

[Hubbard, Deamia Ackles]

BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Daniel Hubbard Meets With Horrible Fate on Thanksgiving

Mrs. Deamia Hubbard, aged 86 years, wife of Daniel Hubbard, was burned to death at her home between Long Bridge and Skaneateles Falls on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 30. Shortly before 6 o'clock Mrs. Hubbard started to prepare supper, building a fire in the kitchen stove. Her aged husband was called out of the house for a few minutes and on his return found his wife lying on the floor in the doorway leading from the dining room to the sitting room with her clothing all ablaze. He made efforts to extinguish the flames by covering her with a piece of carpet, but failing in his attempt, seized a broom and sought to quench the fire by brushing it out. In the meantime a neighbor's daughter, Alice Burton, a girl about 14 years old, who had gone to another neighbor's well for a pail of water, had noticed through the sitting room windows of the Hubbard home the blaze of a fire, so she called a neighbor's girl of about her own age, Minnie Cooper, and both girls alarmed the mother of the latter, who called on Timothy Mulrooney, another neighbor. Just as Mr. Mulrooney reached the house, Mr. Hubbard had opened the door, but was so dazed that he could give no account of [the] accident. Mr. Mulrooney, however, entered the house, and succeeded in putting out the flames which were consuming Mrs. Hubbard, who was dead when he reached her, her clothing being entirely burned off, her body badly charred, and her features unrecognizable.

It is thought that Mrs. Hubbard had poured kerosene over the kindling which she had placed in the stove, and that the flame flashed up and set fire to her clothing. Then she had evidently attempted to reach the sitting room, but fell just across the threshold, her clothing setting fire to the bedding on the bed in the sitting room, and filling the house with smoke and fire.

Had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. Mulrooney the house would have burned, and probably Mr. Hubbard, who is aged and infirm, would have shared the fate of his wife.

Coroner Matthews was notified and made an examination of the case on Friday. He decided it a case of accidental death by burning.

Mrs. Hubbard was the daughter of Joseph Ackles, and was born at Cardiff. She had resided forty-eight years in the house in which she died. She is survived by her husband, who is 88 years old, and one son, Daniel Hubbard, jr., of Mottville.

Funeral services were held at the Universalist church, Mottville, Sunday at 3 p.m., Rev. Arnold S. Yantis of Auburn officiating. Interment was made in Mottville cemetery.—Skaneateles Free Press.

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