

Lee Pitchlynn (- 6 Apr 1936)

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Collision Causes Death

Horse Runaway Accident in the Grounds of the Soldiers Home

Miss Sophie Green the Victim--Her Skull Crushed--

Four Other Persons Injured

A horse attached to a two-seated vehicle ran away and caused the death of Miss Sophie Green in the Soldiers' Home grounds about 9 o'clock last night. In addition, several persons were injured but none of them fatally. At the time the accident occurred Mr. Nicholas Auth, Mr. G. Barber Smith and Mr. George Loffler happened to be in the grounds and rendered valuable assistance to the victims.

Miss Gheen, the young lady who was killed, lived in Baltimore at No. 604 Arlington avenue. She was a daughter of the late Enos Gheen and niece of Mr. B.W. Gheen of this city, residing at No. 1101 9th street northwest. After spending a couple of weeks at Atlantic City the young lady came to visit her uncle reaching here Monday afternoon. She was a friend of Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, a Treasury Department clerk, lives at No. 1102 8th street. When Mr. Pitchlynn learned of her prospective visit, he arranged to take her out driving, and last evening the plan was carried out. His sister and Miss Ida Tomlinson were invited to go along.

Mr. Pitchlynn left home soon after supper and called for Miss Gheen at her uncle's home, and they started on the pleasure trip. Mr. Pitchlynn experienced no trouble with the spirited animal he was driving until about 9 o'clock, when he was nearing the east gate to leave the grounds.

The Fatal Collision

Because of the dense woods and shrubbery along this hill the road is very dark, and it is utterly impossible to see moving vehicles a few feet instant. It was on this hill that the horse ran away and caused a collision with a buggy in which Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reckeweg of No. 360 O street were seated. The movements of the horse indicated that the harness had become disarranged, and Mr. Pitchlynn got out to make an investigation, handing the reins over to Miss Gheen. Just as the young man alighted from the vehicle the horse showed unmistakable signs of fear, and Miss Gheen became frightened and requested her friend to get back in the carriage. This he did, and immediately the animal dashed off down the hill. Mr. Pitchlynn did all in his power to bring the horse down, and would probably have succeeded before the last gate was reached had it not been that Mr. Reckeweg and his wife were on the road in their buggy, moving toward the west. Because of the darkness, it was impossible to see the buggy, and when a point several hundred feet from the last gate was reached the crash came. The occupants of the two vehicles were thrown to the ground, and those who were not much injured groped about in the darkness looking for their friends. Miss Gheen was put in a vehicle with her friends and hurried to the National Homeopathic Hospital, where Dr. Ayler made an examination. He found her skull badly fractured and expressed the belief that death must have occurred almost the instant her head struck the roadway.

Those Injured

Both Mr. Pitchlynn and his sister were severely shocked, and the doctor kept them at the hospital under treatment. Miss Tomlinson was not so seriously hurt, and was able to return home. Mr. and Mrs. Reckeweg were badly shaken up, but they received no painful wounds or bruises. They were taken to

the house at the east gate and cared for until the police removed them to Garfield Hospital. After being treated at the hospital they returned home.

Miss Gheen's body was removed to Zurhorst's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. It will probably be sent to Baltimore. Miss Tomlinson, who was a member of the party, is a sister to the late Lieut. Arthur Tomlinson, who was killed at Little Rock, Ark., where he went to engage in a competitive drill with the National Fencibles about four years ago.

This morning at the Homeopathic Hospital the physicians said that Mr. & Miss Pitchlynn were doing well.

Pitchlynn. On Monday, April 6, 1936, at his residence, 1104 6th street n.w., Lee, beloved husband of Florence N. Pitchlynn. Funeral from V.L. Speare Co.'s, 1009 H st., N.W. on Wednesday, April 8, at 3 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Pitchlynn. Members of LaFayette Lodge, No. 19, F.A.A.M. are requested to attend a special communication, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 1936, to attend the funeral services of our late brother, Lee Pitchlynn. Services to be held at the V.L. Speare Co. funeral chapel, 1009 H st. n.w., 3 p.m. same date.

Clifford C. McCormick, Master

Pitchlynn. Members of Warren G. Harding, Chapter No. 31, O.E.S., are informed of the death of Brother Lee Pitchlynn and are requested to attend the funeral services on Wednesday, April 8, at 3 p.m., at V.L. Speare Co.'s, 1009 H st. n.w. By direction of the worthy matron.

Bessie W. Franzoni, Secretary.

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Lee Pitchlynn Dead; In Treasury 35 Years

Lee Pitchlynn, 70, for 35 years employed in the Treasury Department and son of Peter Perkins Pitchlynn, who was chief of the Choctaw Indian Nation, died Monday at his home, 1104 Sixth street, after a long illness.

A Mason, he was a member of Almas Temple, Knight Templars and other fraternal organizations.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Florence Duff Pitchlynn, two daughters, Mrs. Caroline Scott and Miss Margaret Pitchlynn, and a sister, Miss Sophie G Pitchlynn, all of Washington.

Funeral services were to be held today at 3 p.m. at the V.L. Speare funeral home, 1009 H street. Burial was to be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Pitchlynn started in the Treasury Department as a messenger and at the time of his death had charge of the supplies for the Treasurer's office, where he was a clerk.