

CHILD OF WALTER

Source: Crawfordsville Weekly Journal March 29, 1895 Accident Infant SMITH (c/o Walter) The friends of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Smith, late of this city, will be pained to learn of a sad accident which befell their infant child about a week ago in Chicago. The baby, about 6 months old, fell out of its cradle and broke its back. The doctors have placed it in a plaster cast and state that the cast cannot be permanently removed until the child is 3 years old. it is now perfectly helpless and can move only its hands.

Note: This might either be their son, Earl (born 31 August 1894 which would make it a perfect timing for child above -- or in the 1900 census Pearl Hirst Smith had two children, one living - since Earl later registered for the service with "no physical disabilities," I'd not think it was him. Hmmm, would be nice to have a name :(