

[Eames, Lavina]

Lee Center Items

LEE CENTER, Feb. 14, 1877

To the Editors of the ROMAN CITIZEN:

Last Friday morning our community was startled and much pained at the report that Miss Lavina Eames had just died at the residence of Mrs. S. W. Young, and her many friends are sadly bereaved and in deep mourning over the loss of one so much esteemed and beloved. It was a lovely spring-like morning, and Mrs. Stokes called at the residence of Miss Eames about nine o'clock and invited Lavinia to take a walk with her on the crust to visit Mrs. Young, distance about 70 or 80 rods. Miss Eames was feeling well and went. The two walked on together slowly, but just before entering the house Mrs. S. judged from the short, quick breathings that Lavina was weary, and asked if she felt tired. "No," was the response, "but my heart feels a little tired." They entered the house, and the usual salutations were exchanged, and to the remark that it was a very pleasant morning, she replied with cheerfulness and animation, "We have had several such mornings this month." These were the last words she uttered. She took a seat, and almost immediately sunk [sank] back in her chair and expired. Remedies were sought to resuscitate life, but the spirit had been released from the clay without a struggle or a groan. The doctor came, and on examination pronounced it a case of apoplexy [a stroke]. Lavina was a maiden lady living with her sister Emily, and had reached the age of 73½ years. She was universally respected by all in the community where she has passed so long a life. She is the third one who has died out of the family circle of the late James Eames within 12 month. Levi Eames died Feb. 8, 1876; George Eames died July 10, 1876, and Lavina died the 9th inst. Daniel and Emily are the surviving members left to mourn. The funeral was held at the residence of deceased on Sunday. Rev. G. B. R. Clark, of Rome [Universalist] conducted the services.

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