

**Snell, Carleton E.**

d. 22 Jun 1895

**R76/365***The Evening Star, June 24, 1895**Promising Life Ended**Drowning of Young Carleton E. Snell Saturday*

Mr. Carleton E. Snell, a rising young patent lawyer of Washington, and one of the leaders of the young people in every movement relative to church matters in Anacostia, lost his life Saturday evening by drowning at the bathing beach in South Washington. His body was recovered about an hour after the sad accident, and taken to the home of his parents, with whom he resided, 551 Harrison street, Anacostia, after being prepared for burial by Undertaker Thomas F. Murray of Anacostia. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Garden Memorial Church, on Minnesota avenue. The services will be conducted by Rev. Joseph B. North, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev., Dr. George B. Patch, pastor of Gunton Memorial Temple, Washington. The pallbearers are two members of Garden Memorial, two from Gunton and two of Mr. Shell's late college mates.

The untimely end of Mr. Snell has cast a deep gloom over the entire town of Anacostia, and the unfortunate affair was the subject of universal reference among those who assembled at the various churches yesterday.

Carleton E. Snell was not only a young man of charming character, but was very prepossessing in every gift that goes to make up a man. He was a ripe scholar, and had strong convictions, accompanied with deep piety. In his own church he was looked upon as a leading light, and he faithfully performed every duty that devolved upon him, no matter how arduous the performance of that duty might be.

He was president of the Christian Endeavor Society of Garden Memorial, and as his term of office was about to expire, and under the constitution he could not be re-elected, he had been selected as chairman of the look-out committee of the same society for the ensuing term. He was also a deacon in the church, and treasurer of the board of deacons; a leading member of the Anti-Saloon League, and one of the secretaries of the Anacostia Citizens' Association; a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, and was well known in many of the prominent debating societies, in whose discussions he often took a leading part, not long since winning the Demorest medal for superiority shown in debate. He had also frequently written poetry, which has from time to time appeared in the Washington papers.

As Mr. Snell was a good swimmer, the only reason that he should have lost his life while in the water is that he was seized with cramps, as the deceased had been a regular visitor to the beach since Superintendent Stevens taught him how to swim. Saturday afternoon the young man went to the beach from his office in the Washington Loan and Trust Company's building, and had been in swimming some time before he was drowned. He was last seen by a man named Jones, who heard him make a sound which indicated that he was in danger of going down. In an instant the swimmer disappeared beneath the surface and did not reappear. An effort was made to rescue him, but without success. The police boat Joe Blackburn was sent for, and the body was soon recovered. the body was taken ashore and when Deputy Coroner Glazebrook had given a certificate of accidental death an undertaker took charge of the remains and removed them to the late home of deceased.

*The Evening Star, June 25, 1895**Touching Services**Carleton Snell Laid Away to His Last Rest*

Garden Memorial Church, Anacostia, although capable of easily accommodating 400 people, was entirely inadequate to hold the multitude of mourning friends who assembled there yesterday afternoon to pay the last sad tributes of respect to the memory of the lamented Carleton E. Snell, the particulars of whose untimely death were recorded in yesterday's Star.

The audience was composed of the entire adult population of the town who could leave their places of business, many persons from Washington and a considerable number who had come from a much greater distance. Among the prominent men present were Rev. James McLaren, pastor of the Anacostia M.E. Church; Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson of the Anacostia Baptist Church, Rev. Geo. E. Stevenson of East Washington Heights Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Bowman and Rev. Mr. Bradford of the Indian bureau, Washington.

After a beautiful and pathetic invocation had been offered by Mr. Bradford, Dr. Patch read the Scripture lessons appropriate to the solemn occasion, and then Miss Cora McLean of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Anacostia, in a most touching and effective manner sang as a solo "Nearer My God, to Thee," which was a great favorite with Mr. Snell. The sermon was brief and was preached by Mr. North. At the close of the sermon Miss McLean sang another favorite hymn of Mr. Snell's, "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep, From Which None Ever Wake to Weep."

At the conclusion of the services the remains were conveyed to the Congressional cemetery and placed in a vault, where they remained until this afternoon, when, after an appropriate service by Mr. North, they were consigned to their final resting place.

The floral tributes filled a hack and among many others, all of them of a most exquisite character were comprised an open Bible, thirty inches square, composed entirely of white roses, with a book mark of purple flowers, sent by the Webster family; a piece made of white and Mermot roses, the gift of the Christian Endeavor Society, of which the deceased was at the time of his death president; wreath of rare flowers, sent by the Union society of the Epworth League of the Anacostia M.E. Church; handsome bunch of white lilies from Mr. H.A. Linger, sr.; wreath from Miss Carrie Golden; pillow, inscribed "Eternal Rest," Mrs. S.E. Poates; bunch of carnations and medias, Mrs. A.B. Garden; floral piece, composed of LaFrance roses, from Mr. D.E. Freeman, and many others.

**Snell, Rev. M. Porter**

b. 1839 - d. 31 Dec 1909

70 yrs.

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Snell. At Newton, N.J. on Friday, December 31, 1909 at 12:30 a.m., Rev. M. Porter Snell.

*The Evening Star, January 14, 1910*

*Funeral of Rev. Snell*

*Services in Congressional Cemetery Chapel Sunday Afternoon*

Funeral services for Rev. M. Porter Snell will be held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of Congressional cemetery. The officiating clergymen will be Rev. George M. Cummings, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D., and Rev. J.B. North of Snow Hill, Md.

Rev. M. Porter Snell was born in 1839. He was a direct descendant of John Alden and a great-great-grandson of Jonathan Edwards. His father was Thomas Snell of North Brookfield, Mass., a first cousin of William Cullen Bryant and brother of Ebenezer Strong Snell, the Amherst mathematician.

Mr. Snell was a graduate of Amherst College (1861) and of Hartford Theological Seminary.

Serving through the war in the Union army, Mr. Snell won a commission as lieutenant, and was brevetted captain for gallantry in the Wilderness campaign and before Petersburg, acting a part of the time as aid de camp on the staffs of Gen.s. Crawford and Duncan.

For thirty years Mr. Snell rendered service in departmental offices in Washington, but during this period, as all through his life, his religious interests lay close to his heart. His week ends were occupied in pastoral work and preaching, and for many years he served as an agent of the Washington City Bible Society.

Mr. Snell is survived by his wife, Mary C. Snell, daughter of Gerard Hallock, erstwhile editor of the New York Journal of Commerce; two daughters, Mrs. J.M. Long and Miss Coral L. Snell of this city, and five sons, Merwin P. and Theodore T. Snell of New York city, and Charles L. William Arthur and Clarence Edwards Snell of Washington, D.C.

*The Evening Star, February 16, 1903, p. 2*

*Victim of Paralysis*

*Rev. M. Porter Snell Stricken While Occupying the Pulpit*

Rev. M. Porter Snell, well known in Anacostia, where he has resided for many years, was stricken with paralysis while occupying the pulpit of the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church on Minnesota avenue, in that suburb, at the 11 o'clock service yesterday morning. Mr. Snell, who has had no regular charge for several years, was relieving Rev. Dr. Gay, the pastor of Garden Church and had practically concluded his sermon when he was stricken. The people in the audience observed that the speaker's words became somewhat incoherent, and in the prayer that was then begun by Mr. Snell the attack developed, rendering him speechless. Friends went to his assistance, and he was at once removed to his home, 551 Harrison street, Anacostia, and physicians were summoned. Drs. T.D. Mudd and R.A. Pyles soon reached the clergyman's bedside, where an examination was made and everything possible done to relieve the sufferer. He continued to be without the power of speech, however, which had not returned up to a late hour.

The physicians, while pronouncing the case to be serious, were of the opinion that no immediate fatal termination is to be feared. Mr. Snell, who has for some years been a worker in the departments, is over fifty years of age, and his family comprises a wife and several grown children. The news of his sudden attack was received with general regret. It was explained that the stroke was only a partial one, which affected the right side.

Mr. Snell has recently been a sufferer from rheumatic trouble, it is stated. He was a man of strong physique and apparently of good constitution.