

[Blood, Oscar W.]

BLOOD

Oscar W. Blood, one of the best known residents of Bethany, was found dead by his son Charles at his home a mile east of Linden about 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Blood's wife had been visiting in Middleport and during her absence her husband remained at home alone, taking his meals with his son Charles, who resides across the road. When Charles Blood returned from the County Fair on Saturday evening his father assisted him in putting out his horses and made no complaint of feeling ill. Before going to his home he remarked that he might sleep later than usual yesterday morning, so he would not get over to his son's to breakfast.

At 9 o'clock yesterday Charles Blood's little daughter went over to see her grandfather, but returned in a few minutes, saying she could not get in the house. Charles Blood then went over and failing to get any response forced his way into the house. He found his father lying dead in the doorway of his sleeping room.

As Coroner Snow of Batavia is confined to his home by illness Coroner Ryan of Oakfield was summoned. He determined that death was caused by apoplexy and that Mr. Blood undoubtedly was stricken soon after he retired on Saturday evening and arising fell dead after taking a few steps.

Mr. Blood was born in 1848 in the house where he died and where he had always lived. He was a son of Nason Blood, a Bethany pioneer, and was the last survivor of a family of five. He was married to Miss Mary Eastland of Bethany on May 6, 1867, and besides his wife and son Charles he is survived by two sons, Walter of Batavia and Monroe of Warsaw, and three daughters, Mrs. Eunice E. Carson of No. 22 Tracy avenue, Batavia, Mrs. Jessie Kidder of Alexander and Miss Mary J. Blood of Rochester. He also leaves ten grandchildren. He was a charter member and past master of the Bethany Grange and had been assessor and held several other town offices. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

The funeral will be held from the family residence at 2 p.m. tomorrow, the Rev. Harry Wright, pastor of the Batavia Universalist church officiating.

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