

[Pratt, Hannah]  
[Wait, Jefferson]  
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#### DEATHS.

Near the village of Carthage, May 4th, JEFFERSON, aged three years and five months, and MALVINA, aged two years, only children of Allen and Susan Wait. Also, Mrs. HANNAH PRATT, aged 62 years, Mrs. Wait's mother.

These persons were drowned in a ditch, from which clay had been thrown for the purpose of making brick, and which was partly filled with water. On the morning of this day, Mr. Wait was [away] from home, and Mrs. Wait had left the house for a few moments, to go to a neighbor's, leaving the children on the brick yard, at play. It is supposed that the children fell in, and that their grandmother came to their assistance, and in attempting to extricate them, slipped in with them, and being rather infirm was unable to get out. The width of the place was about three feet, the depth four feet, with two and a half feet of water. Mrs. Wait on returning, succeeded in removing the bodies of her children from the water, but was obliged to go for assistance to remove the body of her mother.

The funeral was attended on Monday following, by the writer, and the consolation of the Gospel tendered to the bereaved and severely afflicted parents of the children, who were the only relatives present. Under these circumstances, it was peculiarly gratifying to our bereaved friends, as well as to every person capable of feeling, to witness the large congregation assembled on the occasion.

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