

[Sherwood, S. Lavanche]

MISS SHERWOOD DIES FROM BRAIN INJURY  
Aged Woman Run Down by Auto Suffered Bad Cut on the Forehead  
JAMES E. McRAE, OF SYRACUSE, WAS OWNER AND  
OPERATOR OF MACHINE—POLICE MADE AN INVESTIGATION

Injury to the brain received on Monday afternoon, when run down by an auto on Main street in front of Jeness Brothers department store, caused the death this morning at 2:30 o'clock in the City Hospital of Miss S. Lavanche<sup>1</sup> Sherwood, 62 years old, of 280 East avenue.

The auto which struck Miss Sherwood was owned and operated by James E. McRae, of the Elks hotel, Manlius street, East Syracuse. McRae was driving east and was on his way to Gasport at the time of the accident. He reported to Police Judge William J. Hooper. The latter released the man to go on his own recognizance. No charge has yet been placed against him. He is at East Aurora.

Miss Sherwood is reported to have been crossing the street. She carried a bag of potatoes. Whether or not she saw the approaching auto will never be known. McRae first saw the woman as she came from behind a machine [another auto]. Witnesses say he applied his emergency brake, but that it was impossible for the motorist to avoid striking the woman.

Following the accident, McRae rushed the woman to the hospital, where she was under the care of Dr. A. N. Moore. The woman suffered a bad cut to the forehead. She was rendered unconscious and remained in that condition to the end. Dr. Moore says that he does not think the skull was fractured. He is of the opinion that the brain filled with blood, resulting in death.

Detective Sergeant Beccue and Patrolman Turner of headquarters were at the scene of the accident shortly afterward and both investigated the case.

Miss Sherwood was born in the town of Hartland, where she lived for many years. Prior to coming to Lockport about a month ago, she lived at Youngstown with her nephew, A. J. Barnum. The two conducted a general store there for ten years. Miss Sherwood was at one time president of the W.C.T.U. at Youngstown.

One brother, Azra G. Sherwood, with whom she lived in this city, survives. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the house. Rev. I. [Isaac] V. Lobdell of the Universalist church at Middleport will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Ridge cemetery.

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<sup>1</sup> Her gravestone in Mountain Ridge Cemetery shows the spelling as Lavanche.