

JOHNSTON, ELVIN DALE
June 17, 1909-July 4, 1918

LITTLE BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH BY WAGON

A most distressing accident occurred about three and one-half miles southeast of Lakeview when Dale, the nine year old son of John and Alvorah Johnston, fell from a loaded wagon and was run over by both wheels. On the morning of July 4th, he was driving along the road to one of the neighbors when, in some manner, he lost his balance falling from his seat in front of the wagon. His parents, who were just a few rods ahead in a car, came at once to his assistance and removed him to his home. Dr. Phifer was summoned, and after examination, found injuries sustained were beyond medical or surgical aid. The little fellow bore his pains manfully, and remained conscious to the last, finally passing away about seven o'clock in the evening.

Dale was a favorite among his playmates and the tragedy of his death shocked the neighborhood. Rev. Mason Swaggart, pastor of the People's Mission church, assisted by Rev. Amos Hartman, conducted services at the residence of the deceased Friday at one o'clock, after which, the body, accompanied by a procession of sixteen automobiles, was taken to Wheatland for burial. The grief-stricken parents and relatives may rest assured the heartfelt sympathy of all their neighbors goes out to them in this hour of sadness.