

Emmett Hoffman

(- 5 Aug 1910)

Hoffman. Departed this life suddenly, August 5, 1910, Emmett, beloved son of Harry and Elsie Hoffman (nee Raynor).

Little Emmett was our darling
Pride of all our hearts and home
But an angel came and whispered
Dearest Emmett do come home.

By His Aunts

Funeral from the residence of his parents, 508 12th street southeast, Monday at 3 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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Cleared of Blame For Child's Death

Dr. Moffitt, Whose Automobile Fatally Injured

Emmett Hoffman, Exonerated

Dr. H. Watson Moffitt of 1200 East Capitol street, whose automobile struck and fatally injured Emmett Hoffman, five years old, while at 10th and M streets southeast yesterday, was exonerated from blame today by a jury. Coroner Nevitt conducted the inquest over the body at the morgue at 11 o'clock. Dr. Moffitt and several friends being in attendance. The physician had given bond in the sum of \$2,500 for his appearance.

Emmett Hoffman, whose parents reside at 506 12th street southeast, was in the vicinity of 10th and M streets yesterday with a companion, who had dealings with a junk dealer. He was on M street when he saw Morris Boswell, colored, driver of a delivery team, whom he knew. The colored man called to him to know what he was doing so far from home, and the child started to run across the street from the south to the north side.

Runs in Front of Automobile

There were two teams on the street and the boy was not in a position, it is said, to see the approaching automobile. He ran in the way and was run over. Maurice Otterback of 414 10th street southeast was also in the automobile. He is suffering from nervous prostration and was out with Dr. Moffitt, his physician, to get the benefit of a ride in the open air.

Because of Otterback's ailment, Dr. Moffitt was moving his machine at a moderate rate of speed, he said, and stopped before the vehicle had gone more than fifteen feet, but was unable to avoid the boy in the street. A policeman took the injured lad in his arms and went with the physician in the automobile to the Casualty Hospital, first aid remedies having been applied at the scene of the accident.

Dr. John R. Wellington performed an operation. He found an extensive fracture of the skull, extending from the right side to the base of the brain, and it proved to be impossible to save the child's life. Death occurred about 7 o'clock last night.