

# Price O. Brooke

Occupant Name: Price O. Brooke

Location: **Section M, Lot 23**

Date of Birth: 1890

Date of Death: 1911

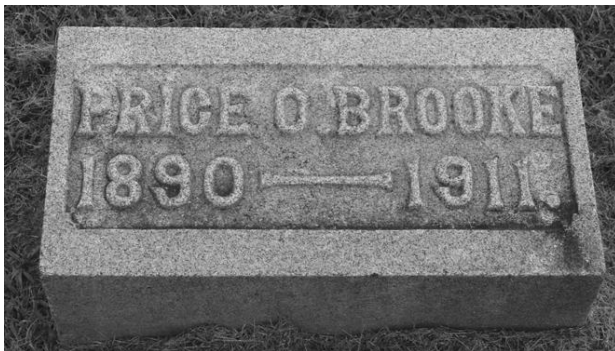
Date of Burial: 1911

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Oskar Brooke

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



**SAD ACCIDENT.**

**Price Brooke Drowned in Ohio River Near Jeffersonville.**

Our citizens were greatly shocked early last Thursday morning upon hearing the sad and startling news that Price Brooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brooke, of this place, had been drowned the night before near Jeffersonville.

It was after midnight when the parents received the sad news of their son's tragic death, but our people in general did not know it until after daylight that morning. Mr. and Mrs. Brooke left immediately for Jeffersonville on the early train due here at 4:17 a. m.

The particulars of the sad accident are as follows:

Price and a party of young friends, consisting of Misses Jane Stannard, Jean Burke and Marie Cole, and two young men, Fielding Morrison and Homer Neely, left Jeffersonville, in a motor boat about 9:30 that night and went out to what is known as Six Mile Island, about six miles northeast of the city, where quite a number of pleasure parties from Jeffersonville and Louisville are in the habit of going.

After partaking of a lunch at a houseboat on the Indiana shore, the party concluded to go in bathing, having provided themselves with bathing suits and cork floats which float on the water in front of the swimmer upon which the hands are supposed to rest.

At the place where they went bathing a steam dredge boat had been in operation, digging sand and gravel from the bed of the river and leaving deep sink holes in various places.

The party had been in the water about forty-five minutes when some of them began going out. Miss Cole, who was nearest Price, called to him that the others were leaving and receiving no response she turned around just in time to see his hand going under water. Although she could not swim, she floated toward him on her life preserver and made every effort to rescue him. When he first re-appeared he jumped almost out of the water, but did not utter a sound. She grasped him by the back of his bathing suit, but owing to his weight and the fact that his suit was wet she was unable to hold him. He came up again and this time she grabbed him by the hair, but he grappled with her and was about to pull her under, when the others of the party, (who were about fifty or sixty feet away, when Miss Cole first screamed for help) reached them. Homer Neely, who was the best swimmer, went to their rescue, but before he reached them Price had gone down for the last time. He and the other boys continued to dive for the body while the girls ran to the nearest house and telephoned the Louisville Life Saving Crew, of the accident, who proceeded at once to the scene and recovered the body about 12 o'clock that night.

The fact that he at no time made any outcry for help leads to the belief that he may have suffered an attack of heart trouble or was overcome with cramps, which caused him to lose his hold on the life preserver which was floating away from him when Miss Cole first noticed that he was drowning.

The remains were taken to Jeffersonville, where they were taken to an undertaking establishment by the coroner and afterward conveyed to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Wilson, to await the arrival of his parents.

Short funeral services, attended by many citizens of Jeffersonville, were held at the home of Mrs. Wilson, Friday morning at 7:30 o'clock, when the grief-stricken parents accompanied by other relatives started for Brownstown reaching here at 10:41 a. m. They