

# Richard M. Phillips

Occupant Name: Richard M. Phillips

Location: **Section S, Lot 74**

Date of Birth: 6/7/1938

Date of Death: 7/10/1940

Date of Burial: 7/13/1940

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: George Phillips

Multiple Occupants: No

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**Richard Phillips, Two-year-old Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Fayne Phillips, Medora, Killed Instantly; Mrs. Edwin Starr, 35, Suffers Severe Injury When Car Stalls On B. & O. Track.**

Richard Phillips, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fayne (Bill) Phillips, of Medora, was killed instantly and Mrs. Edwin Starr, 35, of Medora, suffered a severe laceration of her abdomen when a car, in which they were riding, stalled on a crossing in Medora and was struck by the fast westbound B. & O. train No. 3 at 11:13 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Starr was taken to the Seymour hospital where her condition is considered serious. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Commodore McClintock and is well known over the county, having taught school for a number of years.

Mrs. Phillips was driving the car when it stalled on the tracks. As she got out of the car she attempted to pick up the baby but failed. She then tried to flag down the train which was approaching from her side of the car. Mrs. Starr had gotten out on the other side of the car but failed to get away far enough. A part of the car struck her, cutting the deep wound.

The baby was carried in the car which hung to the engine until the train stopped more than fifteen hundred feet down the track. The child suffered a broken neck, fractured right arm, bruises and a deep gash across the throat. The body was taken to the Hague funeral home in Medora. Wiley Phillips, trustee of Carr township, and Mrs. Phillips are grandparents of the child.

Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Phillips and little son were on their way to the Jim Hinderlider farm west of Medora and near the brick plant where a number of women were gathering to have dinner and spend the afternoon with Mrs. Bert Prather.

The accident happened at the old canning factory crossing in Medora. The car, a Model A Ford, which was around the garage owned by Mr. Phillips, was completely demolished with the front axle and engine being torn from the frame.