

## Victor Lee Howe

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**Howe.** Suddenly at the Casualty Hospital Thursday, September 9, 1909, Victor Lee Howe, aged 15 years, eldest son of Katherine A. and Chester Howe. Funeral services at 1006 Massachusetts avenue northeast, Sunday, September 12 at 2 o'clock p.m. Interment private.

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### **Dies While Under an Anesthetic**

Coroner Nevitt will conduct an inquest at the morgue tomorrow morning into the death of Victor Howe, 15 years of age, who died at Casualty Hospital this afternoon while under an anesthetic. The boy was taken to the hospital for an operation on his arm. His mother lives at 1006 Massachusetts ave.

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### **Find Death Was Accidental**

#### **Coroner's Jury Verdict in Case of Howe Boy**

#### **Lad Died on Hospital Operating Table While Under Influence of an Anesthetic**

"Victor Howe came to his death, at the Casualty Hospital September 9 as the result of accidental chloroform poison." This was the verdict of a coroner's jury at the District morgue yesterday.

Howe, who lived at 919 Massachusetts avenue northeast, was fifteen years of age. While playing with some companions in Lincoln Park about a month ago he fell and injured his right arm. He was treated by a physician at the time, but as the arm did not seem to respond to treatment and there was danger of his being deprived of the use of it, he was taken to Casualty Hospital, where it was decided that an operation was necessary. He died while under the influence of the anesthetic.

Following the testimony of the surgeons and nurse in attendance at the operation, the jury decided that the boy's death resulted from chloroform which, according to the testimony, was administered after the use of ether.

The members of the jury were Samuel M. Darragh, William F. Brooks, James A.K. Moore, C.W. Sparks, F.A. Sheehy and C.G. Thompson.

The deceased was a son of the late Chester Howe, member of the law firm of Wright & Howe, who died eleven months ago. Arrangements had been made to send Victor and his brother Chester to the Staunton, Va., College. They were to have started today and friends had predicted a bright future for the boy whose life ended so suddenly.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from 1006 Massachusetts avenue northeast. Rev. Charles P. Wiles, pastor of Keller Memorial Church, Maryland avenue and 9th street northeast, will officiate. The body will be placed in the receiving vault at Congressional cemetery and will later be taken to Oklahoma for burial.