

[Dingman, Zenia Kettler]

MRS. ZENIA DINGMAN KILLED BY BULLET
FROM .22 RIFLE AT HER FORT PLAIN HOME

Eighteen-Year Old Youth Accidentally Strikes Step-Grandmother in the Head
While Practicing Target Shooting; Aged Woman Is Rushed to Amsterdam
Hospital But Passes Away After Few Hours

FORT PLAIN—Mrs. Zenia Dingman, 75, died Saturday afternoon about 3 at the Amsterdam City hospital, where she was rushed after she had been fatally wounded by a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle about 11 Saturday morning. The bullet was fired from a rifle Mrs. Dingman's step-grandson, Gordon Snyder, 18, was using to shoot at a target in the back yard of his home.

Coroner Dr. Clark E. Congdon, of Fort Plain, who was called, gave the woman medical attention. He tried to probe for the bullet and later rushed the woman to the hospital where physicians prepared to perform an emergency operation. The woman, however, passed away a short time after she reached the hospital.

The coroner declared there would be no inquest because it was a case of accidental shooting. The boy was firing at a target in the rear yard, according to the coroner. The boy fired toward the target just as Mrs. Dingman stepped around the corner of a woodshed back of the house, directly in the path of the bullet. The bullet struck her in the forehead just over the right eye.

Mrs. Zenia Dingman, widow of Charles Dingman, was born July 4, 1856, in Canajoharie, the daughter of William and Sofia (Burick) Kettler. She had always made her home in this vicinity and had a wide circle of friends who will be shocked to learn of her death.

She is survived by one son, Harry Dingman, of Fort Plain; one daughter, Mrs. Harry Slingerland, of Springfield, Mass.; one brother, Fred Kettler, of Canajoharie, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Catherine Nellis Memorial Chapel. Rev. Rufus H. Dix, pastor of the Fort Plain Universalist church and Rev. Clarence L. Schaertel, pastor of the St. James Lutheran church of Gloversville, will officiate. Interment will be made in the family plot in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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