

## John T. Sangston

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**Sangston.** On Friday, March 4, 1898 at 4:30 o'clock p.m., John T. Sangston, in the 23d year of his age. Funeral notice in Monday's Post.

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#### **Inquest Held Today**

#### **A Coroner's Jury Finds Sangston's Death Due to an Accident**

An inquest was held by Coroner Carr at Lee's undertaking establishment at 2 o'clock this afternoon over the remains of Brakeman L.J. Sangston, who was injured while at work in the Baltimore and Potomac yards, on Virginia avenue, Thursday morning, and who died at the Emergency Hospital as a result of his injuries late yesterday afternoon.

The autopsy showed that the dead man's internal injuries were of a very serious nature and the doctors were surprised that he had lived for so long a time. He was twenty-three years old, and was unmarried.

Richard L. Darnell, engineer, who was on the engine at the time of the accident, was the first witness examined. He testified that about 1 o'clock Thursday morning, while the deceased was at work on Virginia avenue, he stepped between the tender and the car to fix a link and pin.

Sangston told witness that he stepped off while the car was in motion. A witness did not see the accident. He said that the engine was barely in motion at the time of the accident and was not going at a fast rate of speed.

Richard M. Fry, conductor of the train, also testified.

The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

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#### **Crushed Between Cars**

#### **A.B. and P. Brakeman Badly Injured at Benning**

T.J. Sangston, a brakeman employed by the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, was badly injured about 1 o'clock this morning by being caught between the tender of a switching engine and a car in the Benning yard, while helping to make up a train. Fortunately for Sangston, he retained consciousness long enough to signal to the engineer to stop, otherwise he would have been crushed to death. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where, this afternoon, his condition was regarded as very critical.