

## John Jenkins

( - 9 Mar 1896)

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**Jenkins.** Departed this life on March 9, 1896, Charles E, beloved son of the late Lambert and Elizabeth Jenkins. Funeral from his late residence, 1103 9th street southeast on Thursday, March 12 at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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### **Crushed By The Cars**

#### **A Young Man Instantly Killed on the Pennsylvania Tracks He Was Crossing the Freight Yard and Got Between the Bumpers on a Switching Coal Train**

John Jenkins, a young white man employed as a wiper in the Pennsylvania railroad round house in South Washington, was crushed and instantly killed about 7 o'clock this morning between some cars in the freight yard. No one saw the accident but the circumstances tell very plainly how it occurred. Jenkins was last seen alive by some of his fellow workmen, who were going to work a few minutes before 7 o'clock. He was cutting across by a short path through the freight yards, and going in the direction of the round house. This, it is said, was at 6:53. At 7:17, some negroes who hang about the coal cars kicking up lumps of coal that fall off saw Jenkins' body caught between the bumpers of two coal cars. He had evidently crossed the track between the two cars, which stood about six feet apart, and the switching engine just then "three" a car onto the track against the few coal cars.

These by the force of this car were thrown suddenly back, and Jenkins, not knowing the engine was on that track, was caught instantly and the life crushed out of him. His body was not mangled and outwardly there were no bruises. His chest was crushed in and the internal organs ruptured. The round house men called the Emergency Hospital ambulance and the body was removed in it. Jenkins was unmarried and lived with his sister, who also works for the Pennsylvania road as a car cleaner in the same car yards where the young man was killed. He was a steady, hard-working young fellow and had been employed in the round house for a year past.