

James Hutchinson

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Death by Drowning

On Wednesday last, as a little boy, six or seven years of age, named James Hutchinson, son of an industrious widow, on Louisiana avenue, was playing near the Washington canal, he fell into the water and was unfortunately drowned. This was a very extraordinary, as well as distressing occurrence. It happened in open day, near the Centre market, and in a part of the canal where there is not more than five feet water. It seems that no one saw the poor little fellow fall into the water, but another small boy, who accompanied him; and that he was terrified and did not give the alarm soon enough. He immediately sunk, never to rise again alive. The vital spark was forever fled when he was taken out of the canal. A Coroner's inquest returned the following verdict: that "the deceased came to his death by accidentally falling into the canal and drowning."