

## W.E. Richardson

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### **Fatal Accident**

Another of those distressing accidents, resulting from the careless handling of firearms, took place yesterday, by which an estimable young man was instantly hurried to another world.

About 6 o'clock yesterday evening, Mr. Richardson, a printer--a nephew of Mr. William Carey Jones--went to the room of his friend, Albert Bargle, and to sport picked up a revolver, knife and single-barreled pistol, and flourishing them in the air advanced upon Mr. Bargle, reciting some mock heroic verses from one of the poets. He elevated the revolver in the direction of Mr. B. who attempted to get hold of it and in so doing the pistol was accidentally exploded, the ball taking effect in Richardson's stomach, and in less than half an hour he was a corpse.

These facts were stated before Justice Donn by Mr. M.C. Watkins, who as present at the time. The most perfect good feeling existed between the two young men, as was proven by the concurrent testimony of Mr. Watkins, Messrs. Charles P. Dimitry, and P.B. Foster.

The young men had made arrangements to lodge at Mr. Fill's, in order that they might be frequently together, and Mr. Richardson had that afternoon left his former residence to occupy a room at Mr. Fills.

Mr. Bargle appeared to be greatly distressed by the calamity and anxiously awaited an examination. He was waited on by Messrs. Ward and Sessford, of the Auxiliary Guard, and went with them to the central guard house, where the examination was held by Justice Donn, W. Lenox, Esq., appearing for Mr. Bargle. The statements of the gentlemen named, two of whom (Messrs. Watkins and Dimitry) were in the room at the time proved that the death was the result of accident and the Justice released Mr. Bargle on his own recognizance to appear at any future examination if one should be deemed necessary.