

[Alward, Ernest Gustav]

ERNEST G. ALWARD KILLED NEAR BATH
While Working for E.L. Phillips Construction Company
FORMERLY RESIDED HERE
Accident Occurred Last Saturday Morning—Deceased Was 38 Years of Age

Ernest G. Alward of Perry met instant death last Saturday morning about 11 o'clock while at work with a construction gang for E.L. Phillips & Co., when a large tripod fell and struck him in the back. The body arrived in Perry on Saturday evening.

The accident happened on the Hammondsport road just outside the corporate limits of Bath. The crew had gone out to finish some work Saturday morning and was preparing to pull out one of the old line poles. Most of the crew are from Perry and were working under John Davis, foreman. Chris O'Nelin was driving the truck and had backed it up to the pole, ready to hook on and pull it out. Mr. Alward was bending nearly over with his head close to the pole, removing some dirt from the base, when the steel tripod, about 15 feet high, toppled over and struck him on the left shoulder. The impact drove his head with such force against the pole that death quickly followed. Harold Clark and Roy Chapman were under the tripod, but fortunately neither was injured when it went over. Others in the gang were Louis Gayton, Harold Phillips and Quinn Latham. John Dunbar, Harry Cooper and Edward McNally were working a short distance away.

Ernest Gustav Alward was born in Utica in 1887. He attended the school there and at Silver Springs, coming to Perry to make his home about seven years ago. On August 26, 1919, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Minnie Long of Perry, the ceremony being performed in Buffalo. He has been employed by the E.L. Phillips Co. in construction work for about two years. The outfit finished their work in Perry some three months ago and a number of the Perry employees remained with the gang when it was transferred to Bath.

He is survived by his wife and two stepsons, Richard and Roy Kelly; his father, John Alward of Silver Springs; and a brother, Henry, also of Silver Springs. He was a veteran of the World War, having served as a private with Company A, 15th Battalion, of Buffalo. He was a member of the Warsaw American Legion Post and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Silver Springs.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home at No. 44 Watkins Avenue, Rev. Wm. J. Metz of the Universalist Church officiating. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery.

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