

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 49 Space: D

Find A Grave # 11916014

Name: **Keeler, James C.**

Birth date: September 11, 1913 Death date: August 4, 1927 Burial Date: August 6, 1927 Age: 13

Parents: George H. Keeler (1877-1952) and Jane, Joanna, "Jennie" Hamilton Keeler (1883-1941)

Siblings: ½ brother William Robert "Bob" or "Bill" Keeler (1926-2016)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death: Drowning; see next page

Service/occupation information:

Officiate: Rev. E. R. Clough of Pilgrim Holiness Church of Dover

Lot Owner: James W. Keeler

Inscription: Headstone

James C. Keeler
Sept. 11, 1913
Aug. 4, 1927

Footstone: James

DIMENSIONS: H 16" x W 17" x D 8"

Footstone: H 3" x W 14" x D 7"

STYLE: headstone footstone

No repairs needed



Inventory date: February 27, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

The Morning News, Wilmington, DE
August 5, 1927

BOY DROWNS WHILE FISHING NEAR DOVER

James Keeler, of Philadelphia, Believed Vertigo Victim

Special to The Morning News

DOVER, Aug. 4.—James Keeler, 14 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keeler, of 1951 Faust street, Philadelphia, who was on a visit here with his parents at the home of Mrs. Minnie Hamilton, who is Mrs. Keeler's mother, was drowned in Silver Lake at 3 o'clock this afternoon while fishing. As the boy was subject to attacks of vertigo, it is believed he had one of such attacks when he fell into the water.

A 10 year old girl, Minnie Haff, a cousin, was with him at the time and saw him fall in. She called for help, but before help arrived he had failed to come to the surface.

Coroner Minner summoned a jury which rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Morning News, Wilm. DE Aug. 5, 1927

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE
August 5, 1927

JAMES KELLER IS DROWNED AT DOVER

Philadelphia Boy Fell Into Silver Lake While Fishing; Body Soon Recovered.

(Special to Every Evening.)

Dover, Aug. 5. — James Keeler, aged about 14 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keeler, of 1951 Faust street, Philadelphia, was drowned in Silver Lake yesterday afternoon. His body was recovered a short time after he had fallen into the water, but all efforts of Dr. McDaniel to revive him failed. Undertaker Torbert took charge of the body. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon with interment in Christ P. E. cemetery. Coroner Minner held an inquest and the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

Keeler and his parents were visiting at the home of Mrs. Minnie Hamilton, Mrs. Keeler's mother. With his ten-year-old cousin, Minnie Naff, he went to the lake to fish. He was standing on the bridge and in some manner tumbled into the water. Although it is not over three feet deep his body did not again come to the surface. There was no one but the little girl near to render aid.

She began to cry and ran to the highway police station for help. Officer Lamb and Marion Green, a State Highway Department mechanic, snatched up rakes and hurried to the lake and began to grapple for the boy. Officer Lamb managed to hook the boy's clothing with his rake and brought him to the surface. Everything possible was done to restore life but without success.

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The Evening Journal, Wilmington DE
August 8, 1927

Special to the Evening Journal.

DOVER, Del., Aug. 7.—The funeral of 14-year-old James Keeler, fo Philadelphia, who was drowned Thursday afternoon in Silver Lake, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Four boys of about the same age as young Keeler acted as pallbearers. The services were in charge of the Rev. E. R. Clough, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Dover. Interment was made in Christ P. E. Cemetery.

Evening Journal, Wilm. DE Aug. 8, 1927