

# Boy Drowns

Last Tuesday afternoon, August, 24th, Edward Robert Gartman, eleven years, eight months old, lost his life by drowning in Ball Hill Creek near the George Harrington place.

Together with his brother, who is about two years older, he had gone in bathing, and ventured too close to a hole in which the water was afterwards found to be about eight feet deep. As neither of the boys could swim they were helpless when beyond their depth, and although every effort was made by the older brother to save Edward, the only result was that he came near drowning himself.

When he saw that he could do nothing alone to rescue his brother, the older boy ran to the Harrington place to call assistance. Neighbors were summoned by phone as promptly as possible, but as most of the men were in the fields it was some time before anyone who could swim arrived on the scene. Dr. Benson was called from Hannaford, and accompanied by P. Falstad and Walter Thoreson, arrived about an hour after the boy had gone down. Walter immediately went in and soon brought the body to the surface, but it had been in the water too long and no sign of life remained.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gartman, and was born, December 24th, 1908, thus being 11 years, 8 months old at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at the home on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 and at 3:00 at the Methodist church at Cooperstown, Rev. H. L. Bennett officiating.

The sorrowing parents have the sincerest sympathy of the whole community in their great affliction.

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## Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all friends and neighbors who sent flowers, and who extended help and sympathy during our recent bereavement in the death of our beloved son.

Robert Gartman and Family

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