

ESCAPED WATERY GRAVES

CLOSE CALLS AT BLUFFTON

**Veteran and Young Woman Nearly
Drown in Quarry and Gravel Pit,
Being Rescued in the Nick
of Time.**

Bluffton, Ind., July 26.—George Hurt, 76, a civil war veteran, fell into twelve feet of water in the Starr rock quarry yesterday afternoon, and would have drowned had not his sister-in-law, Mrs. David Hurt, heard his cries for help from across the street. She ran to the quarry and, picking up his cane from where he dropped it at the edge of the water, extended it to him and tried to draw him out, but instead came very near being pulled into the quarry herself. She then secured a heavy brush, on which he was able to support himself until Dr. C. L. Landfair, David Myers and Lewis English were summoned and got him out of the water.

GIRL NEARLY DROWNS

Miss Veora Garrett, 18, daughter of County Auditor O. D. Garrett, was rescued from a watery grave yesterday afternoon when Elzey Thompson, a young man on the bank of the gravel pit on her father's farm, plunged into the deep and cold water of the pit and pulled her to a place of safety. Miss Garrett is considered a good swimmer, but she had tired herself by swimming twice across the big pond, and when she became exhausted and sought to rest on the bottom of the pit she found that it was beyond her depth. She was so nearly exhausted that she could no propel herself to shallow water, and but for Thompson's prompt action would have drowned.

1909 Jul Vet and young woman saved
from drowning

Clipped By:
usmra_rob
Oct 6, 2024