

## John F. Dudley

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### **Little Child Drowns in Bucket of Water**

Falling head first into a bucket of water left standing in the kitchen of his grandmother's home yesterday afternoon, little John F. Dudley, 18 months old, barely able to support the weight of his body on his tiny legs, was drowned before he could be drawn out. Coroner Nevitt was informed of the boy's death and issued a certificate of death by accident.

The little fellow was crawling around the floor of the house on Patterson Street northeast, while his grandmother, Mrs. Schlosser, was busy attending to her household duties. She passed from one room to another several times and last saw the boy supporting himself with a chair in the kitchen. When she returned she found him standing on his head in the bucket and his head and shoulders beneath the water.

She hastily drew him from the bucket, but he had been dead several moments before she discovered him.