

William J. Lee

(- 20 May 1911)

Lee. Suddenly on Saturday, May 20, 1911, William J. Lee, beloved son of Alice V. Lee. Funeral strictly private.

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His Death Sudden

Coroner to Ascertain the Cause of William J. Lee's Demise

An autopsy will probably be held at the District morgue today by Deputy Coroner White to ascertain the cause of the death of William J. Lee, who died suddenly last evening at his boarding house, 416 5th street northeast.

Mr. Lee was a telegraph operator about thirty-eight years of age. He had occupied a room at the home of William B. Rock for the past two months. Yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock he went home, and while on the pavement in the front of the house he told several children he was ill and that he had suffered a sun stroke. He entered the house and laid down on his bed.

A short time later Mr. Rock arrived at his home. When told that his boarder was ill he went to the room. Dr. G.T. Safford was later called to the house. After administering treatment, he ordered that the ambulance of the Casualty Hospital be summoned to remove Mr. Lee to the hospital. He died, however, before the ambulance arrived. The body was later taken to the morgue.

Mr. Lee had a brother, George Lee, who is a train dispatcher at the Union station. He is said to have been at one time private secretary to a number of government officials. Photographs, including those of Roosevelt and Fairbanks, were found in his room. These he told friends, had been presented to him by those officials.