

[Handwritten: died June 12, 1892]

DROWNED. William Reynolds Loses His Life in the St. Mary's River. One of the most startling reports that ever enlisted the sympathies of the people of this town for bereaved parents was brought to Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds last Sunday afternoon. The sad tidings told them of the death of their son, William, who was accidentally drowned in the St. Mary's River about one mile south east of the city. The day was very warm and the heat oppressive. About twenty young men concluded to go to the river and bathe. Reynolds attempted to swim the river, but before he reached the opposite bank he, from some cause, went down apparently without a struggle. His associates seeing his danger hastened to his rescue, but on the account of the distance he was from them he went down the last time before they could reach him. Within a short time the banks of the river were lined with acquaintances and friends eagerly watching those who were diligently searching for the drowned. Every contrivable means were tried to bring the body to the water's surface, but of no avail. Discouragement was not thought of. The search was kept up until darkness came on and made further search futile. The next morning at day light found many ready to aid in the vigorous search. But instead of working in a haphazard manner, system characterized their efforts and about eight o'clock F. I. Case and E. N. Tyrill caught the body with their hooks. The remains were at once brought to Woodruff & Autch undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at ten o'clock from the residence and was largely attended. Young Reynolds had for some time past been employed by the Chicago & Erie railroad company as night operator. He was a young man about twenty two years of age just beginning the battle of life and it seemed that a bright future was before him.

[NOTE: Reynolds, W.G.; 18 June 1870 - 12 June 1892, 21y 11m 24d, son of Andrew Jackson & Sarah C. (Gilliford) Reynolds]