

CLOTHES CATCH FIRE BLAZE UNDER KETTLE

Mrs. Lucinda Wherley Horribly Injured While Boiling Coffee at Son's Farm Where Barn Raising is in Progress

Her clothes completely burned off her body and the flesh in places burned to a crisp, Mrs. Lucinda Wherley, wife of Barney Wherley, who resides one-half mile west of Stonecreek was fatally injured Thursday noon. The inhalation of flames together with the great surface burns caused her death at five o'clock Friday morning.

The accident was the sad sequel to a barn raising being held at the home of a son. With many persons near, assistance did not reach her until the flames had devoured her clothes and in the struggle to escape cremation she had inhaled the scorching fumes.

Many neighbors from far and near were at the barn raising. In the yard stood two great kettles, one filled with cooking meat, the other with boiling coffee. While making coffee it is supposed that a breath of wind whisked

her dress into the fire. The flames swept over the clothing and in an instant making Mrs. Wherley a human torch. Her cries for help brought willing hands to the rescue, but it was too late, her dress being a pile of ashes and her body one great blister.

She was carried into the house and physicians called who gave her medicine to relieve the pain. An examination showed that she had been fatally burned and that she had breathed the fire. She hovered between life and death throughout the night, dying just at the break of day.

Mrs. Wherley was 58 years of age. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Jesse and John and four daughters, Mrs. Emmet Jones of Stonecreek, Mrs. Elizabeth Stocker, of Port Washington, Mrs. George Bleininger of Stonecreek and Miss Bertha at home. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Wherley was a well known and highly respected woman and her many friends were greatly shocked to hear of her horrible death.

The funeral will be Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Kuhlman of Baltic will be the officiating minister.

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