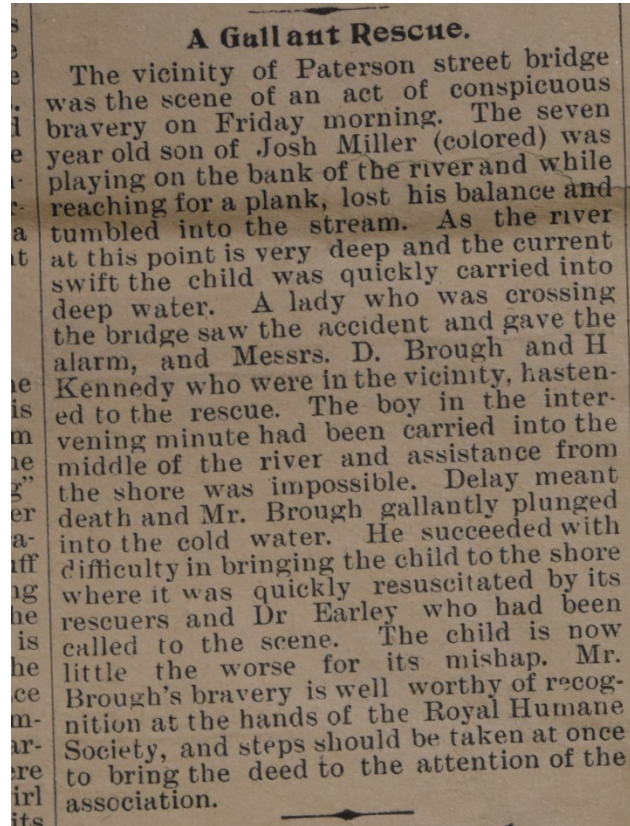


# A Gallant Rescue



The vicinity of Paterson street bridge was the scene of an act of conspicuous bravery on Friday morning. The seven year old son of Josh Miller (colored) was playing on the bank of the river and while reaching for a plank, lost his balance and tumbled into the stream. As the river at this point is very deep and the current swift the child was quickly carried into deep water. A lady who was crossing the bridge saw the accident and gave the alarm, and Messrs. D. Brough and H. Kennedy who were in the vicinity, hastened to the rescue. The boy in the intervening minute had been carried into the middle of the river and assistance from the shore was impossible. Delay meant death and Mr. Brough gallantly plunged into the cold water. He succeeded with difficulty in bringing the child to the shore where it was quickly resuscitated by its rescuers and Dr Earley who had been called to the scene. The child is now little worse for its mishap. Mr. Brough's bravery is well worthy of recognition at the hands of the Royal Humane Society, and steps should be taken at once to bring the deed to the attention of the association.

“A Gallant Rescue.” *Owen Sound Times* (Owen Sound, ON), May 3, 1900.

Additional Information:

The young boy referred to in the article is Wilfred Miller, born August 13, 1892 in Owen Sound.<sup>1</sup> The 1901 Census of Canada lists the Miller family – Joshua, Nancy A., Wilfred and Ettie – living on Union Street (present 8<sup>th</sup> Street East), Owen Sound. Joshua was employed as a cook, and Nancy was employed as a straw worker in a millinery. It is unclear if Wilfred may also have been working, despite his young age. Although a profession is not listed on the census record, the column “Living on own means” is checked and “Months at school in year” is empty.<sup>2</sup> Sadly, Wilfred died of consumption only one year after his rescue, on May 28, 1901.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule A- Births. County of Grey. Division of Owen Sound. Registrations of Births and Stillbirths – 1869-1913. Microfilm MS 929, Reel 110. Archives of Ontario.

<sup>2</sup> Census of Canada, 1901. Census Place: Owen Sound (Town/Ville), Grey (north/nord), Ontario; Page: 16; Family No: 164. *Ancestry.com* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. [http://interactive.ancestrylibrary.com/8826/z000064884?pid=5558253&backurl=http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/cgi-](http://interactive.ancestrylibrary.com/8826/z000064884?pid=5558253&backurl=http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv%3D1%26db%3D1901canada%26h%3D5558253%26tid%3D%26pid%3D%26usePUB%3Dtrue%26usePUBJs%3Dtrue%26rhSource%3D8838&treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true)

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<sup>3</sup> Schedule C. Deaths. County of Grey. Division of Owen Sound. Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1869-1938, 1943-1944, and Deaths Overseas, 1939-1947. *Ancestry.com* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. [http://interactive.ancestrylibrary.com/8946/ONMS935\\_101-0108?pid=1639304&backurl=http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/cgi-](http://interactive.ancestrylibrary.com/8946/ONMS935_101-0108?pid=1639304&backurl=http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv%3D1%26db%3Dontario_deaths%26h%3D1639304%26tid%3D%26pid%3D%26usePUB%3Dtrue%26usePUBJs%3Dtrue%26rhSource%3D8826&treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true)