

## Guy H. Beckwith

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**Beckwith.** Suddenly on Thursday, August 23, 1904, Guy H. Beckwith, beloved son of Zachariah and Julia M. Beckwith, aged 12 years.

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### **Accidental Death**

#### **Guy Beckwith Drowned Yesterday Afternoon in Rock Creek**

A drowning accident occurred yesterday afternoon in Rock Creek just beyond the District line, in which the victim was Guy Beckwith, twelve years old. The drowning occurred in sight of Roy Beckwith, his brother, who is fourteen years old, and a companion named William Brainerd. The boys left the home of the parents of the brothers, Mr., and Mrs. Zachariah Beckwith, on the Rock Creek road, shortly before noon, and went to the creek to enjoy a bath. They could not swim, it is stated, and when the younger of the brothers got into the deep water he sank.

An effort made to hand him a stick and save him from drowning failed, and then the boys screamed for assistance. Their appeal was answered by Michael and William Callahan and they recovered the body, but not in time to save the boy's life. Magistrate Herbert Claude, acting as coroner, held an inquest later in the day, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. The body was then removed to the home of the parents of the boy.