

Joseph Beck Tait

(- 12 Oct 1898)

Tait. On Wednesday, October 12, 1898, at 6:30 o'clock a.m., of typhoid fever, Joseph Beck Tait, aged 25 years and 9 months, beloved husband of Olive Cavis Tait and grandson of the late Col. James A. Tait. Funeral from his late residence, 101 Maryland avenue northeast, Friday, October 14 at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Funeral private.

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Almost Instantly Killed

Joseph B. Tait, Delirious From Fever, Jumps From Third-Story Window Fatal Leap Taken While Attendants Were Temporarily Out of His Room-- Inquest Unnecessary

Joseph B. Tait, a young married man living at No. 101 Maryland avenue northeast, jumped out of a third-story window at his home to the ground below, a distance of about thirty feet, at 6 o'clock this morning and was almost instantly killed.

The unfortunate man had been ill of typhoid fever for about two weeks and was delirious, and last night was in so serious a condition that his wife and a trained nurse sat up with him. In his delirium he said repeatedly that he wanted to see the moon.

Just before the fatal act was committed Mrs. Tait and the nurse left the room for an instant. The windows in the room, being of heavy plate glass and entirely closed, no fears were felt for his safety.

As soon, however, as Mr. Tait found himself alone, he sprang from his bed and rushed to one of the windows, which he broke with his head, and leaped through. When found, almost immediately afterward, he was lying prostrate at full length on the ground. He was picked up by George Saur, foreman of Truck A, fire department, and carried into the house, but he died before he could be again placed in bed.

The deceased was manager of the bottling department of the Washington Brewing Company. He was 25 years old and leaves a widow and two children. Coroner Carr decided that an inquest was unnecessary.