

BOY DROWNS IN ABANDONED QUARRY

Hour's Work with Pulmo- tor Fails to Save Life of John Virdine.

John Virdine, 15 years old, 6270 Famous avenue, was drowned in an abandoned quarry at Knox and Wilson avenues at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after slipping from a ledge near the top of the excavation.

The youth's companion, with whom he had been walking around the ledges cut in the stone walls of the quarry, fled from the scene when young Virdine fell into the water, which at that point was about 10 feet deep.

After going down in the water for the third time, the boy was dragged to the edge by William Westfall, 2125 Sulphur avenue, who saw young Virdine fall from the ledge.

Frantic efforts of a physician to save the boy's life with the use of a pulmotor were futile. Several persons who arrived at the scene assisted the physician.

After working for almost an hour with the pulmotor, the physician conveyed the lad to the City Hospital, where another effort was made to revive him, without avail.

The identity of Virdine's companion could not be learned.

The water in several places in the bottom of the quarry is 30 feet deep and is used as a swimming hole by boys living in the neighborhood. The quarry has not been worked for about twenty-five years, police said.