

John E. Sherman

(- 6 Jul 1912)

Sherman. Suddenly, on Saturday, July 6, 1912, at 7:45 p.m., John E. Sherman, only son of the late John Sherman and Mrs. Nellie Sherman Sinclair, aged sixteen years.

His toils are past, his work is done,
And he is fully blest.
He fought the tight, the victory won,
And entered into rest.

Oh, hard it was for us to part
Since tender love had bound the heart.
But the purest and loveliest we know
Are ever the surest, the soonest to go.

Funeral from his late residence, 415 G street southeast, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, thence to St. Peter's Church; requiem high mass will be sung for the repose of his soul. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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John Sherman Drowns While Bathing In River Youth of 16 Years Dives From Scow and Fails to Reappear

John Sherman sixteen years old, who resided at 415 G street southwest and who was employed as clerk in the store of D.N.Walford, cutlery and sporting goods dealer, at 909 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, was drowned in the Eastern branch near the foot of 3d street southeast last night shortly before 3 o'clock.

Soon after he returned from work Sherman and two companions, Ray Smith, 733 5th street southeast, and Edward Kline, 312 Virginia avenue southeast, went to the river for a swim.

His Fatal Plunge

The young man had been at the river front only a short time when Sherman jumped from an old scow into the water, went under and failed to return to the surface. No one can explain the exact cause of the fatality.

It is said that there is deep water in the branch where Sherman went down. There is an old icehouse near there and bathers are in the habit of swimming near it. A number of drownings have occurred in that vicinity.

The police of the fifth and harbor precincts were notified, and the crew of the police boat dragged for the body, recovering it shortly after 9 o'clock. Coroner Nevitt gave permission for its removal to an undertaking establishment. He probably will give a certificate of accidental death. Sherman's father died several years ago, and his mother subsequently married Robert Sinclair.