

[Schenck, Seward]

DEATH BY SUFFOCATION

Accidental Demise of Seward Schenck at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mention was made in this paper last week, of the death of Mr. Seward Schenck, a former resident of Perry, at Cleveland, O., on the 31st ult.

Mr. Schenck, who held a position on one of the railways running through Cleveland, made his headquarters in that city, where he boarded.

It appeared that Mr. Schenok had been overcome by illuminating gas, which escaped from a leak in the supply pipe entering his bed-room. He did not appear at breakfast time, but his landlady thought nothing of his absence from the meal, which was a common occurrence, owing to the irregular hours of his railroad run. When it was time to call him, Mr. Schenck's body was found lying on the floor, life being extinct. A strong odor of gas filled the room, but it was apparent that it did not come from the jet, which was properly turned off. A leak in the supply pipe evidenced the source. The indications were that Mr. Schenck was awakened at some time during the morning by the oppressive feeling caused by the inhalation of gas, and partially dressed himself, but was overcome just before he reached the door.

The remains were brought to Perry last Thursday, and funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at at the home of his mother, Mrs. Norman [Sally] Schenck on the Reservation road. Rev. John Evans, pastor of the Universalist Church of Perry, officiated. Interment was at Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Schenck leaves a widow, who was visiting in Colorado at the time of his death, and did not receive word in time to attend the funeral. He is [also] survived by his mother and one sister, Mrs. Edward [Elizabeth] Austin.

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