

John C. Rives, Jr. (1859 – 24 Jun 1885)

Rives. Suddenly, June 24, 1885, John C. Rives, aged 36 years. Funeral Friday, June 26, at 12 m., from No. 811 Jefferson place.

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Sudden Death of Dr. John C. Rives

Yesterday afternoon Dr. John C. Rives was found dead in his room at the Emmet hotel, corner of Delaware avenue and C street. Dr. Rives had been staying at the Emmet for some time and had been in ill health recently, suffering from rheumatism of the heart. He was last seen alive on Tuesday evening, when he retired early, and not making his appearance next day, Mr. O'Brien, the proprietor of the Emmet, became alarmed and sent a servant to the room. Looking over the transom the servant saw Dr. Rives lying on the floor near the foot of the bed. Lieut. Kelly was notified and the room was entered when it was found that the doctor was dead. The body was cold and he had evidently been dead for several hours. His two brothers--Wright and Frank Rives--were sent for and had Mr. W.R. Speare take charge of the body. Dr. Rives was the youngest son of the late John C. Rives, and was born on the Rives estate, in Maryland, in 1859. He studied medicine and graduated, but a severe attack of rheumatism so enfeebled him that he never entered into active practice. His oldest brother, Jefferson Rives, died on C street some years ago in the same manner, being found dead in a bathroom. Dr. Lachlan Tyler assisted the coroner, Dr. Patterson, in an autopsy this morning, and found that there was besides a diseased condition of the heart, deep congestion of the lungs, an inflamed condition of the stomach, and symptoms of Bright's disease. There being no evidence of death from other than natural causes, a certificate for a burial permit was given by the coroner, who decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The death had probably occurred as he was preparing for bed on the night before.