

Merrill, Agnes	d. 25 Dec 1933	54 yrs.	R134/189
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Merrill, Agnes A. On Monday, December 25, 1933 at Sibley Hospital, Agnes A. Merrill (nee Rollins) aged 54 years. Funeral from the chapel of Thomas S. Murray & Son, 2007 Nichols ave. s.e. on Wednesday, December 27 at 2:30 pm. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Merrill, Frank	d. 7 Nov 1905		R153/230
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Held for Grand Jury

Edward Lacy Before a Coroner's Inquest

Responsible for the Death of Frank A. Merrill in August Last

Edward Lacey, seventeen years old, who shot and fatally injured Frank Alvin Merrill the 23d day of August last, as heretofore printed in The Star, was held for the action of the grand jury at an inquest at the morgue this morning. Lacey, who was rearrested Friday night when it was thought Merrill was dying, was at the inquest this morning with counsel, Attorney Albert Sillers. His father was also present at the hearing. Edward Maxwell, who was with Lacey the night the shooting occurred, was an important witness in the case. He explained to the jury how Merrill had tried to start a fight when he met the witness, Lacey and two young ladies at a dance given at Beucheler's garden, on the Bladensburg road. He also told the coroner and jury of how the police prevented a fight and of how Lacey tried to get so far away from Merrill that the latter could not assault him. Maxwell told of a second meeting at a Chinese restaurant on 9th street and of the part a policeman took in the affair there. Merrill, he stated, was started toward his home by a policeman, but instead of going home he hurried around the corner, overtook them at 9th and D streets and renewed the fight that resulted in his death.. Deputy Coroner Glazebrook explained that death was caused by an injury to the brain, a small piece of the skull having penetrated the brain matter. Dr. White, the resident physician at the Emergency Hospital, told of the wounded man being under treatment at the hospital three times. The last time he was there he died. His condition indicated that he was suffering from depression.

Elmer Houch, 614 15th street northeast, testified hat he had known Merrill since March last, but did not know Lacey prior to the night the trouble occurred. While at the park on the Bladensburg road, he stated, Merrill tried to start a fight with Lacey and his companion. Merrill was ordered out of the place by a policeman, and it was as much as witness could do to get him out. Merrill told witness that he (Merrill) was looking for trouble, and that if he met the men outside he would give them all that was coming to them. Witness said they came to the city on a wagon and got something to drink.

"Do you know Rose Davis?" the coroner asked witness.

"Yes, sir," he answered, "I know her from meeting her at the dancing school."

"And do you know Edith Yost?"

"Yes, sir," he answered, "I know her in the same way."

Met at Chinese Restaurant

Witness explained that the party met at a Chinese restaurant on 9th street, where they had words, and Merrill struck Rose Davis. A policeman prevented further trouble there and ordered the party to disperse. Merrill said to witness: "I'm going to get that fellow, and if you are a friend of min you'll stick to me."

Merrill then ran around 8th street and headed off Lacey, Maxwell and the two girls at 9th and D streets. He said to Maxwell: "You are with my girl," and struck him. Then he went after Lacey and the latter shot him. Houck told the jury that the police arrested Maxwell, and when witness told him he had the wrong man the policeman struck at him with his club, and told him he wanted no "butting in."

Edith Yost, living at No. 10 Minnesota avenue, told of her visit to the dance at Beucheler's Garden and of the trouble Merrill had there. He spoke to Rose Davis about a picture, she said, and when trouble started the police sent them out. Witness told of what happened from then until the time they reached the Chinese restaurant. There Merrill renewed the trouble and the police again took a hand in it. She related the story of the meeting at 9th and D streets. While in front of the Chinese restaurant, she stated, Lacey exhibited a revolver and said he thought that would prevent trouble. Witness left the party at Pennsylvania avenue and 9th street and had started home when she heard the reports of two pistol shots.

Rose Davis, 316 Lincoln street, Anacostia, gave similar testimony.

"Merrill didn't go with me," she stated, in response to a question asked by the coroner, "but I knew him a long time ago when he lived near the cemetery on 13th street.

Witness said she and her companion, Edith Yost, had become acquainted with Lacey and Maxwell on Pennsylvania avenue the night before the shooting occurred. She was surprised when they appeared at the dance the next night. Merrill was at the dance and had a girl with him. Trouble started in the park because Merrill wanted to fight Lacey and Maxwell.

“Was he jealous?” she was asked.

“No sir.”

“What was the trouble?”

“It was just his disposition.”

Miss Davis told of the conduct of Merrill the several times he came up and tried to cause trouble, and said that Merrill showed the revolver in front of the Chinese restaurant. He said he thought that might prevent trouble. She said she had left the party when the last row started and did not see the shooting, but heard the reports of the weapon. This closed the testimony and the case was submitted. Merrill’s body was removed to the home of his parents, 509 6th street northwest, from where the funeral will take place tomorrow morning.