

C. Ezra Robertson

Occupant Name: C. Ezra Robertson

Location: Section M, Lot 4

Date of Birth: 1899

Date of Death: 1912

Date of Burial: 1912

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Edmond Robertson

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



SAD ACCIDENT	SAD ACCIDENT.
<p>Ezra, Little Son of Dunham Robertson, Drowned.</p> <p>Ezra, twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dunham Robertson, was drowned last Saturday evening, about six o'clock, in what is known as the Lahrman Cut-off, about three miles west of Brownstown.</p> <p>The family had moved about two weeks ago from a farm south of Brownstown to the old Barney Lahrman farm, which Dunham's father, Chas. A. Robertson, had recently purchased.</p> <p>Ezra had been begging his father all day to take a boat ride, and late in the afternoon he was given permission to go out with his uncle, Elmer Wayt. As White river was up, the bayou and low places were all overflowing with water. After riding around a short time looking for wild ducks, Mr. Wayt turned the boat toward home, and was letting it float downstream until he came to a place to turn into another old bed that would bring them nearer the house.</p> <p>Ezra was seated in the back seat of the boat facing his uncle, who was seated in the middle of the boat rowing. The boy had just asked his uncle if he was going to turn in at the point they had reached, and Mr. Wayt turned to see if the boat was going the right direction, when he heard a splash and turning his head back was horrified to see his nephew disappear into the water over the back end of the boat. He gave a quick lunge toward the boy and tried to grab him as he went under the water, but just succeeded in barely touching him. In jumping forward Mr. Wayt broke one of the oars. While he was trying to regain control of the boat, the boy came up about fifteen feet away, but immediately sank out of sight, before his uncle could rescue him.</p> <p>The drowning was witnessed by Ezra's father, who made a heroic effort to save his son's life. He was in the yard at the time getting some wood when he heard an exclamation from his brother-in-law, and looked up in time to see what had happened. In an instant he threw off his outer clothing and shoes, plunged into the icy water and swam and waded a distance of several hundred yards, but reached the spot too late.</p> <p>Word was soon sent to the neighbors and also to town, and soon a number of men had reached the scene to aid in the efforts to recover the body. They worked all Saturday night, and by Sunday morning quite a crowd had collected. About a dozen boats were used the entire day and various manners of devices were used to locate the body. It was finally concluded that the body had lodged in some drifts on an old tree-top that was found under the water below where the accident occurred, and several sticks of dynamite were fired in the hope of dislodging the body, but failed.</p> <p>The search continued Monday and Tuesday, from twenty-five to fifty men working faithfully all this time. Tuesday afternoon, about one o'clock, more dynamite was used, and about two o'clock the efforts of the searchers were rewarded by finding the body about fifty feet from where the boy was drowned. It had lodged in the old tree top, referred to above, as many had predicted. It was found by Will Barkman and Charles Rochner.</p> <p>The remains were in a splendid state of preservation. It is said there was no water in his lungs, which still further strengthens the theory that he was taken suddenly sick when he fell from the boat, and life had practically expired when he struck the water.</p> <p>The parents, who are almost prostrated with grief, wish us to express their most heartfelt thanks to the public for the kindness shown them in their hours</p>	<p>(Continued From Page 1, Column 3.)</p> <p>of suspense and sorrow and especially to the men who worked so hard and faithfully both night and day to recover the body.</p> <p>The funeral services will be held at the Christian church in Brownstown this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. D. L. Milligan officiating, followed by interment in Fairview cemetery.</p> <p>Just what caused the boy to fall out will never be known. Some think that he became dizzy, others think he may have tried to turn around or reach after something and lost his balance, while others think he was taken suddenly ill, as he had not been feeling very well for a week or so. The fact that he made no out cry or any struggle to keep afloat, would indicate that he must have been dazed or sick.</p> <p>He was an exceptionally bright boy and at the recently bi-monthly examination made the highest grade in his class, his general average being 88. He would have graduated from the eighth grade in the Gossman school this year. He is survived by his parents and one sister, who have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in their deep sorrow.</p>