

[Tallman, Caroline Tallman]

Suicide by Chloroform

The community was shocked to learn on Saturday morning that Mrs. Caroline Tallman had committed suicide at the home of her sister, Mrs. David Wallace in Smoky Hollow during the night. She died by inhaling chloroform, and left a letter addressed to her sister disposing of her personal effects and giving reasons for her rash act.

Mrs. Tallman was born in the town of Castile on the west side of Silver Lake, in July, 1829. She was the daughter of Alva Tallman and Polly Matteson. She has spent about thirty years of her life in Perry, and had endeared herself to a large circle of acquaintances by her kind and genial disposition, and heart and hand of sympathy for the needy and afflicted. She leaves one sister, Mrs. David Wallace, with whom she lived, and two grandchildren, daughters of Everett Lacy of Toledo, Ohio. Coroner F. J. Bowen of Livingston county was summoned and gave certificate of death in accordance with above facts, without jury. Funeral services were held from the Universalist church, Monday afternoon, in accordance with her wishes, Rev. Charles Palmatier officiating, taking for a text, "Thou hast made us to drink of the wine of astonishment," which was handled in a very able manner; interment at Hope cemetery.

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