

Mrs. Preston was terror stricken with grief when informed of the accident a few minutes after it occurred. She was brought to her home here and friends done everything possible to console her.

The family seem to be particular unfortunate so far as accidents are concerned, Mr. and Mrs. Preston having lost one son, Keith, about seven years ago by being burned by a bonfire, Mrs. Preston lost an uncle by being drowned, and her father was accidentally killed at his flour mill in this village about a year ago.

Funeral services were held at the house Wednesday forenoon, a large congregation of people being present to pay their last tribute of respect. Rev. W. D. Stratton preached the funeral sermon and the Oddfellows officiated at the grave. The enternment was made at the Freemire cemetery.

Obituary

Died, Sept. 9, 1906, Henry Herbert Preston and his little son, Edward Bruce Preston, by accidental drowning.

Mr. Preston, wife and children with several of their intimate friends and their families were enjoying an improvised picnic on the wooded shores of Grand river. The ladies were arranging the table for lunch, and the gentlemen were scattered somewhat along the shore of the river. Mr. Preston was an expert swimmer and was teaching his little son the art of swimming, and the little fellow

was for his age a good swimmer. He had at other times swam the river with his son on his back. The last that any of the party noticed father and child they were splashing each other with water playfully. Some one heard the cry "help," rushing to the spot they saw only for an instant the top of the child's head, and they were gone—father, husband, son and friend, and his much loved little son, forever.

Mr. Preston was born in Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y., May 5, 1868, and came to Sunfield township with his parents in 1869, and was 38 years old. He was married to Edith A. Hulett July 29, 1891. They had grown up neighbors and school children together. Their mothers were intimate friends for years. In all their lives as children and as husband and wife there was not one "family jar."

There was born to them four children of whom two were living at the time of the lamentable catastrophe. Mr. Preston was a member of the order of Masons and The Eastern Star, also a member of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah

An intimate friend said of Mr. Preston: "Herbert Preston had no enemies, no one ever heard him speak ill of any one; he was the soul of honor. His affection for his father was phenomenal, he adored his wife and children; generosity, was with him, if possible, his one fault, and while making no display of it he was one of the best informed and brightest men of my acquaintance. The place of his individuality can never be refilled on earth but his kind, unostentatious deeds live after him in the hearts of all who knew him."

Little Bruce was president of the Loyal Temperance Legion, and was loved and respected by all of his mates and fellow workers. He was ten years old last March. Mr. Preston's father, Dr. Snyder and others are of the opinion that cramp was the cause of the sad accident. Herbert's ability to handle his little son in the water cannot, under normal health conditions, be questioned.

The double funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends, and the magnificent display of floral tributes from individuals as well as societies marked well the esteem in which the living as well as the dead are held by the donors.

It would be useless even were it good taste to describe the grief of the stricken wife and father of Mr. Preston. He was the prop upon which they and others leaned heavily. Their grief can only be imagined better than described.

The clergyman, Rev. D. W. Stratton, D. D., performed the funeral services in the most admirable manner.

Harry Cochrane Dies Thursday

Harry L. Cochrane, 58, a machinist at the Wilcox-Gay plant here and a farmer, died of a heart attack Thursday, at his residence in Chester township. He was born June 5, 1891, at McBride Mich., the son of Frank and Cornelia Church Cochrane and had been a resident of Eaton county for forty years. On June 21, 1911, he was married to Gladys Lemon. Surviving are the widow; five daughters, Mrs. Lela Saurer of Alaska, Mrs. Dorothy Desgrange of Eaton Rapids, Mrs. Icyphene Hults; Miss Phyllis Cochrane, and Miss Shirley Cochran, all of Charlotte; a son Neil Cochrane of Charlotte; two brothers, Arthur Cochrane of Chester township and Albert Cochrane

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