

William T. McCathran

(- 21 May 1871)

McCathran. On the 21st May, William T. McCathran, aged 22 years. Funeral will take place on Tuesday at 3 o'clock p.m. from the residence of his father, corner of 8th and B streets north.

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Sad Case of Drowning

Yesterday M. Joseph Weaver and son, Wm. McCathran and J. Miller, in a sailboat, visited Alexandria to look at the ruins of the late fire. About 6 o'clock p.m. they had nearly reached the wharf, near the Navy Yard bridge, on their return, when by some means the boat capsized. Mr. Miller at once swam ashore, but the others were caught beneath the boat and sails. Mr. John D. Brandt and Frank Cole, who were in a boat near by, at once went to their rescue and saved the lives of Mr. Weaver and his son, but at the time could not find McCathran. The body was soon afterwards recovered, however, and efforts were made to resuscitate it, but they were unsuccessful. The remains were taken to the residence of his parents, at the corner of 8th and B streets, S.E. He was a young man, about 22 years old, with many good traits of character, and was employed as a clerk in the store of P.P. Little & Co.