

Agnes Ludlow

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A distressing accident happened at the residence of Mrs Ludlow, on the Stanhope road, on Saturday last, whereby an infant daughter named Agnes, aged 2 years and 8 months, was so severely burned, that death ensued in a few hours.

A magisterial inquiry was conducted by Mr W. Wigg, J.P., on the following day, and from the evidence adduced it appears that a brother of deceased, named Eugene, aged 7 years, lighted a fire just outside the house, and that the little one incautiously strayed too close to the flames, which obtained such a hold upon her clothing that, before an elder sister who was in charge of the house, could manage to extinguish them, the poor child had been dreadfully burnt.

A neighbour, Mrs Risstrom, attended to the sufferer as speedily as possible, and sent for the mother, who was engaged in the township, but notwithstanding all the attention bestowed the child died about 1 o'clock on Sunday morning.

The medical testimony showed that death was caused by shock to the nervous system, owing to the severity of the burns, and a verdict in keeping therewith was accordingly returned.

Footnote: Rushworth cemetery interment list includes an Agnes Ludlow.