

Clarence Robert Henderson

(- 4 May 1906)

Henderson. On May 4, 1906 at 5:30 a.m., C. Robert the beloved son of John T. and Virginia Henderson aged 21 months and 3 days.

Little Robbie was our darling
Pride of all our hearts at home.
But an angel can and whispered
Darling baby do come home.
By a broken hearted Mama and Papa

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Inquest to be Held

Coroner to Investigate Circumstances Attending Death of Child

Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest at the morgue tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to determine the circumstances attending the death of Robert Henderson, twenty-one months of age. The child was run over yesterday afternoon in front of the home of his parents, 1207 New Jersey avenue southeast, and his death occurred this morning at Providence Hospital. Sylvester Brown, colored, twenty-one years of age, who is employed as a driver for E.B. Stephenson, of 315 McLean avenue, was placed under arrest last night by Policeman Patterson of the fifth precinct, and held upon a charge of manslaughter, it being alleged that the child had been run over by the team driven by him.

It is stated that the child was playing in front of the parents' home, while no one was at the door to watch him -- a very brief time -- and he ran into the street and was run over. He received but slight external injuries, several scratches and bruises, but the vehicle inflicted internal injuries, which, it is stated, were the cause of death. The wheel, it is thought, passed over his chest and abdomen and also fractured his collarbone. A man who happened to be passing the scene of the accident picked up the injured boy and carried him into his parents' home.

Dr. Chester Pyles, the family physician, was sent for, and at once decided that the child had received fatal injuries. Acting upon his suggestion, the little sufferer was conveyed to Providence Hospital for treatment. His death occurred this morning, as stated. Deputy Coroner Glazebrook will perform the autopsy in order to determine the exact nature of the injuries.

Brown will be held until tomorrow morning, when he will be taken to the morgue, where he will have an opportunity to hear what the witnesses say about the accident, and he will be given an opportunity of giving his version of the affair. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.