

[Brown, Carl William]

VICTIM OF MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT FORMER RESIDENT

Carl William Brown, aged sixty-one years, former well known resident of Cooperstown and Fly Creek, died Saturday afternoon at the hospital at Herkimer from shock and injuries received in a motor car crash which occurred about a mile west of Herkimer on the Utica-Herkimer road.

Brown was headed westerly, driving a Ford coupe. As he approached the curve at the foot of Oak Hill, a Paige car, owned and driven by George Elley of New York Mills, shot out from behind a gasoline truck which was parked on the side of the road. Brakes were applied but not soon enough to prevent the collision resulting in fatal injuries to Brown.

Brown received a bad laceration under the chin from flying glass. His jaw was broken. He had cuts about the face and hands. The occupants of the Elley care were shaken up but not injured.

About five minutes after the crash, Troopers Williams and Braman of the Schuyler Corners patrol arrived on the scene. They found Brown walking around his car which was a mass of wreckage. Blood was dripping profusively [sic] from his chin. When Trooper Williams called Brown's attention to it and recommended that he be removed to the hospital Brown only laughed and declared he was not hurt seriously.

After much persuasion, Brown consented and after giving direction as to where the car should be taken, he went with the troopers to the hospital. A medical examination found a compound fracture of the skull, as well as the other injures already named.

The troopers left the hospital and went back to the scene of the crash for further information. Thinking that Brown's condition was not very serious they permitted Elley to go to his home, which is in 10 Sauquoit St., New York Mills.

During their absence Brown's condition suddenly took a turn for the worse and he died about 5 p.m. Dr. James W. Graves, coroner, was called and he found death was due to shock.

Mr. Brown was born in Germany, on May 28, 1861, came to this country at the age of fifteen, locating in Cooperstown where he lived in the Basinger house on Chestnut street. Fifteen years ago he went to Herkimer where he had since lived. He has been engaged in road construction work for about thirty-five years, the last twelve years being road inspector of Herkimer county. While the electric road from Oneonta to Mohawk was under construction he was employed on that line.

He leaves his son, Carl W. Jr., of Herkimer. He was a member of the Universalist Church and of the Fly Creek Lodge, I.O.O.F.

The funeral was held at the Universalist church at Herkimer Tuesday afternoon and interment made at the cemetery at Fly Creek.

In inquest was held Monday afternoon before Dr. James W. Graves, coroner.

The only witnesses to testify were Troopers Williams and Braman. Although no decision has been given by the coroner, indications are that the accident was unavoidable.

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