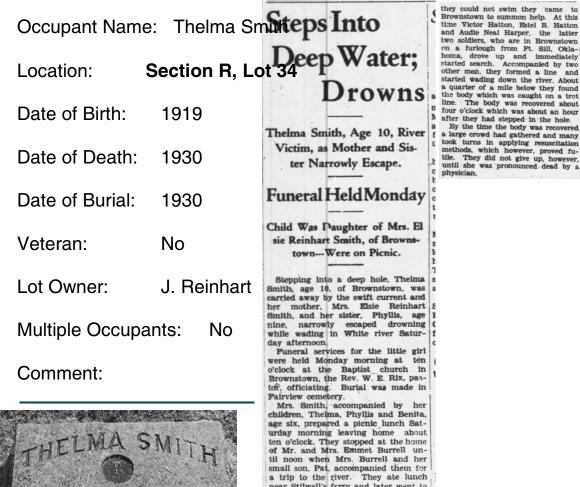
Thelma Smith



line. The body was recovered about four o'clock which was about an hour after they had stepped in the hole. By the time the body was recovered a large crowd had gathered and many took turns in applying resuscitation methods, which however, proved fu-tile. They did not give up, however, until she was pronounced dead by a nhwsician. physician.



near Stilwell's ferry and later went to the river to go wading. Thelma, who took a special delight in picnics, had been begging her mother for more than a week to go to the river wading After playing in the sand on the bar and wading in the shallow water, Mrs. Smith, holding Thelma and Phyllis by the hand, started to wade across the river. They were in water about knee deep when they stepped off into a deep hole with water over their heads. The current was very swift and carried them swiftly down stream. Thelma was jerked loose from her mother's grasp, but Phyllis in some manner grabbed hold of her

mother and held on to her back until Mrs. Smith, who could swim some, water, struggled to shallow coming out on the opposite side of the river. Mrs. Burrell was more than a hundred feet away at the time and was unable to lend any assistance. She thought that she saw Thelma's head above the water once.

Mrs. Smith, when she reached the opposite bank and realizing that her daughter had been carried away down the river, called for help to Virgil Hall and Bruce Brown, who were fishing quite a distance below.