inflicted with a knife about the stomach and is several inches in length, also wounding the entrails, which protruded from the wound. Drs. Dove, Boyle and Coombe were soon on the spot and administered chloroform, and then proceeded to replace the entrails and sew up the gashes. Notwithstanding, the effect of the chloroform, the pain at times was so intense as partially to arouse the sufferer. His recovery is possible, but it is feared that death will ensue. A Captain Goddard and Lieutenant McHenry went to the place as soon as they heard of the affair, but Grinder had left and could not be found by the officers. It is supposed he has left the city.

Goddard took the following affidavit of Mr. Joseph Z. Williams, which more fully explains the affair:

On this 1st day of October, A.D. 1859, before me a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph Z. Williams, and made oath in due form of law, that he was present at the shop of Wm. Grinder on the evening of the 1st of October, about 6 1/2 o'clock p.m. that angry words passed between Adam Grinder and Thomas Martin, when they both agreed to have done

with said angry words, but still continued to talk. When about three feet apart, Adam Grinder called Martin "a son of a b---h,". Martin replied, "You are a son of a b--h" or "a damned Dutch son of a b---h," one or the other. Then Grinder said, "come to me," and began to shove his shoes off. Martin replied "I am now where I was when I said it." Grinder then made towards Martin, they made several passes towards each other which hit first I can't tell. Martin said, "you have got a knife." Grinder muttered something, and Martin said, "am killed, take me home!" Someone assisted Martin to his steps, and Wm. Grinder came out of his shop and Adam went in with him. They both seemed to have been drinking and in liquor. They were friends previous to this affair.