

Frank D. Pistorio

(- 22 Feb 1894)

Pistorio. Suddenly, F.D. Pistorio, eldest son of the late Nicholas Pistorio, at 2:10 o'clock p.m., February 22, 1894. Funeral from his late residence, No. 618 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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Pistorio Dropped Dead

The Well-Known Musician Has a Fatal Hemorrhage

The Blood Gushed From His Mouth and He Fell as He Was Entering the Theater

Frank Pistorio, a well-known musician and for eight years leader of the orchestra at Harris' Bijou Theater, as stated elsewhere in The Star, fell in front of the stage entrance to the theater, on C street, this afternoon about 2 o'clock, overcome by a hemorrhage, and expired in a few moments. Deceased was one of the best known musicians of the city and was grand master of the Musical Union, K. of L. He was also a member of Lodge 15, B. and P. Order of Elks. His brother John, a member of the orchestra, was upstairs and hurried to his brother's side when he heard of the occurrence. He died in his arms.

The death was sensational in its character.

The musicians were on their way to the theater to play at the matinee. All of them had gone upstairs but the deceased. The stage carpenter, Louis Boyd, had just come downstairs to call the stage hands, when he met Frank. His face was deathly pale; and while he was speaking to him a stream of blood burst from his nose and mouth. He tottered a moment and fell into Boyd's arms, exclaiming: " I am dying, Louise; send for a doctor and take me home."

He was carried inside the stage entrance and messengers hurriedly summoned for the ambulance and a doctor.

Officer Herndon was passing at the time and rang for medical assistance. Dr. Graham answered the summons. He administered hypodermic injections of whisky, but to no avail.

Deceased was in the best of spirits just before his death and told Lew Newmeyer, a brother Elk, that he felt very well.

The hemorrhage came from the lungs and the crimson fluid dyed the surroundings. In life he had been a consumptive, and subject to attacks of this kind. The last one occurred last summer while he was playing at Riverside Park, and it left him so weak that his life was despaired of.

The body was removed to Harvey's undertaking establishment and later removed to his home, 618 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. He leaves a wife and daughter aged sixteen.

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Frank Pistorio's Funeral

The funeral of the late Frank D. Pistorio will take place from the family residence, 618 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The remains will be placed temporarily in a vault at Congressional cemetery until the arrival of his sister, Mrs. W.R. Reynolds, who is now on her way from the west.

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Frank Pistorio Buried

**Funeral Services Attended Yesterday
by Delegations From Various Bodies**

The funeral services over the remains of the late Frank D. Pistorio were held yesterday afternoon at the late residence, 618 Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Delegations from the order of Elks, of the Lone Star Society and of the Capital Beneficial Association, of which organizations the deceased was a member, were in attendance, as well as many friends of the family. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Rev. Gilbert F. Williams, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, officiated, and made a short address.

The service of the Order of Elks was read, John Maxwell having charge, and being assisted by Thomas J. King, E.B. Hay, J. Cooper McGinn and others.

As the casket was being taken to the hearse the members of the orchestra formerly directed by the deceased played "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The body was placed temporarily in a vault in Congressional Cemetery, to be eventually interred in Mount Olivet Cemetery, alongside of the bodies of the father and mother of the deceased. The pall-bearers were Gordon, Don Harris, John Esputa, Louis Brooks, Richard A. O'Brien, Charles King, Lewis Newmeyer, Frank Davis and S.L. Daw, being representatives of the various organizations of which the deceased was a member.