

Joseph Everett Sherry

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Small Boy Missing; Last Seen At River

Police Fear Everett Sherry Was Drowned in the Eastern Branch

Everett Sherry, eight years old, son of William Sherry of 1312 11th street southeast, failed to return home last night after he had gone out in the afternoon to play. At 9 o'clock last night, his parents becoming alarmed, appealed to the police to search for him.

A brief investigation made by the police of the fifth precinct led to the theory that the missing boy had probably been drowned in the Anacostia river near the north end of the Anacostia bridge and this morning the harbor police began to drag for the body.

The boy the police were told, was seen climbing about the second pier from the north end of the bridge about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a man named Cooper, who was on a houseboat a short distance from the bridge. He did not see what became of him.

During the investigation last night the police were given a boy's cap that was found near where the boy was last seen. It was thought the cap belonged to Everett Sherry, but his mother declared it did not.

When neighbors learned that the little fellow had been reported missing a number of them displayed an active interest in the search and early this morning his companions were about the bridge assisting in the search that was being conducted there.

Everett was barefooted when he left home yesterday afternoon. He wore a blue jacket, black trousers and white cap.

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Lost Boy Is Dead, His Parents Think

Police, However, Have Not Abandoned Hope of Finding Everett Sherry

Where is Everett Sherry?

He is the eight-year-old son of Mr. And Mrs. William Sherry of 1821 11th street southeast, and he has not been seen since Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He went out to play with some of his little friends at that time, and, since he went toward Anacostia bridge, his parents believe he has been drowned.

The people of the neighborhood knew the boy well, and a woman, a friend of the Sherry family, says she knows that Everett got as far as the bridge. Beyond that nothing is known. Even the harbor police, who have been dragging the river, have not answered the hourly questions of the boy's frantic father and mother.

Clue Is Cast Aside

The only clue so far has been a cap found on the bridge. It was an ordinary cap, such as might be worn by any boy, but this clue has been cast aside as worthless, since Mrs. Sherry believes her child had on a white cap with some advertising lettering on it when he left home to play. That cap has not been recovered.

Although the boy was little more than a child he had almost a grown-up acquaintance with the river. He paddled in the water at the shore and sailed about in boats. He was well known to the men who work along the river, especially to the watchman on the bridge, who is a friend of the Sherry family. The watchman, however, has not been able to help solve the mystery.

Believe He Is Dead

Harbor police spent considerable time yesterday looking for Everett, but had to abandon their search temporarily when they learned of the recovery of the body of George W. Collins, near Dixie Landing. It is probable they will go to work searching for Everett Sherry today. Other police in the city have not given up hope that the child is alive, and descriptions of him have been sent out to all precincts.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherry, however, have abandoned hope. They believe their boy would have returned to them if he were alive.

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Last Rites Performed

Funeral of Lad Who Was Drowned in Anacostia River

Rev. William Oscar Roome, pastor of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Anacostia, this afternoon officiated at the funeral of Joseph Everett Sherry, the eight-year-old boy who last Friday afternoon disappeared from the vicinity of the north end of Anacostia bridge, and whose body was found in the river yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted at Nalley's chapel at 2 o'clock, and the interment was in Congressional cemetery. Many of the little friends of the boy, who was familiarly known among his companions as "Chic" Sherry, were in attendance.

Two boys paddling about the river near the foot of 2d street southeast found the body floating in the river. They made it secure near the sewage pumping station, and the harbor police conveyed it to the wharf.

Friday night when the search for the missing boy was instituted the police learned that he was last seen playing near the north end of the Anacostia bridge. They were unable to find anyone who had seen him later, and the conclusion was reached that he had been drowned.

Harbor police dragged the river for the body, but the heavy rain Friday night, it is thought, washed the body down stream. The mother of the missing boy believed there was a possibility that he still was alive, and late yesterday afternoon when she learned of the recovery of the body she collapsed.

A certificate of accidental death was given by the coroner.