

[James, Mibra]  
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PATIENT IS DEAD; NURSE AND M. D. ILL  
Diphtheria Infected House Has Had Two Deaths Within Week  
—Other Cases in City.  
MISS KINNEY AND DR. JAMES ATTENDED JAMES  
[Excerpts]

Following the death from diphtheria of Mibra James, a letter carrier of 13 Orchard street, this morning, the attending physician in the case, Dr. Frederick W. James of 906 Columbia street, was reported ill of the disease as was also the nurse in the case, Miss Cora Kinney of 16 Eagle street...

There have been three deaths from diphtheria within a week, the second being that of Rudolph James, the three-year-old son of the dead letter carrier...

It had been during the past week that the disease has taken its hold, and while there are not many cases there appears to be some development in the spread of the diphtheria... The Health Department is keeping a close watch on the disease and is asking physicians to lose no time in making reports on any cases that are in the least suspicious.

... The death of Mibra James, the letter carrier, occurred about 8 o'clock this morning at his home, 18 Orchard street and the announcement of his death will be received with extreme sorrow by his many friends. The circumstances attending the death were very sad. Mr. James had enjoyed good health until a week ago.

Mr. James was the father of two sons, Forest, aged 4, and Rudolph, aged 2 years. A short time ago, the elder of the boys was stricken with what was at first thought to be tonsillitis. He recovered but the other son Rudolph was affected with the dread disease. His death occurred Friday of last week and on account of the contagiousness of the disease, the burial was Saturday. About a week ago, the father became ill and diphtheria developed with the sad result in his death.

Mr. James was talented as a singer. He was a cousin of Robert J. Hughes, with whom he was studying voice culture, and his prospects as a vocalist were unusually promising, as he possessed a fine lyric tenor.

He was exceptionally well known in music circles, having been affiliated with the Hayden Male Chorus, the Philharmonics and the Utica Maennerchor. He was a member of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation Quartette and had sung in several local churches. A week ago Sunday he sang in church and the elder son was then suffering slightly from his affliction. Mr. James was popular, genial and sociable and his loss will be keenly felt. Besides his widow, Mrs. Beva James and son Forest, he is survived by his father, Hinman James, and a brother, Elmer James, both of Remsen. The funeral will be held in the Forest Hill Conservatory at 8 o'clock this evening, and it is expected that the Rev. J. Velindra Jones of Remsen, uncle of the deceased, will officiate.

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