

William Holford

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Sad Case of Drowning

About 11 o'clock Monday night (Jan. 24) as the Paymaster's Steward of Tallapoosa, Mr. Harry Holford, aged 22 years was with two friends going on board that vessel now lying under the sheeves at the Navy Yard, he fell off the gang plank into the river. Lanterns were at once procured and ropes thrown out, but without avail, as the body did not rise to the surface, but it was found yesterday morning, near the bow, badly cut and bruised. Dr. W.W. Potter, coroner attended with Dr. Todd who made a post mortem examination and the jury rendered a verdict of "accidental drowning." Deceased was formerly a clerk in the War Department and has been in the Naval service about four months. A walnut coffin was made in the joiner's shop for the remains and his funeral took place from the Navy Yard this morning.