

John Wesley Vernon

(- 19 Jun 1872)

Vernon. On the 19th inst., John Wesley Vernon, aged 12 years 4 months 14 days. The funeral will take place from the Fifth Baptist Church on D street between 4 1/2 and 6th street s.w. on Sunday the 23d instant at 3 o'clock p.m. which the relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend.

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Sad Case of the Drowning of a Boy

Yesterday afternoon as the Sunday school scholars of the Fifth Baptist Church (Rev. C.C. Meador's) were spending the day at Glymont with their friends, a sad case of drowning occurred. A number of boys went in bathing about 4 o'clock, and one of them, John Vernon (son of Sergeant Charles R. Vernon of the police force) aged about 15 years, was drowned. He attempted to swim to a log floating in the stream, but before he could reach it he cried out and sunk in the water. The boys swimming with him attempted to catch him as he arose to the surface, and one of them caught his hand, but was unable to bear him up, and was compelled to relinquish his grasp, and the waters closed over the head of the drowning boy. When the news was brought to the captain of the Wawaset that the boy had been drowned, he ordered out his men to fish for the body with a dragnet, but their efforts were futile. Mr. Sheckells, proprietor came upon the mail boat and procured grappling irons with which to rescue the body. The unfortunate lad was a general favorite with his classmates and teachers, and in the examination of his school, which will take place this morning, he was expected to take prizes and give credit to his teacher. A large crowd had assembled at the wharf before the boat had arrived to learn the particulars of the accident, and to ascertain whether the body had been recovered. The mail steamer brought up the first news of the accident about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The body was recovered this morning at 10 o'clock, and arrived at the wharf at 1 o'clock this afternoon on board the steamer Wawaset.

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The Funeral of young Vernon, (son of police officer Vernon) who was drowned at Glymont last Wednesday, as stated in the STAR of Thursday last, took place yesterday afternoon from the Fifth Baptist Church, Rev. C.C. Meador officiating. The funeral was attended by the Sabbath school of that church, and by Eagle, Phoenix and Heber Tents of the Junior Order of Rechabites. The remains were interred in the Congressional Cemetery.