

BODY OF DROWNED BOY IDENTIFIED BY HIS BROTHER

Willard T. Brittingham
Claims Youth Who Lost
Life in Quarry

IN CITY SHORT TIME

Everett, Seventeen Years
Old, Lived and Worked in
West Side

The body of the youth drowned in the quarry hole at Fourteenth and Pine streets Friday afternoon was identified at the morgue, yesterday morning by William T. Brittingham, of Farnhurst, as that of his brother, Everett Brittingham, 17 years, of Bethel, who had been living at the home of John Walker, 1015 West Eighth street. Arrangements for shipping the body to the youth's home near Laurel were made yesterday and Deputy Coroner Elliott prepared it for shipment today.

The identification of the body came as the result of descriptions of the drowned youth in local newspapers. Willard Brittingham, who is an attendant at Farnhurst after reading an account of the drowning, remarked to another attendant that the description fitted that of his brother.

He then went to the morgue and was shocked to find the body was that of his younger brother. According to Brittingham, the dead youth had been in this city but a short while and was employed as a clerk in one of the American stores. How he came to be in the neighborhood of the quarry hole puzzled the brother, as the dead youth lived and worked on the west side of town.

After the police had practically abandoned efforts to raise the body, Andrew McKelvie, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, living at 414 Vandever avenue, donned a bathing suit early Saturday night and after diving several times located the body and brought it to the surface. He then notified the police, who in turn summoned Deputy Coroner Elliott, who took charge of the body and removed it to the morgue to await identification. The news of the finding of the body spread like wildfire over the Ninth ward and in a short while hundreds of persons, mostly women and children, were at the quarry. The crowd became so thick it was necessary for Motorcycle Policeman Boyd to order the people back for fear of another drowning.

Since the drowning occurred, a committee of Ninth Ward citizens had been formed for the purpose of raising a sufficient amount of money with which to employ a diver. The sum of \$35.20 had been secured.

Upon hearing that the body had been recovered the committee at once handed the amount collected to Mr. McKelvie, who at first declined to accept, but finally yielded to the wishes of the members of the committee.

The members of the committee were Daniel J. Farren, 817 East Seventeenth street; Marshall Croxson, 633 Vandever avenue; Clarence Boots, 917 Vandever avenue; William Sneed, 829 Vandever avenue; Gordon Realy, 801 East Twenty-second street.

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