

[Freeman, Lydia]

FATAL ACCIDENT

In Locke, Cayuga county, on the 8th December last, *Lydia*, daughter of Nathaniel Freeman, in the 17th year of her age. The deceased, for several years past, had been subject to fits, which were the cause of her sudden exit. As her father and several others were at work upon the roof of the house, adjusting some shingles, she came out of the house and stood near the well; when the father requested some one to direct her to return. The words were scarcely out of his mouth, when, (as it is supposed) she was seized with an epileptic fit, and plunged immediately into the well. She was taken from the same, in about 12 or 15 minutes, and by some exertion, restored to life; but on examination it was discovered that she had received a wound upon the head in falling, which must inevitably terminate her existence. In a few hours the vital spark was extinct, and her spirit took its flight to God who gave it. The consolations of that gospel, which breathes "peace on earth and good will to men," were tendered to the mourners, and a large collection of friends, who had assembled to pay their respect to departed worth, by Rev. J. [Jacob] Chase [Universalist] of Genoa, from the very appropriate words found in Job xvi:5.

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