

Henry W. Lord, Jr.

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Drowned in the Potomac

Probable Suicide of a Son of Ex-Congressman Lord

Information was received here today that the body of H.W. Lord, the son of ex-Congressman Lord, and recently a clerk in the Patent office, was found floating in the Potomac by some fishermen. The men were ignorant and towed the body ashore at Currioman, a point near Beall's Landing, about 80 miles down the river, and buried it in the sand at high-water mark. The body was buried just as it was found on Wednesday, and today a colored boy who was with the men came to this city bearing a card taken from the clothing of the dead man with his name and address. It is supposed that he jumped from one of the river steamers some time between Sunday and Wednesday with the intention of committing suicide. An acquaintance met him on the Norfolk boat on Friday last, and he said then that he had that morning just come up from Norfolk. He had been drinking heavily since losing his place in the Patent office, and had evidently determined to take his own life. It was stated to a Star reporter that he had written to a friend in the Patent office declaring his intention to drown himself in the Potomac, but the person to whom such a letter was addressed could not be found.

Mr. Lord was a man 35 years of age, and came to this city about the time his father did, who represented the 1st Michigan district in the last Congress. He secured the place in the Patent Office where he has since been. He had a pleasing address and courteous manners, in this particulars greatly resembling his father.

The president of the Michigan Republican Association, Mr. B.A. Harlan, will leave tomorrow morning with an undertaker and remove the remains to this city. The mother of the deceased, who lives in Detroit, has been informed. His father, who was recently appointed receiver of the land office at Devils Lake, Dakota, is at his new post.

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The Late H.A. Lord, Jr.

The remains of Mr. H.A. Lord, jr., which were found on the beach near King Capsico landing, Virginia, on Wednesday last, as stated in The Star, were brought to this city yesterday in charge of Mr. B.A. Harlan and Mr. Zurhorst, the undertaker. The body was so much decomposed that it could hardly be identified. The body was taken to the Congressional cemetery and temporarily placed in a vault.