

George W. Heinline

(- 3 Aug 1875)

Heinline. At 3 o'clock, August 3, 1875, George W. Heinline, aged 34 years. The funeral will take place from his father's residence, No. 1107 O street southeast on Thursday afternoon, August 5 at 4 1/2 o'clock. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

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Serious and Probably Fatal Accident

Two Men Buried Under a Bank of Falling Earth

This morning the residents of 11th street east, near the navy yard bridge, were thrown into a state of excitement, in consequence of the caving in of a bank of earth on that street, between M and N streets south, and the covering up of two young men. It appears that Mr. George Heinline, aged about 25 years, and Robert Padgett, aged 18, were engaged in getting out the gravel to fill in at the north end of the new bridge, when the earth above the bank being fully 15 feet in height gave way, and in a moment they were buried to the depth of three feet or over. The neighbors and persons who were in the vicinity went to work with a will, and in a short time the men were taken out. Mr. Heinline was at once removed to his residence in an insensible condition, and Drs. E.A. Adams, A.W. Miller, and S.A.H. McKim were called in. They found that his right leg was badly bruised and his left leg near the hip had sustained a compound comminuted fracture, and that he was also badly hurt about the chest and is supposed to have been seriously injured internally. The physicians did what they could for his relief and decided that it was best to send him to Providence Hospital, which was done, and he is there under the attendance of Drs. Ford, Beale and others. Probably no more serious wound has ever been admitted into the hospital, as the bones were protruding through the flesh, and there is no hope whatever of saving the limb, and but little of the patient's recovery.

Young Padgett was taken to his residence on L street, between 8th and 9th and attended by Drs. Roberts and Adams. He sustained a fracture of one leg, above the ankle, and dislocated the other ankle, and also received a cut on the head. At noon he was almost insensible from pain, but the physicians think that he is in no danger.

There are a number of rumors as to the cause of the accident, and it is claimed by some that while these parties were at work beneath the bank others were at work on the top, and their hammering caused the earth to fall. This, however, cannot be traced to a reliable source. It is probable that the moist weather of the last few days led to a loosening of the bank with such serious consequences.