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FALL FROM CAR KILLED MRS. C. A. CONKRIGHT

Long Time Resident of Porter Killed in Unusual Manner

Mrs. C. A. Conkright, almost a lifetime resident of Porter township, came to her death Monday afternoon in an unusual manner, death resulting from a fall from an automobile on U.S.-112. Mrs. Carter, who had lived alone for many years on her farm on the east bank of Carter lake in Porter township, had been staying this summer at the home of her son, John Conkright, in Niles. She wanted to come back for a stay at her Porter home and her brother, Ed Carter, went to Niles to bring she and her son, John, to the farm.

Driving east on U.S.-112, a car ahead of them came to a somewhat sudden stop. As neither car was going very fast, Mr. Carter slowed down, turned out on the shoulder of the road to avoid a possible collision with the other car, and stopped. Just as he stopped he and the son heard something fall and on looking about saw Mrs. Conkright lying on the edge of the pavement beside the car. How she happened to fall, no one knows, but the car was an open one and it is assumed that she may have become alarmed as they approached the car in front and stood up, and that when the car turned off the pavement she lost her balance and fell out.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Conkright helped her up on the running board of the car, and in a little while helped her back into the car. The accident happened near the John Mechling corners, and they drove from there to her home, a distance of about seven miles. Arrived at her home she was propped up on a couch and Dr. McCutcheon was summoned to attend her, but she passed away about ten minutes before he arrived. Dr. McCutcheon found that she had sustained a broken arm and a bruised shoulder, but found no injury which was presumed to have caused her death, which may have been due to shock, as she was around eighty years of age.

Dr. McCutcheon notified Coroner Bryant of Dowagiac, who went to the Conkright home accompanied by Under Sheriff Eby, but Coroner Bryant determined that no inquest was necessary.

Mrs. Conkright was born Jan. 23, 1850 on the farm where she passed away, being a daughter of Charles Carter and Elizabeth Ann (Reynolds) Carter, pioneer Porter settlers, the father having been a native of England. She was married to Acel Conkright in June, 1869 and to this union were born two children, John H. Conkright of Niles and Charles E. Conkright, who preceded her in death. Beside the son, she is survived by one brother, Edward Carter of Elkhart; three grandchildren, Mrs. Sam Lurie of St. Louis, Kenneth Conkright of Porter and Florence Conkright of Niles; and by two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home in Porter at 10:00 a. m. today.

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OBITUARY.

ELIZABETH A. REYNOLDS CARTER.

Elizabeth A. Reynolds was born in Lincolnshire, England, Nov. 5, 1823. Died April 7, 1901, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 2 days.

In 1842 she was united in marriage to Robert Green. To them were born two children, one of whom is still living. After the death of her husband in 1845 she came to America with her people, landing in Delaware after a rough voyage of three months.

In 1847 she was united in marriage to Charles Carter and to this union seven children were born, six of whom are still living. In 1849 they moved to Cass county, Michigan, where she lived until her death. A short time before coming to America she united with the church of England. Besides her immediate relatives she leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were conducted by F. M. Wakins, at the Brick church in Porter township. Interment at cemetery one and one-half miles south of the church. A large audience was gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.