

[Chapman, Lewis W.]

Fatal Accident at Hopewell.—On Wednesday evening of last week, our community received the startling news of the injury by the kick of a horse, of our old friend Lewis W. Chapman, a life-long resident of the town of Hopewell, in this county [Orleans]. The circumstances of the injury were these: On Wednesday at about 5 p.m., Mr. Chapman went out to his barn to take care of his stock. Leading a young horse to the spring to drink, he returned to the barn yard, and there, it is supposed, the colt in a playful antic kicked or struck him on the head just back of the ear, and fractured his skull. But a short time after leaving the house, Mr. Chapman returned to the house, when he was met by his wife, who inquired "what ailed him." He replied, "I can never tell," when he became immediately unconscious. Friends and neighbors soon arrived, and Doctors Van Vleet of Shortsville and Crittenden of Clifton Springs were soon in attendance. Dr. J. T. Smith of this village was called on Thursday, and performed an operation, but without avail. Mr. Chapman lingered in an unconscious state until Friday morning.

The funeral of Mr. Chapman took place at the residence on Monday, at 1 P.M., and was attended by a vast concourse of friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by Rev. E. [Edwin] Corbin of Clifton Springs, assisted by Rev. D. [Asa] Saxe and Rev. Geo. W. Montgomery, of Rochester [all Universalists].

Lewis W. Chapman, the deceased, was born on the same farm where he met his death, on the 8th day of June, 1818. He was the son of Dennis Chapman, one of the early settlers of the town of Hopewell, who died in March, 1831. Lewis W. was married to Rebecca Jones, daughter of Judge Amos Jones, March 26th, 1839. He leaves three daughters, Mary C., the wife of David Thatcher of Oak Park, near Chicago, Il., Lucy E., wife of Theodore Henry of Abilene, Kansas, and Emily L., wife of Spencer Redfield, living upon the homestead. Deceased leaves one brother, Philo B. Chapman of Hopewell, and two sisters, Mrs. Austin Archer and Mrs. Nelson Henry of Hopewell. The decease of Lewis Chapman has spread a deep gloom over the neighborhood, as he was universally esteemed by all his neighbors as a perfect man and a model farmer.—*Canandaigua Repos.*

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