

Walter Franklin Hamburg

(- 21 Jul 1926)

Hamburg. Wednesday, July 21, 1926, Walter Franklin, beloved son of Alice and John Hamburg, 1350 4-1/2 st. s.w. Notice of funeral later.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God recalls His own.
And bids them leave a world of woe
For an immortal crown?

Is not even death a gain
To those whose life to God was given?
Gladly to earth their eyes they close.
To open them in heaven.
His Parents

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Two Are Drowned In Local Streams

Cripple Loses Life in Rock Creek – Boy Goes Down In C. & O. Canal

Two drownings followed in the wake of the heat wave in the past 24 hours, the body of the second victim, Brooks Turner, colored, 22-year-old cripple, 12 L street, being found in Rock Creek at Twenty-seventh street this morning, when his crutch, protruding from the water, caused an investigation.

The first victim was Walter F. Hamburg, 15 years old, of 1864 Four-and-one-half street, who lost his life while bathing in the C. & O. canal, in the vicinity of Chain Bridge, yesterday afternoon, despite the gallant effort of Robert Garner, a 16-year-old playmate of 412 I steet northeast to save him. Garner was so weakened by his struggles and swallowing water that it was necessary to take him to Georgetown Hospital for treatment. He later was sent home.

Crowd Sees Boy Drown

Hamburg, Garner and Herbert Taylor, 16, of 1117 Four-and-one-half street, were members of a party of boys and girls who were on a hike from Hoover playground. The three entered the canal, while the others were eating, it was said, and young Hamburg was noticed struggling in the water after humping from a scow. Screams brought the other members of the party rushing to the canal bank, and while the effort was being made to aid their stricken companion, passing motorists were hailed without success.

Hamburg had gone down when an unidentified man, attracted by the commotion, came to the assistance of the boy, but he was unable to recover the body, which later was found by harbor police.