

William L. Hamilton

(- 21 Jun 1904)

Hamilton. Suddenly on Tuesday, June 21, 1904, William L. Hamilton, beloved son of Elizabeth Hamilton in the 22nd year of his age. Funeral Friday, June 24 at 2 o'clock from parents residence at 917 Maryland avenue southwest. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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Workman's Fatal Fall

William L. Hamilton Drops From Fire Escape and Is Killed

A fatal accident occurred yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock on the 13th street side of the building of the Southern Railway Company, in which the victim was an expert rigger, named William L. Hamilton. He was at work assisting in the construction of a fire escape, and fell from the platform at the fourth floor. One side of his head was crushed, and he received the wounds and bruises. He was quickly conveyed to the Emergency Hospital, but he was practically dead when picked up, and the physicians could do nothing to help him.

Hamilton, who was twenty-five years old, lived at 917 Maryland avenue southwest and was employed by A.D. Jones. Yesterday afternoon he was working on the platform, and attempted to get around the front of a ladder that was fastened to the platform with a rope. He slipped or missed his footing in some way, and caught hold of the ladder. For an instant he was swinging in the air, and another man working above him, called to him not to let go. For some unknown reason he was unable to retain his hold on the ladder and fell. His head struck against an iron platform at the first floor, and his almost lifeless body finally reached the sidewalk. Hamilton formerly worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Coroner Nevitt investigated the affair, and gave a certificate of accidental death. The body was removed to Lee's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. His funeral will take place from his late home, on Maryland avenue, probably tomorrow.