

Walter Wolff

(- 6 Jun 1914)

Wolff. Suddenly on Saturday, June 6, 1914, Walter, beloved son of Robert and the late Ida C. Wolff. Funeral from his late residence, 407 G street southeast, Tuesday, June 9 at 3 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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Cries For Help Futile And Man Sinks In River Sailor From Naval Yacht Sylph Rescue Body With Grappling Irons

An unidentified white man was drowned in Anacostia river a short distance off the wall at the navy yard last night about 9:45 o'clock. His cries attracted the attention of sailors aboard the naval yacht Sylph and three of them, Harry Houghton, Floyd Rockwell and Willard Ward, went to his assistance in a small boat.

Before the sailors reached the spot where the man went overboard from a boat he had disappeared beneath the surface of the water and there was no way for them to tell just where he had gone down. Grappling irons were procured and after a search of about twenty minutes the body was recovered.

Fails to Restore Life

Dr. C.P. Murphy of Casualty Hospital was on hand when the body was taken ashore at the navy yard. He operated the pulmotor in an attempt to resuscitate the man, but his efforts proved futile, and the body was taken to the morgue.

During a search of the dead man's clothing a pay slip bearing the name of R.B. Stevens, paperhanger and decorator, at 1722 14th street northwest was found, but no cash or other valuables.

The police found a bathing suit in a small boat from which the man had gone overboard, and they also learned that the boat had been hired to him by a colored man who had hired it from James Graham of Twining City to use on a fishing trip.

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Water Victim Was Walter Wolfe

The body of the man who was accidentally drowned Saturday night in the Potomac river near the navy yard was identified yesterday as Walter Wolfe, a painter, of 407 G street southeast. When Wolfe fell into the river his cries were heard by several persons, but before they could reach the place he drowned.