

Hezekiah R. Hargrove

(- 6 Feb 1873)

Hargrove. The funeral services of the late H.R. Hargrove will take place at the Congressional Cemetery, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Members of the I.O.O.F. generally are invited to be present.

The Evening Star, February 5, 1873

Condensed Locals

Mr. H.R. Hargrove, who yesterday morning cut the throat of himself, wife, and child, as stated in The Star of last evening, was taken yesterday afternoon to Providence Hospital. The wife and child remain at Mrs. Brown's and will probably recover, as also will Mr. Hargrove.

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The Recent Domestic Tragedy

Death of Mr. Hargrove at Providence Hospital

Mr. H. Randolph Hargrove, who cut his own throat, and attempted to take the lives of his wife and daughter on Tuesday morning (as heretofore stated in THE STAR) died this morning at Providence hospital. Mrs. Hargrove is slowly recovering, and her child is entirely out of danger. It was at first thought that none of the wounds would be fatal, but doubtless during a violent paroxysm of insanity which seized Mr. Hargrove after his bloody work, and which necessitated his being tied, the danger from the wound was aggravated and caused a fatal termination. There is but little doubt that he had for some time past been affected with insanity at intervals, and it is said that his brother, who shot himself shortly after Lee's surrender, was similarly affected. He was a grand-nephew of the late John Randolph of Roanoke, and formerly was a well-to-do planter in Nelson county, Va., but by the war was reduced in circumstances. The coroner did not deem an inquest necessary, as it was well known that death was caused by injuries inflicted by his own hand. The remains have been taken in charge by the order of Odd Fellows, by whom they will be interred.

The Evening Star, February 13, 1872

Mrs. Hargrove, the unfortunate lady who was cut across her throat by her husband while he was laboring under temporary insanity not long since, still lies in a very critical condition; but the child is out of danger.

The Evening Star, March 19, 1873

Obituary

Hargrove. Departed this life on the 6th February, 1873, in Washington, D.C., H. Randolph Hargrove, Esq., in the 53d year of his age. We deeply mourn his loss, and mingle our sorrow with his bereaved family. He had led an exemplary life--faithful, kind, and friendly to all.

None knew him but to love him.

A kind, devoted husband, and an indulgent father, and, until his mind was saddened by losses and clouded by misfortune, he was a useful citizen. The great desire to see his children reared above want, when oppressed by the overwhelming despair at not attaining the fruition of his hopes, his noble spirit swerved to aberration of mind, and no longer possessed with consciousness, the once fond hand sought

its cunning in a tragic act on those far dearer to him than life. The fond wife of his bosom, who had clung, as the ivy to the oak, in all the vicissitudes of life, little thought of such a sad future. How painfully true--

In sad lamentations we pause on life's changes
Forever rest in peace, my friend, which earth can never know
Not hearing e'en the burning sigh of the pale mourner's woe

Whereas in the Divine Providence of an All-wise God, we, the undersigned citizens of Nelson county, Va., who knew the late H.R. Hargrove and his family for many years, deeply regret his untimely death; we tender to his widow and children our profound sympathy in their great affliction and irreparable loss.

[Signed]--Alexander Brown; John F. Hix, late sheriff Nelson; W.M. Hill, clerk courts Nelson county; S.H. Loving, late clerk Nelson county; Thomas P. Fitzpatrick, Virginia senate; John H. McCue, judge of Nelson; J. Thompson Brown, Miles T. Shipman, Edmund Withers, rector 1st church; A.M. Stratton, Paul Stratton.