

[Budlong, Mary C. J.]

DIED WHILE ALONE

Mrs. Budlong Passed Away Unattended by Friends.

BODY DISCOVERED AT NOON

Said She Had No Relatives Who Cared For Her—Was a Pensioner and a Nurse—
Coroner Ward Called and Will Probably Hold an Inquest.

Mrs. Mary C. J. Budlong was found dead at 12 o'clock to-day in her apartments over James Lee's meat market at 120 Park avenue.

Dr. Gibson was summoned and he found that life had been extinct for several hours, and Coroner Ward was notified, and he probably will hold an inquest.

The discovery was made by Mrs. Lee, who, together with her husband, occupy rooms near those of the deceased.

Mrs. Budlong did not appear at the usual hour this morning, but as she frequently rises at a late hour, owing to her extreme old age, nothing was thought of her non-appearance.

At noon Mrs. Lee decided to investigate. The front door to the apartment of the deceased was locked, but entrance was gained through a rear door.

On the opposite side of the room is a mirror, and glancing at it Mrs. Lee saw reflected the form of Mrs. Budlong on the bed.

Thinking that she was asleep she left the room but soon returned.

She asked Mrs. Budlong why she did not get up, but on receiving no reply, hastened to the bedside and found that the woman was dead.

Mrs. Budlong was between 75 and 80 years old. About two months ago she made a misstep in descending the cellar stairs at her home and fell.

Nothing serious was thought of the occurrence, although at times she complained of a pain in her side, which she thought was caused by the fall. She enjoyed fairly good health and was about as usual yesterday.

The last one to see her alive was Mrs. Lee. About 7 o'clock last evening she conversed with the deceased, after which Mrs. Budlong retired.

It is supposed that death resulted during the night from an attack of apoplexy.

Mrs. Budlong was one of the oldest residents of Utica, having lived the greater portion of her life.

About 40 years ago her husband, John Budong died. Since that time she has been employed as a family nurse, although she drew a pension, her husband having been in the Army.

As far as is known she has no immediate relations. For the past five years she has lived alone at 120 Park avenue.

She was of a retiring disposition and had but little to say concerning her life. She is reported as saying that she had several cousins in the West, but

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"as they cared nothing for her she did not care for them." She also said she has a cousin living in Stanwix, near Rome.

The deceased was well known in church circles and was a member of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation. When the Church of Our Father in East Utica was erected Mrs. Budlong dedicated a memorial window.

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FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mary C. J. Budlong a Victim of Apoplexy or Heart Disease.

In her apartments, 120 Park avenue, yesterday morning, Mrs. Mary J. C. [sic] Budlong was found dead in bed. She was in her 80th year. She sustained painful injuries from a fall about two months ago, but recovered sufficiently to be about the house. Tuesday evening she went out for a short time. It is thought death was due to apoplexy or heart disease. Last week Coroner Ward empaneled a jury which viewed the remains at Cole's undertaking rooms. The inquest will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, and the funeral will probably occur Friday afternoon from the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist], of which society she was a member. Mrs. Budlong was born in Utica and was a descendant of John Post, one of the earliest settlers. Her husband, Capt. John Budlong, was a veteran of the Mexican war. After his death she became a nurse and followed that profession for many years. It is not known that she has any relatives. She left two wills.

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