

Edward Milton Thompson

(- 22 Dec 1917)

Thompson. Suddenly on Saturday, December 22, 1917 at his residence, 615 8th street n.e., Edward Milton, beloved husband of Alice Thompson and father of Ernest and George Thompson. Funeral from his late residence, Wednesday, December 26 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment in Congressional cemetery.

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Edward M. Thompson Killed In Auto Clash

Three Others Injured as Headlights on Road Near Savage, Md, Confuse Driver, It Is Said.

Edward M. Thompson, forty-five years old, who had charge of Lansburgh Brothers' garage, was killed in an automobile accident that happened on the Washington-Baltimore boulevard near Savage, about 9 o'clock Saturday night. Dr. Alexander S. Barge, acting medical inspector in the pension office, living at 420 7th street northeast, received severe injuries, including fractures of three ribs while Dr. J.J. Minson, druggist at 8th and F streets northeast, owner and operator of the car, received slight injuries.

The four occupants of the automobile were returning from Baltimore and were near Savage, when the blinding light on an approaching car made it impossible for Boteler to keep his car to the roadway, and it encountered a fence alongside the road to a bridge that was much narrower than the roadway. It was when the car came to a sudden stop against the fence that Thompson was thrown from the vehicle and his head struck against a post, fracturing his skull and killing him almost instantly.

Dr. Minson and Mr. Boteler escaped with a few cuts and bruises. Dr. Minson this morning stated that he and Boteler were detained at Savage as witnesses, he being released on his promise to appear and Boteler being required to furnish bond.

Dr. Minson said this morning the glaring headlight on an approaching automobile was directly responsible for the accident. On their way from Baltimore to Salvage, he stated, they passed at least thirty automobiles carrying such headlights, and only one or two of them dimmed their lights. Boteler, he said, dimmed the lights on his car as soon as he saw the other car approaching.

Arrangements were made for conducting an inquest at Savage tonight, but Dr. Minson said he understood the hearing had been postponed until after Christmas. Thompson is survived by his wife and five children. Funeral services will be conducted at his late residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.