

[Cristman, John William]

HERKIMER.

—John W. Cristman, a cutter employed in the Gem knitting mill was found drowned in the Mohawk river, near Fort Herkimer, Saturday. He was camping with Peter Fursha and Norman Gilbert and left the camp alone about 11 o'clock to catch some fish for dinner. About 2 o'clock his body was found by Frank Starring and George Price lying in very shallow water near the shore. Undertaker Howell brought the remains to the village and Coroner Kern was notified. It is said the Cristman was subject to fits and it is supposed that he was attacked by a fit and fell into the water.

The deceased was born in the town of Herkimer about 24 years ago and had always lived in this vicinity. For the past ten years he had resided in Herkimer, and was highly esteemed by a host of friends. He was steady and industrious, and his services were valued by his employers. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and was at one time officially connected with this organization. He was an attendant of the Universalist church. He is survived by his mother [Elizabeth] and father [John], three brothers, Isaac, Morgan and Nelson and four sisters, Mrs. Emma Nellis, Mrs. Alice Hilts, Miss Mary Cristman and Mrs. Delia Witherstein of Mohawk.

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