

William D. Leissler (Jr.)

(- 16 Jul 1910)

Leissler. Suddenly on Saturday, July 16, 1910 at 6:50 p.m., William D. Leissler, Jr., beloved son of William D. and Margaret S. Leissler in his 21st year. Funeral from his parents residence on Tuesday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional cemetery.

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Drowned in Tidal Basin

William D. Leissler, Jr., Meets Tragic Fate

Was Night Clerk at Congress Hall Hotel This City -- Went Bathing With Friend

William D. Leissler, jr., night clerk of Congress Hall Hotel and for about a year proprietor of the cigar stand there, was drowned in the tidal basin shortly before 7 o'clock last night while bathing with Russell Johnson, a friend. The young men went to the basin shortly after 6 o'clock, and, after procuring a boat, decided to take a bath. They had been swimming about for a short time when Leissler called to his companion that he intended to swim to a small motor boat anchored near. A moment later he started, and just as he was about to reach the boat he was seen to suddenly rise in the water and throw up his hands. He sank immediately and did not rise thereafter.

Recovery of Body

The alarm was given at once and the harbor precinct notified. The crew went to the scene and in a short time recovered the body by the aid of grappling hooks.

Leissler was twenty-two years of age. He was the son of William D. Leissler, an employe of the bureau of engraving and printing and president of the Plate Printers' Union. He attended the McKinley Manual Training School until a year ago, when he decided to take charge of the cigar stand at the Congress Hall Hotel. The venture was a successful one, it is said, and some time ago the young man was asked to take the place of night clerk. He was popular and had a wide circle of friends.

The funeral services will in all probability be held at the family residence, 320 South Capitol street, but arrangements have not been completed.