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NORMAN POOLE'S BODY FOUND (JANUARY 1890 - DIGBY COURIER)

The body of Norman G. Poole who was drowned at Smith's Cove in the evening of January 4th was found last week imbedded in the mud near low water mark, about half a mile from where the accident occurred. The peculiarly sad circumstances attending the young man's death. The universal respect and esteem in which he was held, and sympathy for his grief stricken parents and sister, aroused the community to make extra ordinary efforts for the recovery of his remains. When found the body was lying face downward with the arms extended, as if, in his struggle for life, he had stretched himself along the bottom of the upturned boat, and grasped the gunwales with his hands. In this position, slowly freezing to death in sight and hearing of his own home, he must have drifted half a mile up the river with the tide, his shouts for help attracting no attention until too late. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. McArthur. Loving hands had placed wreaths upon the coffin and draped with black the pulpit of the little Methodist church, where the deceased so regularly worshipped. The building was filled to the doors with a congregation of mourners; and as the choir sang with subdued voices the beautiful anthem "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord", tears stood in the eyes of young and old. The mournful ceremony was concluded at the church yard, where the members of the Sons of Temperance Division walked in procession around the open grave, and bade a last farewell to their beloved brother. Great sympathy is felt for the family of which the deceased was the main stay and comfort, and the whole neighborhood sorrows for the untimely removal of one of its most honored and valued citizens.

-The United church in Smith's Cove has a plaque in memory of Norman (2002).

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