

## Frank B. Havens, Jr. ( - 25 Jan 1915)

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**Havens.** Suddenly on Monday, January 25, 1915, Frank B. Havens, Jr., beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Havens. Funeral strictly private, from his late residence, 1203 Euclid st. n.w., Wednesday, January 27 at 2 p.m.

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### **Dispute Over a Rifle Causes Injury to Boy**

#### **Fourteen-Year Old Frank Havens of 1203 Euclid Street May Die of Blow From Bar**

A boyish dispute about the possession of a rusty rifle yesterday afternoon ended in the serious and perhaps fatal injury to Frank Havens, jr., fourteen years old, and the arrest of William Hampton Davis, a companion, twelve years old. The trouble between the boys occurred near the greenhouse of A. Gude, Good Hope road, Anacostia, shortly after 3 o'clock. A short iron bar was the weapon used by Davis, and the one blow he inflicted fractured Havens' skull.

The wounded boy was taken to Casualty Hospital by Dr. Thomas D. Mudd. He was unconscious and in a critical condition, and Drs. William P. Reeves and Joseph D. Rogers performed an operation. Sometime after the operation was performed it was said at the hospital that the patient's condition was extremely critical.

#### *Boys Went to Anacostia*

It appears that Havens left his home, at 1203 Euclid street northwest, yesterday and accompanied Davis, whose home is at 1100 Euclid street, to Anacostia, where, the police were told, Davis kept a cheap rifle. The rusty instrument was loaned Havens, it is stated, and when Davis requested its return, Davis stated, his companion not only refused to surrender it, but threatened to shoot him.

Davis stated that he picked up the piece of iron bar and struck Havens. He declared he did not mean to injure him, however, and was surprised when his companion fell. Procuring water, Davis bathed his companion's head and tried his best to restore consciousness, and when he realized his efforts were futile he summoned assistance and started homeward.

Policeman Dent went in pursuit of young Davis and overtook him on Anacostia bridge. He took charge of him and escorted him to the eleventh precinct police station, where a formal charge of assault was preferred against him.

Mrs. Davis, informed of what had happened, hurried to the police station to see her child, while the wounded boy's relatives hurried to the hospital to see him.

Mr. Davis, who formerly resided in Richmondville, N.Y., is in the employ of a coal firm in this city. Havens' father, the police were told, is dead.