

Flynn, Caroline E.	d. 28 Aug 1895		R26/234
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Flinn. On Wednesday morning, August 28, 1895, at her residence, 1314 T street northwest, Mrs. William Flinn. Funeral Friday, August 30. Services at the home. Interment private.

Flynn, Daniel J.	d. 18 Sep 1874		R64/16
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The Evening Star, September 17, 1874

The Body of Daniel J. Flynn Found in the Eastern Branch

Mr. Daniel J. Flynn, a clerk in the Land Office, on Monday last attended the Mexican Veterans' excursion to Marshall Hall, and on returning to the city was last seen alive about midnight on Monday night at Christman's restaurant, from when he started for his home, in Uniontown, where his wife and family reside. He did not reach home, however, nor was he seen alive afterwards. This morning, about 8 ½ o'clock, Mr. Frank Payne, clerk for Mr. Wm. Guinand, wood and coal dealer, at the foot of 3d street southeast, discovered a body floating off the wharf, and Mr. Guinand had it brought in, when it was discovered to be the body of Mr. Flynn. Sergeant Pierce took charge of the remains, and placing Officer Loane in charge, notified the family. Dr. J.P. Hartigan, acting coroner, viewed the body and ordered its removal to the 8th precinct station. There was found on the body his watch and chain; the watch stopped at 1:03 o'clock, showing probably the hour he fell into the water. There was also his seal ring on his finger, and a pocket book in his pockets containing some small change, as also some private papers, which would tend to show that if there was any foul play at all, it was not for the valuables upon his person. The body was much swollen and disfigured by bruises, but these may have been caused by floating against the rocks. Owing to some suspicions being expressed by his friends (including some members of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, of which he was a member.) Dr. Hartigan determined to make a post mortem examination and ordered a jury to be summoned for this afternoon. Mr. Kennedy, secretary of the Mexican Veterans' Association, said he was talking with the deceased on the trip up the Potomac, and he was perfectly sober.

The Evening Star, September 18, 1874

The Drowning of Mr. D.J. Flynn

The Coroner's Inquest

Yesterday afternoon, Dr. J.F. Hartigan, acting coroner, held an inquest at the eighth precinct station on the body of Mr. D.J. Flynn, which was found in the Eastern Branch yesterday morning, as stated in the STAR last evening. Mr. George Brown was the foreman of the jury. Mr. Victor Beyer testified that as he was coming over the Maryland bridge on Monday night with a wagon load of vegetables he met two men who turned their heads so as to prevent their faces being seen. Messrs. Hancock, Vickers, and Murdock, shipkeepers on the U.S. vessels at the navy yard, testified to hearing a splash in the water on Tuesday morning about one o'clock, and from the noise judged the body must have struck the water at full length.

Geo. Dent testified that he was drunk on Monday night and laid down near the city end of the bridge; it was between 12 and 1 o'clock, as he thought, when he saw two men or boys walk on the bridge, and when they got about twenty-five yards out one attempted to throw the other overboard; heard the splash in the water, but thought the party who went overboard got ashore.

Mrs. McClary, residing at the corner of 8th and M streets southeast, testified that she heard three men coming down 8th street about 12:45 o'clock on Tuesday morning. They stopped at the corner and commenced talking about lodges, grips, etc.; two of the men turned back and went up 8th street, and one remained at the corner. After a short time some other man came and took the one on the corner away towards the bridge.

W.H. Mockabee testified that he met deceased about 12 o'clock on Monday night at Christman's restaurant; had some conversation with him, and they drank together. John Soper testified to being with Mockabee at the time.

Dr. Hartigan stated that he had made an examination of the body, and that it presented no marks of violence, and that he was satisfied that the deceased made no efforts to save himself after he got in the water; the he was insensible from drink or the concussion of the fall, and was drowned before reason returned.

The jury returned a verdict: "That the deceased, Daniel J. Flynn, came to his death between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock a.m., September 15, 1874, from accidental drowning near the Navy Yard bridge, city of Washington."

The deceased was a native of Dublin, Ireland, was about 33 years of age, and a clerk in the General Land Office. He was a member of Franklin Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and leaves a wife and three children residing in Uniontown. His funeral will take place this afternoon.

The Evening Star, September 19, 1874

The funeral of Mr. Daniel J. Flynn, who was drowned in the Eastern branch on Monday night took place from his late residence in Uniontown, yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of friends, including many of his fellow clerks from the General Land Office and Franklin Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias in citizens dress and without music (by request of the family). The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A.B. Atkins of St. Johns P.E. Church, Georgetown and Rev. Arthur Steel of St. Mark's Church, Capitol Hill. At the grave in Congressional Cemetery, Mr. Richard Emmons of Franklin Lodge, read the burial service of the Pythian order.

Flynn, Kate L.

d. 26 Nov 1896

R64/13

Flynn. On November 26, 1896 at 11:42 o'clock p.m., Katie L. Flynn, wife of Charles O. Flynn of 514 8th street southeast, this city and daughter of Richard and Cinderella Grimes of Oxon Hill, Prince George's Co., Md. Funeral will take place from Christ Church, Monday, November 30 at 10 o'clock a.m. (Richmond, Va. papers please copy).

Flynn, Lucy H.

d. 6 Apr 1900

54 yrs.

R64/15

Flynn. Suddenly on Friday, April 6, 1900 at 2:45 p.m., Lucy H., widow of Daniel J. Flynn. Funeral from her late residence, 1241 B street southeast, Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m.

Flynn, Michael J.

b. 3 Mar 1858 - d. 8 Feb 1907

R86/371

Flynn. On Friday, February 8, 1907 at 5:30 a.m., Michael J., beloved husband of Effie Flynn. Funeral from his late residence, No. 27 N street northwest on Sunday, February 10 at 2 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, February 8, 1907, p. 12

Takes His Own Life

Policeman Flynn Sends a Bullet Through His Brain

Ill-Health The Cause

Coroner Expresses Opinion That His Mind Was Diseased

Had Been Injured By A Fall

Stepped From a Rapidly Moving Car and Was Thrown to the Ground

Police Court attaches and others whose business calls them to the police temple of justice were greatly shocked this morning when the announcement was made that Policeman Michael J. Flynn, who had been for years on duty at the building, had committed suicide. The officer shot himself this morning about 5:30 o'clock at his home, 27 N street northwest, while he was lying upon his bed, the bullet entering his right temple and passing through his head, lodging in the wall. Coroner Nevitt, who had been acquainted with the policeman for nearly twenty years, made a careful investigation of the affair and gave a certificate of death from a self-inflicted wound. Dr. Nevitt was of the opinion, however, that the policeman was not in his right mind at the time he fired the shot, and so stated in the certificate.

Ill health and an injury the policeman received yesterday are the reasons assigned for the deed. Yesterday afternoon, while on his way home from court, he stepped from a moving car and was thrown down and rendered unconscious. He soon regained consciousness, however, and when taken home he seemed to have fully recovered from the effects of the fall, but had no recollection of what had occurred. The street car incident happened on New York avenue, almost directly in front of the policeman's home. It is said he stepped from the car when the vehicle was running at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour.

Policeman Smith Gives Aid

Crossing Policeman Smith, who does duty at North Capitol street and New York avenue, was the first one to reach the unconscious man. He summoned assistance and had him taken to his home. Mrs. Flynn was not at the house at that time, and a colored man was directed to look after the injured man.

"There's nothing the matter with me," the big policeman declared when he reached the house. But Crossing Policeman Smith noticed that he had sustained an injury to his head, and he feared serious trouble might result.

The crossing policeman returned to the house after he had prepared a report of the accident and noting Flynn's condition had Dr. Ball called. Mrs. Flynn returned home shortly afterward and was informed of her husband's injury. The couple moved to the house only three days ago and the accident was the second one he had been in since that time. Following the shooting this morning Flynn recalled numerous sick spells he had experienced during the past ten years, the last one being about three months ago, when he had to undergo an operation for a growth on his head.

"People have told me that his mind seemed to have undergone a change," said Mrs. Flynn to a Star reporter this morning, "but I never suspected that he would take his life. It is such a terrible thing."

Policeman Flynn did not go out of the house last night, following the call of the physician. His fall last night had stopped his watch, and having been recently moved to the N street house, the clocks had not been started, and the members of the family were unable to tell the time this morning when they awoke.

Fatal Shot Fired

It was about 4:30 o'clock when they had a conversation about the time and the wife suggested that they should take another nap. This was agreed to by the husband, but about an hour later they were again awake. The husband was partly dressed when his wife left the room to attend to some household duties, and when she passed the small stand in the room, in a drawer of which her husband had kept his revolver, she noticed that the drawer was partly open.

"What have you done with your pistol?" the wife asked.

"I have it," was the response. "Now that we live farther away from court," he added, "I am going to carry it to work."

"Run on downstairs and get breakfast," he added good-naturedly, not betraying the slightest indication that he intended to end his life.

Mrs. Flynn closed the door and went to the bath room, hardly reaching there before she heard the report of the weapon. Turning, she went back to the room to ascertain the cause of the noise, and was met by their pet dog, which had been frightened by the noise and was leaving the room. The wife glanced into the room and observed that blood was streaming from a frightful wound in her husband's head. She quickly summoned a neighbor, Private James A. Sullivan of No. 6 Engine Company. Later the police were summoned, and Policemen McGrath and Brady remained at the house until the arrival of the coroner.

Native of Massachusetts

During the time "Mike" Flynn, as he was known, was connected with the police force he made a host of friends, and he always had a pleasant word to say to them. Many of his friends called today to express sympathy with the bereaved wife. Even the unfortunate prisoners who had been in the habit of getting arrested at intervals, always expected a pleasant word from the big-hearted policeman, and they were seldom disappointed. The deceased was a native of Massachusetts, where he was born March 3, 1858. He served ten years in the army as an artilleryman, spending part of the time in the west, part in New York, and concluding his service at Fortress Monroe. July 1, 1887, he went on duty as a policeman, being assigned to the 6th precinct under Lieut. Kelly. Later he was transferred to the 9th precinct, and still later he did duty in the 2d precinct, being detailed at the Police Court when he was no longer able to do active street duty.

It is recalled that while he was doing duty in the 6th precinct he suffered a severe attack of pneumonia. He was nursed through the illness by ladies living near the police station, his condition being such that it was impossible to remove him to his home. Shortly after his recovery Miss Thompson, one of those who had attended him as a nurse, became Mrs. Flynn, and they had lived happily together for seventeen years.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Great Regret Expressed

The news of the death of Policeman Flynn reached the Police Court shortly after it occurred, and was the talk of every one. Every one seemed to have experienced a personal loss, and there were expressions of regret and sorrow for the policeman's death and praise for his work and his character. When the information reached Judge Kimball his honor said to a Star reporter:

"It is with the utmost sorrow that I hear of the news of Mr. Flynn's death. He was the most valuable officer who has been detailed to this court in many years. He had a lovable character, and every one around the court thought highly of him, as I did. I cannot help believing that he committed the deed in a fit of temporary insanity. I was talking with him yesterday and he seemed all right. His place will be hard to fill."

"Mr. Flynn was always attentive and faithful to duty," stated Judge Mallowny when he learned of the death of the veteran officer. "He had a knack of handling crowds. Everybody like him, and his place will be hard to fill. The court will not seem the same without his genial countenance."

Other officials of the court expressed the same sentiments, and the sorrow written on their faces showed the sincerity of their remarks.

His Quaint Methods

In many ways the officer was unique in his dealings with the public.

"Now, you boys move away from that lamp post; it can hold itself up without your help," he would shout at a group on the court house corner.

"Now, girls, move inside out of the sun, or the flowers on your bonnets will be wilted," were he usual orders to a group of women to be seen at intervals wearing shawls over their heads and standing on the sidewalk.

"Cases of cussing and swearing, vags, speakeasies, carrying concealed weapons, pistols, razors, toothpicks, button hooks," he would reply, when some one asked him about a certain case, "are tried in the District Court."

Flynn was a great sufferer in the past few years of his life. Rheumatism was his chief complaint in the past couple of years, and he would be on duty at times when he was hardly able to walk.

Flynn, Nettie Marie	d. 7 Nov 1906	2 yrs. 6 mos. 2 days	R115/209
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Flynn. On November 7, 1906, at 7:35 a.m., Nettie Marie Flynn, daughter of James E. and Nettie Flynn, aged 2 years 6 months and 2 days.

My dear little darling, thou hast left us,
 We thy loss most deeply feel;
 But 'tis God who hast bereft us,
 He can all our sorrows heal.

Funeral private from parents' residence, 514 8th street southeast, November 8, at 3 p.m.

Flynn, Robert Lee	d. 17 Feb 1920		R115/210
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Flynn. Tuesday morning, February 17, 1920 at his home, 810 E street n.e., Robert Lee Flynn, aged 21 years, beloved son of Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Flynn. Funeral from Keller Memorial Lutheran Church, 9th and Maryland avenue n.e., Thursday, February 19 at 2 o'clock. Pastor Rev. S.T. Nicholas. (Fredericksburg & Gettysburg papers please copy).

Flynn, Thomas	d. Sep 1819		R26/94
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