

[Cheney, Martha Griffith]

Miss Martha Cheney, only daughter of Mrs. Kate Cheney of Cheney's Point in the town of Ellery, was fatally injured by being hit by a traction car on the J. W. & N. W. railroad, about half past five o'clock Sunday evening, and died at the home of her brother, John Cheney, early this forenoon, as the result of the injury. The accident happened when Miss Cheney went to the station at Cheney's Heights Sunday night to take a car to go to Bemus Point. It was already dark, although early in the evening, and the snow was falling so that vision was partially obscured. The station stands on a curve of the track and Miss Cheney in order to signal the car to stop with a flashlight was compelled to cross to the left side of the track. She signaled the car and then started to cross the track to get on the proper side to get on the car. In the darkness and storm she mistook the distance, and the motorman probably did not see her until the car was too close to her to stop. She was hit by the front corner of the car, and knocked some distance. When picked up she was found to be suffering from a wound to the scalp and one on her right leg. Her injuries were at first not thought to be as serious as they later proved to be. She was taken to the home of her brother, John Cheney, where she steadily grew worse, until death took place, due to internal injuries. Miss Cheney was one of the five children of Asa and Kate Griffith Cheney, and her mother, Mrs. Kate Cheney, who still resides on the homestead, where she celebrated her 90th birthday but a few days ago, is one of the best known women of the town. The deceased was born there on May 3, 1860. Besides the mother, Miss Cheney is survived by four brothers, John C. Cheney, Morris C. Cheney, W. Beecher Cheney, residents of Ellery, and Frank W. Cheney who lives in this city. She lived at home with her mother and brother, W. Beecher Cheney, to whom especially the blow will be a particularly hard one to bear. Besides the activities of the home, Miss Cheney was most active and efficient in the work of several organizations, and of the Universalist church at Bemus Point, and a member of Union grange of Jamestown. She was a woman of the very highest character, and had been a most devoted daughter and companion to her aged mother who will most of all feel the great shock and the loss involved in her sudden death.

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