

Norval A. Watkins

(- 1 Nov 1913)

Watkins. Suddenly on November 1, 1913 at Baltimore, Md., Norval A., son of G.A. and Mary R. Watkins. Funeral services from his late residence, 609 8th street northeast, Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment private.

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Norval Watkins Dies After Fall From Auto

Resident of 8th Street Northeast Was Among Party on Way to Baltimore

Special Dispatch to The Star, Baltimore Md., November 1

Norval Watkins, twenty two years old of 609 8th street northeast, Washington, D.C., died early this morning at the Franklin Square Hospital, from injuries sustained in being thrown from a large auto truck.

The accident occurred shortly after 2 o'clock this morning at Mount Winans about a mile and a half outside the city limits, on the Washington road. The auto truck, which was an exceptionally large vehicle, left Washington last evening.

On it were seventeen young men, an equal number of young women and a colored chauffeur. Several of the riders were standing, and others were sitting on the side rails when the chauffeur discovering some obstacle in the roadway, caused the vehicle to swerve sharply toward one side of the road.

Unprepared for the sharp turn, young Watkins fell from the turn, young Watkins fell from the auto-truck, which was passing a steep embankment at the time, and down this the young man rolled quickly, striking several large stones and pieces of wood in course.

The auto truck was quickly stopped, and members of the party climbed down the embankment. When Watkins was reached it was found that he was unconscious. He was quickly borne up the embankment and placed in the auto truck, which was rushed to the Franklin Square Hospital. There it was found that he was suffering from a fractured skull and serious internal injuries.

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Watkins' Body Here

Funeral of Straw-Ride Victim to Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Norval Watkins, who died at Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore Saturday morning as a result of injuries he sustained by falling over an embankment near Mount Winans, Md., while on a Halloween straw-ride Friday night, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of his parents, 609 8th street northeast. Interment will be at Congressional cemetery.

Watkins' body was brought from Baltimore this morning. Cornelius Ray, the colored chauffeur who drive the car in which the straw-ride party went to Baltimore, was sent to that city yesterday. He was questioned and released.

Ray will return to Baltimore tonight to give testimony at the inquest that is to be conducted to have a jury determine the question of blame for Watkins' death. Coroner Abrams of the southwestern district will hold the inquest at the southwest police station.