

[Miller, Frances Mary]

Suicide at Greenwood

Miss Fanny¹ Miller, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr. Wm. H. Miller, of Greenwood, suicided on Thursday, April 6th, by throwing herself into a well. She was keeping house for her father, who was away about his work. When he returned and found his daughter missing, he was naturally very frightened, and immediately instituted a search for her among his neighbors.

The well in which she plunged was situated in the kitchen, and had not been used for years. It was kept closely covered, and a heavy cook stove rested upon the board covering. During the father's inquiry at the neighbor's one stated that the removal of the stove was plainly heard fully half an hour prior to his call. Mr. Miller at once returned to his house and examined the well, when he found that his fears were only too well founded, that his daughter had ended her life by pitching into the gloomy cavern head-first.

The cause of the act is not known, unless it was temporary insanity, as the girl's grandmother died insane. The father's grief can better be imagined than described.

The deceased girl had a sister living in New Haven, Conn., who was present at the funeral, which was held from the Universalist church on Sunday, Rev. I. [Isaac] K. Richardson, the pastor, officiating. The remains were interred at Howard.

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¹ On her gravestone her name is given as Frances Mary.