

WALKS OFF LEDGE OF AN OLD ABANDONED QUARRY AND DROWNS

ALFRED HENDRICKSON MEETS
DEATH ON WEDNESDAY EVE-
NING IN SWIMMING HOLE—
WATER 30 FEET DEEP.

The residents of Spencer Settlement, three miles south of this city, were shocked on Wednesday evening to learn of the sudden death of Alfred Hendrickson, aged 18, who lost his life by drowning in an old abandoned stone quarry used by boys as a swimming hole.

Fremont Bowers, aged 14, Andrew Hladin, aged 12, Clayton Pfeiffer and Milburn Lyman, two other boys, were also present at the old quarry. Hendrickson, who was a large boy, walked off the ledge of the quarry, where the water is 30 feet deep.

As he struck the water he called for help. Young Bowers, who is much smaller, swam to the rescue of Hendrickson. The latter, in a frenzy, locked his arms about young Bowers and the two were sinking. At this point young Hladin went to the rescue and managed to break the hold of Hendrickson and rescue Bowers. Hendrickson sank and was drowned. Pfeiffer and Lyman arrived at the spot, but were unable to help.

The shouts of the boys were heard by George Lyman, whose farm is a short distance away. He ran to the swimming hole just in time to see the end of the tragedy.

The Rome police station was notified by Mr. Lyman, as well as Dr. H. J. Teller, coroner. Assistant Chief of Police Beckwith and Officer Ralph M. Shanley responded with the patrol. They were accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Fred Meiss. The grappling hooks were taken along and, after an hour's work, the body was located.

The coroner arrived on the scene as the body was recovered. He began an inquest at the Court House at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Hendrickson resides with his brother, Elmer, who lives some distance from the quarry. Alfred ate a hearty supper and left the house shortly before 8 o'clock. He was born in Finland 18 years ago and came to this country last August to make his home with his brother. He was a bright young man and was trying hard to obtain an education. He attended night school in this city and had obtained a fair use of the English language. He is survived by his father, Edward Hendrickson, in Finland, the brother and three nieces here, a sister, Miss Ellen, and three brothers, Franz, John and Warner Hendrickson of New York.

A brother, Henry Hendrickson, was drowned in 1909. He was employed in construction work at the Delta Dam and disappeared on October 14. His body was found in the Black River Canal on October 18.

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