

[Kesselring, George]

FORT PLAIN MAN DIES FROM FRACTURED SKULL
RECEIVED WHEN HIT BY FALLEN TREE
George Kesselring, 64, Meets Death While Working
In Woods With Stepson at Seeber's Lane

FORT PLAIN.—His skull fractured when he was struck by the upper branches of a falling tree, about 3 P.M. Saturday, while working with his stepson, Fred Saleman, in the woods near Seeber's Lane, George Kesselring, 64, resident of this vicinity for the past 45 years, died at 6 P.M. Saturday at the Saleman home, Seeber's Lane. He did not regain consciousness following the fatal blow.

Mr. Kesselring and Saleman were cutting trees in the woodlot during the afternoon. They had sawed through the trunk of a large tree, which toppled over against another which was standing. By means of a long rope they succeeded in pulling the tree loose. Mr. Kesselring made every effort to hasten from beneath the fallen tree, but the top limbs struck him down with terrible force.

He was taken on a sleigh to the Saleman home, where Drs. Brownell and Rathbun of Canajoharie attended him. Immediately after his death, Coroner C. E. Congdon was summoned. He pronounced death to be due to fracture of the skull.

Remains were removed to the A. G. Swartz & Son funeral establishment.

Mr. Kesselring was born in Germany. He came to this section to reside about 45 years ago. For several years he operated a grist mill and sawmill at Starkville. He has resided in Fort Plain for the past several years. He was a member of Evergreen lodge, F. & A.M., at Springfield Center.

Besides his wife, Mr. Kesselring is survived by one stepdaughter, Miss Lillian Saleman of Fort Plain and one stepson, Fred Saleman of Seeber's Lane.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 tomorrow at the home, Rev. Rufus H. Dix, pastor of the Universalist church, will officiate. The body will be placed in the receiving vault at the Van Hornesville cemetery until Spring, when interment will be made in that cemetery.

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