

John Herke

(1865 – 2 Sep 1900)

Herke. On Sunday, September 2, 1900, John Herke. Funeral today (Monday) at 4 p.m. from his late residence, 1229 E street southeast.

Herke. The remains of John Herke will be removed from the receiving vault at Congressional cemetery, Saturday, September 8 at 4 o'clock.

The Washington Post, September 2, 1900, p. 8

Broke Up The Furniture

John Herke in a Critical Condition as a Result of Drink

John Herke, a cooper, who for some time past has been employed by the National Capital Brewing Company, is lying in a critical condition at the Washington Asylum Hospital, having been taken violently ill at his home, 1229 E street southeast, about 7:30 o'clock last evening. Herke had been drinking very heavily for the past month or so, it is said, and remained home from work yesterday on account of his condition. About 7 o'clock he arose from a couch where he had been resting, and without a word of warning began breaking up the dishes and household goods.

Mrs. Herke and the children became frightened, and, running out, summoned several neighbors. Officer Wall was among those responding to the call. Herke, who is a big, strong man of thirty-five years, managed to throw three or four men about him, but he was soon subdued, and the Fifth Precinct patrol wagon was called to the house. Officer Van Sant, with two of the neighbors, accompanied him to the Washington Asylum Hospital, and when he reached there he was in a state of collapse. The physician in charge worked on the patient and managed to bring his temperature down from 108 to nearly its normal state. At an early hour this morning they were still giving him every attention, but fears are entertained for his recovery.

The Evening Star, September 3, 1900, p. 10

Inquest Unnecessary

John Herke, 35 years old, whose home is at 1229 E street southeast, was taken to the Washington Asylum Hospital Saturday night for treatment. The doctors found his condition to be serious when he reached the hospital. He died yesterday, and his body was removed to his late home, from where the funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock. As death resulted from natural causes, an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

DC select deaths & burials gives John Herke born 1865 in Germany, died 2 Sep 1900

City Directory, 1892 gives residence as 1211 E SE, occupation brewer

City Directory, 1893 gives residence as 1211 E SE, occupation Cooper

City Directory, 1894 gives residence as 1229 E SE, occupation Cooper

City Directory, 1900 gives residence as 1229 E SE, occupation Cooper

City Directory, 1902 gives Helen Herke [his wife?] residence 524-1/2 14th SE, occupation domestic

1900 Census gives:

John W Herke, Head, born May 1857, 43 yrs, married 10 years, naturalized 1888, Cooper, born Germany

Helena Herke, Wife, born Jan 1868, 32 yrs, married 10 years, 4 children born 3 living, naturalized 1868, born Germany

John Herke, son, born Sep 1892, 7 yrs, born DC

Caroline Herke, daughter, born Aug 1896, 3 yrs., born DC

Josephine Herke, daughter, born Dec 1898, 1 yr., born DC

DC select marriages gives Helen Herke married Fritz Klein 5 Mar 1902, age 33 yrs., born 1869

1910 Census gives:

Fredrick Klein, head, 29 yrs. Married 8 yrs, born Germany, naturalized 1900, Brewer

Helen Klein wife, 40 yrs, Married 8 yrs., born Germany

Helen Klein, daughter 7 yrs., born DC

Philip F. Klein, son, 4 yrs., born DC

Lillian B. Klein, daughter, 3 yrs, born DC

John H. Herke, step-son, 17 yrs., born DC, Messenger

Josephine Herke, step-daughter, 11 yrs, born DC