John Warren Jones

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Body of Missing Boy Is Found In The River

Companion of John Warren Jones Gives Tip Leading to Recovery

Search instituted Saturday night for John Warren Jones eight years old, who disappeared from his home, 813 G street southwest, about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, ended this morning about 8:15 o'clock, when his body was found in the river at the foot of 8th street southwest.

Yesterday morning the police were told that the missing boy was last seen on the oyster wharf, at the foot of 11th street. The crew of the police boat dragged near the spot. While it was at work a cousin of the missing boy declared he had seen the latter at a moving picture theater on 7th street Saturday night.

So positive was the cousin that he had seen Jones that the police abandoned their search at the oyster wharf. Last night, Wilbur Miller, a companion, of Jones, who resides near 6th and K streets southwest, told the police that he was with Jones on the wharf at the foot of 8th street Saturday afternoon.

Statement of Miller

"I saw him go out on the wharf," Miller stated, "and when he didn't come back I went home."

The boy probably was too badly frightened to say anything about the disappearance. This morning the crew of the police boat went to the 8th street wharf, John Gross, one of the crew, dropped the grappling hooks at the point designated by Miller as the place where he had last seen Jones, and his first effort to recover the body proved successful.

The body was taken to the morgue Coroner Nevitt made an investigation and gave a certificate of accidental death. An undertaker later took the body from the morgue and prepared it for burial. John W. Jones, father of the boy, died several years ago.