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A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Jesse Patrick of this Village, run into by a Locomotive
and Receives injuries from which he Soon Dies.

The first fatal railroad accident which has occurred in this village for some time happened on Monday at 10-12 A.M. Mr. Jesse Patrick who lives on Sanger street in this village was driving a team attached to a lumber wagon up White street. It proved to be the time for the Utica train from the south to arrive, but owing to the noise that the wagon made Mr. Patrick evidently did not hear the approaching train and as Bennett & Snell's shops, and a freight train standing on the switch, hid the view of the track to the south he drove almost in front of the train as it came in. The pilot struck between the horses and the wagon breaking the [?] from the wagon, throwing the horses down on one side and overturning the wagon on the other. The horses soon recovered their feet and ran up the street and tho' considerably bruised were not seriously hurt. With the unfortunate driver this was not the case. When the engine struck the wagon Mr. Patrick was thrown upon the pilot and carried halfway from the White street crossing to the station on Putnam avenue. The engineer stopped the train as soon as possible and just after the body of Mr. Patrick rolled off at one side of the track. He was unconscious and was covered with blood and bruises. He was taken to his home and Doctors Gorton and Allen were called. They decided that there had been concussion of the brain although no fracture was discovered. Mr. Patrick never regained consciousness but continued sinking until 2 A.M. Tuesday when he died.

Mr. Patrick was 73 years of age and has been a resident of this town for many years. He was a farmer by occupation but of late years has lived in the village and was an active and energetic man up to the time of the accident that terminated his life. His death in this violent and sudden manner is sincerely mourned and his wife and children have the sympathy of all. James of Syracuse, George and William Patrick of this village, and Mrs. D. N. Gaylord of Deansville, are children of the deceased.

While the death of Mr. Patrick is the first that has occurred at the White street crossing there have been many narrow escapes and it is the general opinion of our citizens that the railroad company should have a gate in operation there.

Coroner Jones came here from Utica Thursday and held an inquest. The following jury was empaneled: L. D. Edwards, W. M. Roberts, W. D. Jones, G. R. Sanford, J. I. Cady, R. M. Usher, M. M. Maynard, E. Hall, E. D. Geer, John Stone, A. J. Hale, D. P. Welch and R. J. Roberts. After several important witnesses were sworn the jury presented the following verdict: That Jesse Patrick came to his death by being struck by locomotive No. 12,

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drawing train No. 13. They also exonerated Engineer Worrell from all blame but severely censured the Delaware and Lackawanna railroad company for not having suitable gates at the White street crossing.

The funeral was held from his residence yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. G. W. Raeburn of the Universalist church, Clinton, conducted the services. Morris Terry, Charles Curtis, Nelson Day, Joseph Philpot, Amos Babcock and Gay R. Sanford acted as bearers, and music was furnished by a quartet composed of Misses Anna and Lula Edwards, L. A. Boothby and I. L. R. Minor. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Sangerfield Center.

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