

James Crailin Laurie (- 11 Dec 1892)

Laurie. On December 11, 1892, at 6:30 a.m., James Crailin Laurie, aged 43, beloved husband of Ida M. Laurie and grandson of the late Rev. Dr. Laurie.

Past his suffering, past his pain,
Cease to weep, for tears are vain.
Calm the tumult of thy breast,
For he who suffered is at rest.

Funeral from his late residence, 153 N street southeast, Tuesday, December 14 at 3 p.m. Friends and relatives respectfully invited.

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Another Victim

James Laurie Dies From Injuries He Received When Struck By a Train

James Laurie, the steamfitter who was struck by a train on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad on the grade crossing at New Jersey avenue the day before Thanksgiving, died at Providence Hospital at an early hour yesterday morning. The deceased was forty-three years old and had lived in the city all his life, and would in all probability have been alive today had the tracks been depressed or the grade crossings abolished in some other way.

On the day of the accident he was at work as usual and was on his way across Virginia avenue when a passing train struck and horribly injured his arms and legs. In that pitiable condition he was removed to Providence Hospital, where it was thought he would live but a short time, but under the good treatment he received he seemed to improve for a while. Then a change for the worse came and death ensued.

Although he died early yesterday morning his death was not made known to the coroner until a Star reporter gave the information today.

In the meanwhile, Dr. Hall, the resident physician at the hospital, gave a certificate of death and the body was removed to the late home of the deceased on N street southwest.

During the day Lieut. McCathran of the fifth police precinct notified, the coroner of the sad ending of Mr. Laurie, and the coroner will investigate the case this afternoon. It is likely that an inquest will be held tomorrow.

A burial permit has been issued for the interment of the deceased in Congressional cemetery on Wednesday.

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James Laurie's Death

A Coroner's Inquest Being Held to Determine the Responsibility

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Coroner Patterson held an inquest at the fifth precinct station to fix the responsibility for the death of James Laurie, whose death resulted from being struck on the New Jersey avenue grade crossing the day before Thanksgiving, as published in yesterday's Star.

The jury viewed the body at the house and then assembled in the police station and heard the testimony.

Lawyers Charles Maurice Smith and George W. Albright were present as representatives of the widow and children of the deceased, who they stated are in sad circumstances.

The watchman who is now on duty at this crossing, it was stated, was given his position after he had been struck by a train and injured.

Watchman Griffis' Testimony

The first witness examined was Charles Griffis, watchman at the New Jersey avenue crossing. He testified that he was on duty at the time of the accident. Conductor Collins was shifting passenger cars about 11 o'clock in the morning and the crossing was blocked about two minutes. The conductor cut the train in two, leaving an opening, and two gentlemen attempted to cross, going south, one in advance of the other. The one who started over first stopped in the middle of the north-bound track. He stepped backward and then forward and train No. 50 struck him. The witness was giving his testimony when the report closed.