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| Steele, Alice Bell | d. 16 Feb 1894 | 8 yrs. 10 mos. 12 days | R79/68 |
| <p>Steele. On Friday, February 16, 1894, at 12:15 p.m., Alice Bell, the oldest and beloved daughter of John E. and Annie L. Steele, aged 8 years and 10 months.</p> <p>One sweet flower was drooped and faded, One sweet darling voice has fled, One fair brow the grave has shaded, Little Alice now is dead.</p> <p>Had we strove to keep her with us, But love and skill were all in vain; We must lay our darling loved one 'Neath the graveyard's sod away.</p> <p>And in this, our deepest sorrow, We pray Thee, Eternal One, Help us to bow in meek submission And say "Oh, God, Thy will be done."</p> <p>Funeral from parents' residence, 1401 K street southeast, 3 o'clock Monday afternoon (Baltimore papers please copy).</p> | | | |
| Steele, Alvin LeRay | d. 11 Jun 1890 | 4 mos. 16 days | R79/67 |
| <p>Steele. On Wednesday, June 11, 1890 at 9 a.m., Alvin LeRay beloved and only son of John E. and Annie L. Steele aged 4 months 16 days.</p> <p>Another little lamb has gone To dwell with Him who gave; Another little darling babe Is sheltered in the grave.</p> <p>Funeral from the residence of his grandparents, Friday at 10 o'clock a.m. Interment private.</p> | | | |
| Steele, Rev. Ashbell Floridus | d. 28 Aug 1893 | 56 yrs. | Williams Vault |
| <p>Steele. On Monday, August 28, 1893, Rev. A. Floridus Steele, rector of St. Marks Church in the 57th year of his age. Funeral from the church Thursday next at 11 o'clock a.m. No flowers.</p> <p><i>The Evening Star, August 28, 1893</i> <i>Rev. Mr. Steele Dead</i> <i>Death of the Well-Known Rector of St. Mark's at His Home on Capitol Hill</i> The Protestant Episcopal Church of this city has lost one of its best known and most popular rectors in the death this morning of Rev. A. Floridus Steele, rector of St. Mark's Church, corner 3d and A streets southeast.</p> <p>Mr. Steele had been connected with St. Mark's Church for about 23 years past and had always taken an active part in all religious movements. The news of his death will come as a great shock to the members of his congregation and to the clergy of the city generally. He had been sick for about 10 days of typhoid-malaria and for several days it was realized that his condition was critical. It was hoped, however, that he might pull through, but this morning at 10:15 o'clock the end came. He leaves a widow and two sons.</p> <p>Rev. Mr. Steele was the son of the late Rev. Ashbel Steele, who was for many years prominently identified with District affairs. He was born in Pensacola, Fla., 57 years ago, but received his education at Columbian University and at the Theological Seminary at Alexandria. He was a member of the Alumni Association of the Columbian University and for 16 years had been the chaplain of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Mr. Steele was a prominent 32d degree Mason, a member of Acacia Lodge and was also a Knight Templar of No. 2 Commandery. Representatives from these bodies will participate in the funeral exercises the date and arrangements for which have not yet been decided upon. Mr. Steele died at his late residence, 600 A street northeast.</p> <p><i>The Evening Star, August 31, 1893</i> <i>A Clergyman's Funeral</i> <i>Impressive Services Over the Remains of the</i> <i>Rev. Floridus Steele</i> The funeral services over the remains of Rev. A. Floridus Steele took place this morning from the church where he was pastor for many years. Funeral services are always impressive, but the one this morning was doubly so. The church was crowded and there was not a dry eye. In the middle aisle stood an immense cross of white rosebuds and water lilies, while the altar was similarly decorated.</p> | | | |

There were ceremonies at the house and the funeral cortege did not reach the church until after 11 o'clock. Bishop Paret conducted the services, both at the house and the church. He was attended by Rev. Dr. Addison of Trinity Church and Archdeacon Williams. The body was met at the church by Columbia Commandery, No. 2.

When the hearse drove up the pass bearers, consisting of Revs. Neilson Falls of St. Alban's Church; I.L. Townsend, Church of the Incarnation; J.M. McKee, St. John's; Alfred Harding, St. Paul's; Assistant Rectors Gibson of St. Paul's, Cole of Epiphany and Johns of Rockville, took charge of the coffin, which was a handsome affair. It was made of antique oak, highly polished with silver ornaments. A massive silver plate bearing the name, date of birth and death of the deceased was barely visible for the mass of flowers which covered the coffin. The chorister boys followed representatives of Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Acacia Lodge, No. 1, and the Scottish Rite of which the deceased was a member. The ceremonies in the church were according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church. After they were over the remains were turned over to the Masons, who conducted services at the grave.

The Evening Star, September 2, 1893

The Late Rev. A. Floridus Steele

The late Rev. A. Floridus Steele, rector of St. Mark's P.E. parish, whose funeral took place Thursday, was for a time assistant to the rector of St. John's Church in Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Steele's father, the Rev. Ashbel Steele, was a native of Waterbury, and is buried at Riverside. The mother was a descendant of Elder Brewster of the Mayflower. She also is buried at Riverside. Rev. A. Floridus Steele was born in Florida, from which fact he received his name. The Waterbury American in speaking of his death says: "He was a man of great gentleness and purity of character, of attractive manner, and diffused about him an atmosphere of sincerity and goodness, which was a sermon in itself."

The Evening Star, April 18, 1888

Locals

A special service was held at St. Mark's P.E. church, Capitol Hill, yesterday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the rector, Rev. A. Floridus Steel, to the priesthood.

The Evening Star, August 29, 1881

(On the imminent death of Pres. Garfield)

Rev. A. Floradus Steele,

of St. Mark's P.E. church, in his sermon yesterday morning said: "All sympathize with that loving and brave wife who sits by the bedside of the sick President. All share in a less or greater measure her emotions; she is not alone. Methinks as I call before me the image of that woman that she represents the whole nation, and this is my justification for making mention of her in this public manner. She, with her intense personal feeling, embodies the best and truest and most tender sentiments of the whole people. I would that we were all as noble and as devout as she. I would that we all had such faith. She believes, even in this extremity, that God will hear her prayer and answer it according to her hope. And yet I cannot doubt there is mingled with her prayers the refrain, or at least the spirit that says, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Steele, Rev. David Thomas

d. 4 May 1852

R32/226

Steele. In this city on the 4th instant, Rev. D. Steele of the Baltimore Annual Conference in the 60th year of his age. The friends and acquaintances of his family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on this (Wednesday) evening at 4 o'clock from his residence on 6th street without further notice.

Steele, Elsie M.

d. 4 Sep 1888

5 yrs. 10 mos. 14 days

R79/67

Steele. On Tuesday, September 4, 1888, at 4:30 a.m., Elsie M., beloved daughter of John E. and Annie L. Steele, aged 5 years 10 months and 14 days.

Hard we strove to keep her with us,
But love and skill were all in vain;
We must lay our darling loved one
'Neath the graveyard's sod away.
And in this, our deepest sorrow,
We pray Thee, Eternal One,
Help us to bow in meek submission
And say--"Oh, God, Thy will be done."

Funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of her grandparents, 3044 M street, West Washington. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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| Steele, Emory T. | d. 2 Apr 1902 | 8 yrs. 8 days | R137/235 |
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Steele. Suddenly on Wednesday, April 2, 1902, at 3:15 p.m., Emory, the beloved son of Andrew M. and Nettie Steele, aged 8 years and 8 days.

One sweet flower has drooped and faded,

One sweet, darling voice has fled.

One fair brow the grave has shaded,

Little Emory now is dead.

And in this, our deepest sorrow,

We pray Thee, Eternal One,

Help us to bow in meek submission

And say, O God, Thy will be done.

By Mamma and Papa and His Uncle G.E. Steele

Funeral from parents' residence, 1353 K street southeast, Friday, April 4, at 3 o'clock; thence to K Street M.E. Church. Relatives and friends respectfully invited.

The Evening Star, April 3, 1902, p. 10

Boy Loses His Life

Emory Steele Falls Overboard From Small Boat and Drowns

Emory Steele, eight years old, was drowned in the Eastern branch near the foot of 13th street southeast about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in sight of a number of people who were unable to assist him. Two of his companions, Henry Glascoe, aged ten years, and John Lynch, eleven years old, were rescued by a colored man named Charles W. Smith. The little boys left their homes on K street southeast and 13th street shortly before 3 o'clock, and went to the river front to play. Shortly after reaching the water's edge they entered a small craft and started to cross the stream to Anacostia. When the boat reached the channel two of the boys were standing, doing their best to get the craft to the shoal water on the Anacostia side. It was leaking, and the boys were making an effort to keep their feet dry, when the small craft suddenly overturned and the three boys were thrown overboard into the cold water.

Screams uttered by the boys were heard by those on the shore, and a colored man named Smith, whose wife assisted him, launched a rowboat and paddled out to the boys. Lynch was able to swim, and he assisted Glascoe in keeping from under the surface of the water. Steele was unable to swim, and he failed to get hold of the boat and went down before Smith could reach the scene of the accident.

Glascoe and Lynch were pulled into the boat. The former grabbed his rescuer by the throat and only released his hold when he fell to the bottom of the boat numb and almost unconscious. Smith's wife ran across the bridge in search of physicians to be prepared in case their services should be necessary. Drs. Pyles and Watson responded, and they reached the shore about the time the colored man arrived with the boys in the boat.

The medical men found the boys in a serious condition, but they were soon partially restored and were sent to their homes, Lynch to 1358 and Glasco to 1359 K street. An effort was made by Smith to find the body of Steele, but without success.

In a short time the banks of the river were lined with men, women and children, who were watching the searchers for the body of Steele. A number of people participated in the search, among them Elmer E. Howard, an uncle of the victim, who lives at 1334 11th street southeast. Shortly after dark his efforts were rewarded, and the body of the lad was taken ashore. The dead wagon was sent for, and when the superintendent of the morgue arrived he heard the statements of witnesses and removed the body to the home of the boy's parents. Coroner Nevitt investigated the case this morning and gave a certificate of accidental death.

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| Steele, Frank P. | d. 11 Jan 1906 | 52 yrs. | R19/122 |
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Steele. Suddenly, on Thursday, January 11, 1906, at 6:30 p.m., Frank P., beloved husband of Maggie Steele, in the 53rd year of his age. Funeral from his late home, 727 L street northeast, Sunday, January 16, at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends invited.

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| Steele, George C. | d. 17 Oct 1895 | 48 yrs. | R19/122 |
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Steele. On Thursday, October 17, 1895 at the residence of his sister, Mrs. J.W. Palmer, 1302 Florida avenue northeast, George C. Steele, aged 48 years, son of the late H.N. and Mary Steele of this city. Funeral Saturday, October 19 at 3 o'clock p.m.

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| Steele, George W. | d. 21 Jul 1941 | | R142/180 |
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Steele, George W. On Monday, July 21, 1941, George W. Steele, brother of John Andrew, James Steele, Fred Coxen and Laura Howard. Services from his late residence, 2237 Nicholson st. s.e. on Thursday, July

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| | 24 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Services by Chambers southeast funeral home. | | |
| Steele, Henry Clinton | d. 3 Apr 1893 | 2 mos. 22 days | R79/66 |
| Steele. On Sunday, April 2, 1893, at 4:10 p.m. Henry Clinton, beloved and only son of John E. and Annie L. Steele, aged 10 weeks and 2 days. | | | |
| <p>God needed one more angel child Amid His shining band. And so He bent with loving smile, And clasped our darling's hand. Only asleep</p> | | | |
| Funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his parents, 1401 K street southeast. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. [Baltimore papers please copy.] | | | |
| Steele, Horatio N. | d. 4 Dec 1862 | | Public Vault |
| <i>The Evening Star, December 3, 1862</i> | | | |
| <i>Dead</i> | | | |
| Mr. H.N. Steel, a well-known citizen who was chief of police under Mayor Magruder, died last night after a protracted illness. He was a prominent member of the Masonic order and the fraternity are taking measures to be fully represented at the funeral tomorrow. | | | |
| <i>The Evening Star, December 3, 1862</i> | | | |
| <i>Masonic Funeral</i> | | | |
| It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that Mr. H.N. Steele, grand visitor and lecturer of this Masonic jurisdiction, will be buried tomorrow at 2 o'clock. The members of Dawson Lodge, No. 16, meet this evening at 7 o'clock to make arrangements. | | | |
| Steele, John T. | d. 27 Jan 1905 | | R154/241 |
| Steele. On Friday, January 27, 1905 at 11:30 p.m. at his residence, 1235 4th street southeast, John T. beloved husband of Ida V. Steele (nee Albriton). | | | |
| Steele, Joseph E. | d. 21 Nov 1881 | 1 yr. 2 mos. 6 days | R79/66 |
| Steele. On Monday morning, November 21st, 1881, of pneumonia, Joseph E., beloved son and only child of John E. and Annie L. Steele, aged 14 months and 6 days. | | | |
| <p>One sweet flower has drooped and faded, One sweet darling voice has fled, One fair brow the grave has shaded, Little Josie now is dead.</p> | | | |
| His funeral will take place from the residence of his grandparents, No. 3044 M street northwest, West Washington, on Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. | | | |
| Steele, Margaret N. | d. 26 Sep 1892 | 1 yr. 26 days | R16/69 |
| Steele. On Monday, September 26, 1892, at 11 o'clock p.m., Margaret N., beloved daughter of R.F. and M.E. Steele, of pneumonia, aged 1 year and 26 days. | | | |
| <p>Hard we strove to keep her with us, But love and skill were all in vain; We must lay our darling loved one 'Neath the graveyard's sod away. And in this our deepest sorrow, We pray Thee, Eternal One. Help us to bow in meek submission, And say: "Oh God, Thy will be done."</p> | | | |
| Funeral will take place from her parents' residence, 1007 14th street southeast on Thursday, September 29 at 3:30 p.m. | | | |
| Steele, Mary Irene | d. 30 Sep 1892 | 1 yr. 9 mos. 6 days | R79/66 |
| Steele. On Friday, September 30, 1892, at 11:45 a.m., Mary Irene, beloved daughter of John E. and Annie L. Steele, aged 21 months and 6 days. | | | |
| <p>One more gone to the mansions above, One less on earth to cherish and love; Close down her eyelids, smooth back her hair,</p> | | | |

*William Pruitt Held by Coroner's Jury
Held Responsible for Death of William Steele--
Result of Investigation*

Coroner Nevitt conducted an investigation this morning at 11 o'clock into the circumstances attending the shooting of William Steele, who died yesterday afternoon of wounds inflicted by William Pruitt at Twining City last Sunday afternoon.

The prisoner arrived at the morgue handcuffed to Officer McCormick. To a reporter of The Star Pruitt said he had no fear of the outcome of the trial. It was a case of self-defense. Steele, he said, came into his house and attacked him. He exhibited a cut over the left eye, and said he was badly hurt about the head.

Officer Raedy testified to finding Steele in a pool of blood at the old Naylor mansion. He asked him who had shot him and he said Pruitt. Asked why he did it Steele replied, "He done it for nothing." That was all he said except to urge me to hurry him to the hospital.

Officer McCormick, who with Officer Dyer caught the fugitive, was the next witness. He was off duty Sunday, and the lieutenant sent for him. He immediately started a search, and with Officers Dyer and Weber found Pruitt hiding in some bushes feigning sleep. He was promptly placed under arrest.

At the station, defendant referred to a statement made by him, in which he said:

"About 11 or 12 o'clock Sunday morning I was going over to my son's house to get a music box and on my way over I met my son Will, accompanied by William Steele, Charles Cheseldine and Robert Brown. They had a quart of whisky and asked me to have a drink. Then I told them I had a keg of beer at my house and to come and have some; so we all went to my house. We had been drinking for a while when Cheseldine said he was hungry, so I gave him something to eat. While he was eating Steele came in the door and started to fight me. I don't know whether he hit me with something or not. Then I ran up stairs into my room and got my gun and came down and shot him. He then ran out of the house and I put the gun away and went out into the woods where they found me."

He Was Very Drunk

Charles Cheseldine stated he went to the home of Pruitt very drunk and knew nothing of the affair. "When I get drunk," said the witness, "I go right to sleep and hear nothing." The sound of the gun roused him.

Mrs. Pruitt, wife of the defendant, gave some of the details of the affair. She testified to the visit of the men, one of whom was drunk and asleep in the wagon. She saw it was a hard crowd. Her son volunteered to get them away. They took Cheseldine out of the wagon and laid him under the tree. Steele objected to the playing of the music box, and said he was going to stop it. He called to her husband and said he was going to beat him. Her husband, hearing her remonstrate with Steele, came down stairs and told him he had better go away from there or he would make him. Steele then ran away. She thought the trouble was all over. He came back in a little while and burst open the door and attacked her husband, hitting him on the side of the head. He had something in his hand, Cheseldine joined the fracas, and during the scrimmage she saw the gun, but did not know where it came from or who fired it. She admitted having had a glass of beer herself, but was not drunk. The only trouble she ever heard of her husband and Steele ever having took place some months previous, when her husband ordered Steele off some property he was hunting over.

Had Been Drinking

In answer to a question from Assistant District Attorney Bingham, the witness stated Steele had been drinking, but was sober enough to know what he was doing. She rehearsed the scene in the house, how Steele burst open the door and made for her husband, and was beating him when she interferred and tried to separate them.

Robert Brown of 1401 K street northeast testified he was with Steele on the day of the shooting. They were on the way to Washington when Pruitt stopped them. They picked up Cheselden

Removal to Hospital

Sergeant Anderson of Anacostia testified to the finding of Steele and his removal to the hospital. He also told of the finding of Pruitt. He said Mrs. Pruitt was in an intoxicated condition and could not give intelligent answers to any of his questions. Pruitt when interrogated said Steele came into his house and made a disturbance and he shot him. He would shoot any man under similar circumstances, he said. He would come out of heaven to do it and would take his chances with any twelve men on earth, he said.

Dr. David C. Coleman of the Washington Asylum Hospital testified to the treatment of Steele at the hospital last Sunday. He sent for the senior surgeon, who responded, and after operating upon the wrist which he

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removed the surgeon made an incision through the abdomen and carefully searched for a perforation of the stomach or intestines. He found none and the wound was closed.

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook testified to performing the autopsy. Upon opening the abdomen he found two felt wads, a piece of cloth, a number of shot and a mass of debris near the entrance of the wound near the liver. There were between three and half and four quarts of coagulated blood. He saw evidence of an operation having been performed. The man died from gunshot wound of the abdomen and hemorrhage.

Coroner Nevitt invited the accused to make a statement, but his counsel. Joseph A. Burkart, declined. The jury then retired and after a short discussion held the defendant for the action of the grand jury.