

## Overton L. Sanderson

( - 9 Jul 1909)

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**Sanderson.** On Friday, July 9, 1909, Overton L. Sanderson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. Early Sanderson, aged 9 years. Funeral from parents' residence, 514 Eighth street southeast, Monday afternoon, July 12 at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

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### **Drowned at Mouth of Sewer**

### **Rising Tide Cut Off Small Boy's Escape**

### **Wading With Companions, Nine-Year-Old Overton Sanderson Is Unable to Reach Shore**

Overton Sanderson, nine years of age, son of Quince E. Sanderson, contractor, 513 8th street southeast, was drowned in the Eastern branch, near the foot of 12th street, yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock, but it was some time before the police were told of it. John H. Moran, a boatman, recovered the body nearly two hours after the boy was drowned and it was removed to the morgue. Coroner Nevitt made an investigation, gave a certificate of accidental death and permitted the removal of the body to the Sanderson home by Undertaker Nalley. Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place Monday.

The Sanderson boy went to the river front yesterday afternoon with three companions and spent some time wading about in the shallow water near the mouth of the big sewer. While they were on the flats the tide turned and they found themselves in deeper water than they had anticipated. There was a big log in the water near the mouth of the sewer and the four boys climbed upon it and jumped in the direction of the shore. Sanderson landed in a hole that was made by the water from the sewer, while the others landed on the side where the water was shallow enough for them to wade. Sanderson called for help, but his companions were too badly frightened and too young to be of assistance, and the lad sank out of sight.

Willie Ridgely, one of the boys in the party, ran to the Sanderson home and told of the drowning. Overton Sanderson was a pupil in the second grade at the Lenox building. Yesterday about noon he took his father's dinner to him, returning the empty basket and going out to play, not telling his mother he was going to the river.