

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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**WILL JACOBS'**

### Sad Death by Drowning.

Sunday afternoon a rumor that Will Jacobs had been drowned while bathing in Lord's Lake was received with incredulity, until from further reports the rumor became a confirmed fact.

The sad news caused considerable excitement, and hundreds started for the scene of the accident. Boats were brought from town and from neighboring lakes, and volunteer searching parties began the task of recovering the body.

A number of grappling irons were brought, and by the light of several fishing lamps the search was continued until about 11 o'clock, when the work was given up, no trace of the body having been discovered. Early Monday morning Chas. B. Fox, who resides on the Kirby farm, and E. B. Comstock started out, and at the first pull over the place where the boy went down grappled the body, and in a few moments had secured the remains of the unfortunate lad.

He was found in about 30 feet of water, and from the rigid contraction of the muscles of the body it was plain that a sudden attack of cramps had rendered him powerless and given the waters an easy victim.

The facts of his drowning, as given by his companions, are briefly as follows:

In company with George Humphrey and Thad. Seeley he had gone to the lake with the intention of locating a camping ground and clearing up the under-brush. This accomplished, the boys entered their boat and started out for a swim. Will's two companions soon left the boat and swam out to the center of the lake, while he, being an indifferent swimmer, rowed the boat

nearer shore, divested himself of his clothing and plunged in. A few moments after his companions heard a cry for help, turned, saw Will struggling in the water, and swam as rapidly as possible to assist him. Seeley reached the spot first and grasped him, but being drawn several feet under the water was forced to relinquish his hold. Humphrey had by this time reached the place, and together they waited for Jacobs to come to the surface, but the weeds and mud at the bottom of the lake held him firmly in their grasp, and, exhausted with their rapid swim, the boys were forced to make for the shore, leaving their companion 'neath the placid waters of the lake.

The deceased was about 17 years old, a healthy, bright and promising lad, whose future, if correctly outlined by his former life, would have realized the brightest anticipations and highest hopes of his friends.

His mother, having been dead for a number of years, has been spared the pain and grief which has fallen like a pall over the father, the brothers, and those who have filled a mother's place. The deepest sympathy of the entire community is with the suddenly bereaved family in their affliction.

Funeral services will be held at the family residence on Williams St. at 4 o'clock this afternoon after which the remains will be placed in the Petrie vault. Aug 6 - 1883

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