Tierney Death in River Follows That Of Father, 14 Years Ago to the Day

When Pat Tierney, electrician's helper, plunged to his death from the top of one of the intake towers on Boulder dam yesterday, he suffered almost the same fate that snuffed out the life of his father, J. G. Tierney, fourteen years ago to the day.

The elder Tierney was a member of the crew of workmen making preliminary investigations for Boulder dam under the direction of Walker R. Young who later became construction engineer in charge of the project for the bureau of reclamation.

On December 20, 1921, during a period of especially high water in the river, the government barge upon which Tierney was working was swept away by the debris and flood and Pat's father was drowned.

His body was never recovered, although the barge was finally located near Fort Mohave far down the river.

The younger man fell 320 feet from one of the intake towers yesterday morning into the waters of Boulder lake, and his body was recovered several hours later. He, like his father, was an employee of the bureau of reclamation. He is survived by his widowed mother, who resides in Springfield, Missouri, his own widow and a three year old son. The mother was expected in Boulder City next Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her family.

Young Tierney was 25 years of age and a native of Missouri. His remains will be sent home for burial, according to Gene Parks of the Palm Funeral Home who is in charge of arrangements.