

## James Elwood Smith

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### **Inquiry Into Cause of Death**

Coroner Nevitt is investigating the death of James Elwood Smith, aged five weeks, infant son of David and Mary Smith, who live at No. 39 Monroe street, Anacostia. His death occurred about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is stated that the child was sick and was given a dose of patent medicine. Dr. Harrison was afterward called in, but the child died, and under the circumstances the doctor refused to give a certificate without consulting the coroner. It is believed that the death was caused by an overdose of the medicine.

The body of the infant was removed to the morgue, where an autopsy was performed this afternoon. The contents of the stomach and a portion of the medicine will be sent to the District chemist for analysis.