

TWO GROTON BOYS DROWN IN ABANDONED QUARRY HOLE

Francis Cade and James Batch Found in Pools—Bodies
Evidently Under Ice for Over Two Hours.

The bodies of Francis Cade, five, son of James H. Cade, of 36 Baker avenue, and James Batch, five, son of Mrs. Annie E. Batch of 43 Baker avenue, were found about 2 p. m. today in the water-filled quarry hole on Thames street owned by J. Frank Salter. They had been missing since 10 o'clock this morning. When the searching party headed by Ralph Atkins of Smith street found the bodies they were clasped hand in hand. Dr. F. W. Hewes who viewed the bodies and later sent them to their respective homes believed that they had been in the water since noon.

Shortly after they were missed by their parents, intense anxiety caused a series of searching parties to be sent out. The remainder of

the forenoon and well into the afternoon none of the parties had found any clue. Atkins found at the edge of the quarry foot prints in the snow leading to the pool. The prints led him to the pool and they continued about three feet out into the pond where they were seen no further. The ice was broken and the investigator saw floating under the ice the two bodies in the pond position that they must have been in which they approached the pond.

Other places on the pond would have been safe for them to walk on. Here the rays of the sun had beaten on the ice until it had become too thin even to hold the weight of a child. The water was six feet deep where the bodies were found.

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