

Harry M. Siggers

(- 7 Aug 1893)

Siggers. Suddenly on August 7, 1893 at 5 p.m. at the residence of his father, 808 East Capitol street, Harry M., youngest son of George Siggers in the 22d year of his age. Funeral Thursday morning, August 10 at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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Harry Siggers' Death

It Resulted from an Overdose of Morphia

Harry M. Siggers, the youngest son of George Siggers, a rule in the government printing office, died suddenly Monday under circumstances that were thought to be rather curious. Coroner Woodward has made an investigation of the case, and decided that the young man came to his death from an overdose of morphia. Whether or not it was taken with suicidal intent is a matter for conjecture. There was no reason apparent for suicide, but as he was accustomed to the use of the drug it is thought hardly likely that it could have been an accidental overdose, especially as the amount taken was very large.

Young Siggers was employed in the office of C.A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, of which firm his brother is a member. He had been in poor health for some time and on Monday remained home from the office and stayed in his room all day. He did not come down to dinner and when his room was entered he was found lying on the bed, evidently very near to death. A physician was summoned at once, but he could do nothing, and about 5 o'clock death came. On investigation of the case Dr. Woodward found a prescription for morphia which had been given the young man some time ago by a physician when he was suffering from despondency.

An inquiry at the pharmacy developed the fact that the prescription had been refilled more than a score of times, as there is no law in the District to prevent the refilling of such a dangerous prescription any number of times. The family did not know that the young man was a victim of the morphine habit. The coroner gave a death certificate in accordance with the facts. The deceased was in his 22nd year. He was unmarried and lived with his family at 808 East Capitol street.

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Regret for Mr. Siggers

At a special meeting of the class of '90, Washington High School, held last evening, to take action concerning the death of Harry M. Siggers, resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing profound sorrow and testifying to appreciation of the dead man's many admirable qualities of head and heart. Also the resolutions state that during the three years of association in the High School abundant opportunity was given to become impressed with the high ideals toward which the deceased was striving. The resolutions are signed by Tenney Ross, Wm. M. Wilson, B. Bruce Banks, J.M. Chamberlin, S. Carroll Ford, Florence C. Mortimer, E.S. Duvall, jur., and Carrie H. Smith.