

WILLIAM R. HOLMAN

William R. Holman, 424 Fourth Avenue, came to his death at the Cadillac Automobile works at Cass Avenue and Michigan Central Railroad, early in the morning (Jan. 7, 1904), by crushing in the elevator shaft. He was employed as a sweeper and had charge of the freight elevator. In some manner his body became caught between the lift and the wall between the second and third floors at 7:30am. James A. Campbell, another employee, heard the thud of the body as it fell to the bottom of the shaft and found the elevator slowly going up between the second and third floors. He found Holman dying at the bottom of the shaft.

It is supposed that the man was caught while trying to get on or off the elevator. His skull was crushed and there were cuts upon his body.

Holman was 65 years old and served during the Civil War in the One Hundred and First Ohio Infantry. He had lived but two years in Detroit, coming from Pontiac, where he had been in business 20 years as a blacksmith.

Previous to that time he lived in Rochester, Mich.

Although an old man, Holman was sturdily built and retained his full strength. He had never used liquor or tobacco and had the reputation of never swearing.

Beside his widow, Holman leaves three young children, two girls and a boy. Coroner Hoffmann viewed the body and will hold an inquest Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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