

## Ella E. Johnson

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### **Young Girl Is Killed; Parents Are Injured**

#### **Motor Cycle Driven by Gustaf Johnson Hits Wagon on Anacostia Bridge**

Helen Johnson, six years old, daughter of Gustaf and Mrs. Alice Johnson, 323 16th street southeast, was killed this morning about 12:30 o'clock as a result of a collision between her father's motor cycle and a farmer's wagon on the bridge over Anacostia river at Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Her parents were seriously hurt.

Johnson, who is a marine, yesterday afternoon, took his wife and daughter for a ride in the country, the wife and child occupying a side car attached to the motor cycle. On the return trip and while crossing the bridge through the rain, it is stated, the marine drove his machine against the rear end of the wagon of Robert M. Thompson, Clinton, Md., who was on his way to the city.

The overturning of the motor cycle threw its three occupants to the bridge, killing the child almost instantly and so seriously injuring her parents that it was not until sometime after the hospital was reached that the father was able to tell his identity.

#### *Parents May Recover*

Mrs. Johnson was unconscious when picked up and taken to the hospital. She regained consciousness this morning. Her husband spent a fairly comfortable night, and apparently was much improved this morning. It was stated at the hospital that both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson may recover.

Mr. Thompson went to the eleventh precinct police station and told the story of the accident. It was explained that he had a light on his wagon, as required by law, and that it was not until the collision occurred that he knew of the danger. His wagon was slightly damaged. He remained with the dead child and her injured parents until the occupant of a passing automobile took them to the hospital.

Coroner Nevitt viewed the body of the child, learned from the police the story of the accident and ordered an inquest for 3 o'clock today.