

Millard Fillmore Martin

(- 4 Jan 1908)

Martin. Suddenly on Saturday, January 4, 1908, Millard Fillmore Martin, son of the late Joseph S. and Sarah A.P. Martin. Funeral will take place from the residence of his brother-in-law, William M. Hodges, 476 O street northwest, Monday, January 6 at 2:30 p.m. (Catawisan and Altoona, Pa. And Baltimore papers please copy).

Martin. Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M. A special communication of Naval Lodge will be held Monday, January 6, 1908 a 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Millard F. Martin, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon, 4th instant.

By order of the master
John Schulz, Secretary

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Death Comes Instantly

Willard F. Martin Run Down By Express Train

Fatal Accident Occurs Between Langdon and District Line

Coroner Exonerates Trainmen

Willard F. Martin, a local insurance agent, was instantly killed between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a fast New York express train on its way north. He was run down between Langdon and the District line.

The accident occurred about one-fourth of a mile north of Langdon, and the unfortunate man was dragged fully two hundred feet before his body was picked up by the train crew and citizens. It was discovered to be in a badly mangled condition.

At the time of his death Martin was employed as a special solicitor by the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, whose local office is located at 1423 G street. The man was on his way to deliver insurance policies to a number of residents in the vicinity of Langdon. It is presumed he chose to walk along the railroad in order to avoid a long detour by street, and was so unfortunate as to be struck by the train, as stated.

Immediately after the accident he remains were taken in charge by Policeman Schulze of the ninth precinct, and the coroner was notified. Later, the body was removed to the morgue, where it was viewed by Coroner Nevitt, and after he circumstances surrounding the death were inquired into, a certificate of accidental death was issued.

Statement by His Associates

According to his associates Martin left his office yesterday morning with the remark that he would not be back until late in the afternoon, as he proposed to go to Langdon after attending to some minor business in the vicinity of his office. That was the last seen of him until his remains were identified near the scene of he accident. Policeman Schultze, with the assistance of several citizens, carried the body of Martin into Langdon, and took it to the grocery store of E.C. Chaney, where it was held until its removal to the morgue.

The identification was made shortly after the accident, by the unfortunate man's business associates.

Mr. Martin was fifty-two years of age, and made his home with a sister, Mrs. Julia E. Hodges, 476 O street northwest, where he has lived for the past several years. Besides the sister mentioned, three brothers, all of Washington -- Joseph, Robert and John Martin -- and three children -- Clara, who lived with her father at the O street residence, and a married son and daughter -- survive him.

Native of Baltimore

Mr. Martin came to Washington from Baltimore, where he was born, when but a small boy. He received the principal part of his education in the local schools, and was for many years engaged in the retail oil business in the southeastern section of the city, living for many years at 524 7th street southeast.

Five years ago Mr. Martin disposed of his oil business and accepted the position of special solicitor with the insurance company mentioned, in which work he gained an enviable reputation. He was widely known, and his sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends.

The body was removed from the morgue last night to an undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial. The funeral will probably take place Monday afternoon, with the interment in the Congressional cemetery. The dead man was a member of long standing of Naval Lodge No. 4, F.A.A.M., and was also a Knight Templar.

V.T. Green of Baltimore, engineer; A.T. Rubezch, Baltimore, fireman, and C.T. Allen, Baltimore, conductor, were in charge of the train which ran down the unfortunate man. All three were exonerated from blame in connection with the death.