

Infant Daughter Coyle (Died 30 June 1896)

On January 5, 2021, a small tombstone was discovered near the area where landscaping had been installed just a few weeks earlier. On it was inscribed: "Infant daughter of C.F. & Emma Coyle. Died June 30, 1896." Had the landscapers uncovered it and just not said anything about it?

Extensive research has failed to uncover much about this child or her family. There were many families by the name of Coyle in nearby Jefferson and Berkeley Counties in West Virginia, and it is likely that C.F. Coyle came from there, but we know nothing about him. Perhaps he came to Brunswick to work on the railroad, but that's speculation.

Emma was born in Pennsylvania. They were married in 1893 when she was just 17 years old.

What we do know is that in 1900, Emma Coyle (age 23) was living in the household of Jacob R. Rockwell and his family (wife and 6 children) in Brunswick. 10 boarders were living in the house, all firemen and brakemen on the railroad, along with Emma and one other woman who were listed as "servants." Based on a subsequent census record, this house may have been located on Terrace Avenue. She told the census taker that she was married (for 7 years), and had had 2 children, both of whom had died. However, C.F. is not listed in that census, nor was I able to find either of them in 1910. Perhaps he died and she remarried? All speculation.

