

George H. Starr

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Accidental Drowning

George Starr Loses His Life in the River

George Starr, a newsboy, eighteen years old, was drowned in the river near the Knickerbocker Ice Company's wharf, at the foot of 3d street southeast, yesterday afternoon. His body was recovered by Policeman Frank Hughes, and efforts were made to resuscitate him, but without success. Starr lived at No. 15 K street southeast, and the money he earned selling papers went to the family treasury.

After disposing of papers yesterday he went to the river to enjoy a cool bath. With a number of others he went into the water where the high fence of the ice company shielded the bathers from view of pedestrians. When Starr was seen struggling in the water, and it was evident he was drowning, an outcry was made, and some of his companions tried to save him.

Policeman Hughes was some distance from the river when he heard of the drowning. He hurried to Providence Hospital, but, as already stated, the doctors were unable to effect resuscitation. The body was then removed to his late home, and Coroner Carr gave a certificate of accidental drowning.

The young man was popular, industrious and of good reputation.