

Boy Drowns In Abandoned Quarry

Body Recovered Several Hours Later

Wilbur Leslie Thompson, 8 year old son of Mrs. Miriam Thompson, drowned Sunday afternoon in the long abandoned Ned Evans slate quarry near Delta. By a sad coincidence his father, who was a World War veteran, likewise came to a tragic end some time ago in an accident at the Blue Mountain plant.

According to testimony given before Coroner Zeck, the child left home soon after noon to play, and when he failed to return by 6 o'clock Mrs. Thompson began to investigate. Going to the old quarry about 300 yards away she saw where a portion of the bank had recently caved in, and fearing the worst summoned help.

The quarry bank at this point was 30 feet high, and the water is about 80 feet deep. Using a hay fork attached to a rope, the men began to grapple for the body and finally located it where it apparently had lodged on a stone ledge about 10 feet below the water's surface. There was every indication that the little fellow had fallen into the water several hours previous.

This is the second drowning at the quarry, John Ellis having lost his life there many years ago.

Wilbur had just completed his third year in school. Besides his mother he is survived by two sisters, Sara and Miriam, and a brother Warren Thompson.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Hawkins' funeral parlor, and interment was in Slateville cemetery.

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