

## Elsie G. Adams ( - 20 Mar 1898)

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**Adams.** Suddenly on Friday morning, March 18, 1898, at 3:55 o'clock, Elsie Gray, beloved daughter of John and Margaret M. Adams, aged eight years, seven months and eleven days.

Our dear Elsie, must she leave us?  
Must we place her with the dead?  
How can we hear the cold earth fall,  
Down upon our darling's head?

Little Elsie was our darling,  
Pride of all our hearts at home;  
But an angel came and whispered,  
Darling Elsie, do come home.

None knew her but to love her.

By Parents

Funeral from her parents' residence, 312 14th street southwest, at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 20; thence to Epiphany Chapel, corner of 12th and C streets southwest. Relatives and friends of the family respectfully invited to attend.

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### **Accidentally Killed**

#### **Elsie Gray Adams, Nine Years Old, Run Over by a Cart**

Elsie Gray Adams, a school girl nearly nine years old, who attended the Bradley school in South Washington, died at an early hour this morning at the home of her parents, No. 312 14th street southwest. Her death was the result of injuries received by being run over by a brick cart near her home Saturday afternoon. The cart that caused the injury was in charge of William Thompson, a colored boy, fourteen years old. The cart was on a down grade at the time of the accident.

The child was on the sidewalk when the horse and cart came down the grade. The horse knocked her down and one of the wheels passed over her chest.

Elsie was carried home, and Dr. Perkins was summoned. Symptoms of pneumonia developed, and this morning death ended the child's sufferings.

As soon as the police of the fourth precinct learned of the death they arrested Thompson. He told them that the affair was an accident. The girl, he said, walked against the horse and was knocked down. Before she could get up the cart wheel passed over her.

Coroner Carr went to the house today and viewed the body. It was his intention to hold an inquest, but Mr. Adams objected to the removal of the body from the house for the purpose of an autopsy. Mrs. Adams is sick and Mr. Adams feared the removal of the body would have a serious effect upon her. Rather than have the body removed he preferred that a certificate of accidental death be given. His wish was complied with.