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DOLGEVILLE WOMAN DIES FOLLOWING AUTO CRASH
Mrs. Lillian Dawn Tucker Victim of Tragedy,
Succumbed in Little Falls Hospital Few Hours After Collision

The crash of two autos on the Dolgeville road at Manheim Center, shortly before 11 o'clock last Thursday night, brought death to Mrs. Lillian Dawn Tucker, 48, of 40 Spencer street, Dolgeville. So badly injured in the collision that little hope was held for her recovery from the first, she succumbed in the Little Falls hospital at 3:20 Friday morning.

According to reports to local police, Mrs. Tucker was driving her own car, which was involved in a collision with an auto operated by Edward Cramer, 29, of Santa Clara, Franklin county, who is at present residing at Salisbury Center.

Mr. Cramer reported to assistant Chief Hartnett, Little Falls, at police headquarters that he was driving toward Dolgeville when his car and the machine driven by Mrs. Tucker came together at the intersection of the main Dolgeville road and the crossroad which lead north from Walrath's hotel and connects with the main highway.

Mr. Cramer said that the vehicles collided in such a manner that the right front fender, right headlight and right front wheel of his car were badly damaged.

Carl Arnold, a passenger in the machine operated by Cramer was the only other person injured seriously enough to require hospitalization. He was taken to the hospital and treated for a laceration of his right wrist.

At the hospital Arnold told Assistant Chief Hartnett and Officer Colby that he, Cramer, and a man by the name of Kelly whose home is in St. Regis Falls had come to Little Falls and visited various places, had a few beers and were returning to Salisbury.

Mr. Arnold stated that his home, like Mr. Cramer, is in Santa Clara. Mr. Cramer stated that he has been employed by John E. Johnson at Salisbury Center, driving a snow plow.

Mrs. Tucker had just left Walrath's hotel, where a group of Melrose Slipper company employe[e]s had been enjoying a social function. Mrs. Tucker was employed at the Melrose plant at Little Falls and had brought with her to the party four of her co-workers who reside in Dolgeville.

Dr. Ashley attended both Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Arnold. Mrs. Tucker suffered a crushing injury of her face with a crushed nose and a fracture at the base of her skull, broken left shoulder, big cut over her left eye and a possible fractured hip.

Mrs. Lillian Dawn Tucker was born December 14, 1892 in Salisbury, a daughter of William Sanderson and Viola Dunning Sanderson. She was married April 28, 1910 to William Tucker and had resided in Dolgeville for

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about 25 years. She was employed by the Melrose slipper company in Little Falls.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of the Universalist church of Dolgeville, the Clara Barton Circle of that church, Rising Crown Rebekah Lodge, Dolgeville and the Ladies' Auxiliary Patriarch Militant of Utica.

There survive her father, William Sanderson, Dolgeville; the husband; two sons, Leonard Tucker of Dolgeville and William Tucker of Middleville; one brother Earl Sanderson of Philadelphia; her grandfather, Frank Sanderson, Civil War veteran, and her grandmother, Mrs. Cora Dunning in the Masonic home at Utica.

Mrs. Leonard Tucker is the former Miss Eleanor Lull of this village.

Private funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home, Rev. Clinton A. Moulton, pastor of the Universalist church officiating and the body was placed in the vault at Dolgeville for burial in the cemetery at Salisbury.

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Transcriber's note: A later inquest into the accident determined that Lillian Dawn Tucker had never been issued a driver's license.