

Walter Ogilvie

(1831 - 17 Jan 1873)

Ogilvie. Suddenly, on the morning of the 17th inst., at his residence, on Capitol Hill, Walter Ogilvie, in the 40th year of his age. Funeral notice hereafter.

The Evening Star, January 17, 1873

Sudden Death of Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, From an Overdose of Morphia

This morning, about 5 o'clock, Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, the well known photographer, died at his residence, No. 27 A street southeast, from the effects of an overdose of morphia. Mr. O. has of late complained of restlessness, and a few days ago he told Dr. McCoy that he thought he would take morphia to quiet his nerves. Dr. McCoy advised him not to take it, that it was dangerous; and it is believed he followed the doctor's advice at that time. Last evening he appeared more restless than usual, and told his wife that he intended to take some of the drug; but she had no suspicion that he did so until she was awakened this morning by his labored breathing. This was about 4 1/2 o'clock, and Mrs. O, becoming alarmed sent after Dr. McCoy, who promptly obeyed the call, and found Mr. Ogilvie in a comatose state, and in a few moments he breathed his last. On a small table near the bed was found a vial containing about 23 grains of morphia, over one half -- 25 or more grains-- having been taken. This morning it was ascertained that he had purchased the drug at the neighboring establishment of Jones & Co., last evening, and it is supposed that he took it about 10 o'clock, directly after retiring to bed. The deceased was about 40 years of age, a native of Scotland, and was for some years in the United States coast survey. A few years back he was in the book business -- a member of the firm of French, Langran & Ogilvie -- and lately has been in the photograph business on Pennsylvania avenue, near 9th street. He leaves a widow and two children. He was a man of many excellent qualities, and a favorite among his acquaintances. The police notified the coroner -- Dr. Patterson -- who this morning, on hearing the statements of the widow and Dr. McCoy, decided that there was no necessity for an inquest.

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O'GILVIE, WALTER

Engraver born in Scotland in 1831 and active in Washington, DC, from 1860-1873. He died in Washington, DC, in 1873. REFS: CENSUS (1860); PROVINE.