

## Charlotte Prummer

### ( - 12 Sep 1916)

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**Prummer.** On September 12, 1916, Charlotte, beloved daughter of Charles and Rosanna Prummer, aged nine years. Funeral from H.M. Padgett's undertaking parlors, 720 11th street southeast, Saturday, September 16, at 10 a.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

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#### **Charlotte Prummer Drowns**

##### **Six-Year-Old Girl Falls Into River at Great Falls**

Washington police this afternoon received information to the effect that Charlotte Prummer, six-year-old daughter of Charles Prummer of 923-1/2 12<sup>th</sup> street southeast, was drowned shortly afternoon today at Great Falls. She was playing on the rocks at the falls, it is said, when she fell into the water. Her body had not been recovered at a late hour.

Mr. Prummer had today started on his vacation, and had taken his wife and child to Great Falls to fish.

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#### **Drag For Child's Body**

##### **Policemen Fail to Find Charlotte Prummer's Remains at Great Falls**

Policeman Mundie and Watchman Little of the harbor police precinct yesterday afternoon went to Great Falls, Va., and participated in the search for the body of Charlotte Prummer, nine years old, who was drowned there yesterday. Their search proved futile, however, and they stated that dragging the river at the falls was useless. It is thought that the body probably will be recovered some distance below the falls.

Charles Prummer, father of the child, was fishing only a few feet from where his daughter fell overboard. His first intimation of the accident was received when he heard Charlotte's outcry, and, looking down the stream, he saw her being carried away by the swift water.

Many persons who were at the resort witnessed the accident, but were powerless to be of assistance. Some of them reported that they saw the body some distance below where the child fell from the rocks. Mrs. Prummer was on the grounds at the resort and did not witness the drowning.

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#### **Body Of Drowned Child Recovered From River**

##### **Believed That Charlotte Prummer Came to Surface**

##### **As Result of Thunder Clap**

A terrific clap of thunder about 8 o'clock last night is believed to have caused the body of Charlotte Prummer, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prummer of 523-1/2 12<sup>th</sup> street southeast, to come to the surface of the water at Great Falls. The body was recovered at daybreak this morning.

The body was discovered floating in an eddy about 200 yards below the point where the child fell into the falls Tuesday by John Beach, an employe of the Washington and Old Dominion railway. He notified Rev. A.H. Zimmerman, who had been searching for the body for the past three days. Mr. Zimmerman procured a rope and threw it across the chasm to Joseph Gillian. Mr. Gillian tied the rope

to the body, and with William Armstrong, superintendent of Great Falls, Mr. Zimmerman drew it from the water and carried it to the searchlight stand in the park.

*Inquest to Be Held*

Squire John Fowler was notified of the finding of the body and summoned a jury to hold an inquest.

The face of the child was badly bruised, as a result of contact with the rocks in the river during the time she was in the water. The body, however, was well preserved. The point where recovery was made is where fishermen dip for shad and the water is about sixty feet deep.

As soon as the body was recovered a telephone message was sent to the child's father and he left here immediately for Great Falls.