

Albert L. Smith (- 17 Jun 1903)

Smith. Suddenly on Wednesday, June 17, 1903 at 3 o'clock, Alfred Leon Smith aged 7 years and 7 months, son of George Albert & Estelle Smith. Funeral from his late residence, 741 5th street southeast. Friday, June 19 at 3 o'clock p.m. (Baltimore papers please copy).

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Leon Smith Drowned

Lad Loses His Life in the Potomac Yesterday

Leon Smith lost his life in the Potomac at the foot of 4th street southeast yesterday afternoon. He was seven years old and was playing with a number of companions on the wharf of the Smoot Sand Company when he accidentally fell overboard. His companions at once called for assistance and Guy Howard succeeded in getting the drowning boy ashore before life was extinct, but the lad stopped breathing soon afterward. Dr. Owens was summoned from Providence Hospital and worked for a time to restore life without results and the lad was removed to the hospital where artificial means of respiration were resorted to also without avail. Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of accidental death and the body was removed to the home of the boy's parents, 741 5th street southeast from where the funeral will take place.

The police were summoned to the river front and the patrol wagon was used for the purpose of removing the boy to the hospital. It is stated by the police that there was a delay in reaching the hospital caused by a freight train obstructing the crossing. The man on duty at the crossing, knowing that the wagon was on its way to the hospital, stood on the crossing and flagged the train. The police thought the engineer paid but little attention to the flagman, and it was only because of the efficiency of the driver that the wagon and train did not collide.