

John VanHorn (- 2 Dec 1905)

The Evening Star, November 30, 1905

Good Weather for Hunting Sportsmen Out Early and in Large Numbers

With the exception of being a little breezy this morning, the weather proved ideal for the sportsmen who had arranged to go ducking. Reports received from different points on the river were encouraging, and many gunners were out in small boats, or on their way to the river before daybreak. Others went with their dogs to fields near town.

John F. VanHorn fifty-one years old, living at 543 14th street southeast, was one of the many gunners who went out this morning to shoot ducks on the Eastern branch. His son, Chesley Van Horn, was with him, and when their skiff was opposite the workhouse, the son accidentally shot his father into the left shoulder, fracturing his arm. The boy took his father ashore and summoned assistance. The police patrol wagon from the fifth precinct was summoned, and the wounded man was removed to the Washington Asylum Hospital.

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Shot While Hunting John F. VanHorn Dies From Wounds Inflicted By Son

John F. VanHorn, who was accidentally shot in the left shoulder while on the Eastern branch opposite the workhouse in a skiff with his son, Chester VanHorn, as stated in Thursday's Star, died at the Washington Asylum Hospital yesterday. Mr. Van Horn, who was fifty-one years old, was accidentally shot by his son, and it was some minutes before the young man succeeded in getting ashore with his father. Then an ambulance was summoned and the victim of the accident was taken to the hospital.

It is said that the father and son were on the branch for the purpose of shooting ducks, and the charge in the gun was therefore heavier than the ordinary charge of bird shot. Yesterday the patient's condition was such that the surgeons thought an operation was necessary in order to save his life. Mr. VanHorn had never fully recovered from weakness and shock following the accident and had not been in condition to be operated upon. The charge from the gun had fractured his left arm and severed the brachial artery, causing great loss of blood.

Coroner Nevitt visited the hospital yesterday afternoon and made an investigation. He was satisfied that the death of Mr. Van Horn was the result of shock and the wound had been accidentally inflicted. He therefore gave a certificate of accidental death, and the body was removed from the hospital to the late home of the deceased, 543 14th street southeast, by Undertaker Nalley. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at the house and the interment will take place at Congressional cemetery.

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Funeral of John F. VanHorn Services to Be Held Tomorrow -- Interment at Congressional Cemetery

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Mr. Van Horn was fifty-four years of age and was a member of Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15 of Masons, of Columbus Council, National Union, and of the Bookbinders' Union. For the past twenty-five years he had been employed in the government printing office.

His wife, his son, John F. VanHorn, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry C. Bradley of this city and Mrs. Clayton Ickes of Littlestown, Pa., survive him.

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