

## Emory T. Steele

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**Steele.** Suddenly on Wednesday, April 2, 1902, at 3:15 p.m., Emory, the beloved son of Andrew M. and Nettie Steele, aged 8 years and 8 days.

One sweet flower has drooped and faded,  
One sweet, darling voice has fled.  
One fair brow the grave has shaded,  
Little Emory now is dead.

And in this, our deepest sorrow,  
We pray Thee, Eternal One,  
Help us to bow in meek submission  
And say, O God, Thy will be done.

By Mamma and Papa and His Uncle G.E. Steele

Funeral from parents' residence, 1353 K street southeast, Friday, April 4, at 3 o'clock; thence to K Street M.E. Church. Relatives and friends respectfully invited

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### **Boy Loses His Life**

#### **Emory Steele Falls Overboard From Small Boat and Drowns**

Emory Steele, eight years old, was drowned in the Eastern branch near the foot of 13th street southeast about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in sight of a number of people who were unable to assist him. Two of his companions, Henry Glascoe, aged ten years, and John Lynch, eleven years old, were rescued by a colored man named Charles W. Smith. The little boys left their homes on K street southeast and 13th street shortly before 3 o'clock, and went to the river front to play. Shortly after reaching the water's edge they entered a small craft and started to cross the stream to Anacostia. When the boat reached the channel two of the boys were standing, doing their best to get the craft to the shoal water on the Anacostia side. It was leaking, and the boys were making an effort to keep their feet dry, when the small craft suddenly overturned and the three boys were thrown overboard into the cold water.

Screams uttered by the boys were heard by those on the shore, and a colored man named Smith, whose wife assisted him, launched a rowboat and paddled out to the boys. Lynch was able to swim, and he assisted Glascoe in keeping from under the surface of the water. Steele was unable to swim, and he failed to get hold of the boat and went down before Smith could reach the scene of the accident.

Glascoe and Lynch were pulled into the boat. The former grabbed his rescuer by the throat and only released his hold when he fell to the bottom of the boat numb and almost unconscious. Smith's wife ran across the bridge in search of physicians to be prepared in case their services should be necessary. Drs. Pyles and Watson responded, and they reached the shore about the time the colored man arrived with the boys in the boat.

The medical men found the boys in a serious condition, but they were soon partially restored and were sent to their homes, Lynch to 1358 and Glascoe to 1359 K street. An effort was made by Smith to find the body of Steele, but without success.

In a short time the banks of the river were lined with men, women and children, who were watching the searchers for the body of Steele. A number of people participated in the search, among them Elmer

E. Howard, an uncle of the victim, who lives at 1334 11th street southeast. Shortly after dark his efforts were rewarded, and the body of the lad was taken ashore. The dead wagon was sent for, and when the superintendent of the morgue arrived he heard the statements of witnesses and removed the body to the home of the boy's parents. Coroner Nevitt investigated the case this morning and gave a certificate of accidental death.