

ANOTHER MURRAY HALL CASE

"William Howard" of Canandaigua, N. Y., Was a Woman.

Canandaigua, N. Y., March 24.—A person known here for five years as William C. Howard died suddenly last Wednesday night, and an autopsy showed that the supposed man was a woman.

Howard, who was about fifty years old and who was employed as a farm hand, came here five years ago with a woman who was known as Mrs. Howard. Two children were born to the supposed wife. The dead woman worked for farmers in the neighborhood, and those most intimately acquainted with the family never had the slightest suspicion that she was not a man. It has been shown that the two women were married many years ago. The cause of the woman's death is a mystery. On Wednesday night she took two tablets for a throat affection and was dead in ten minutes. The medicine was sent from Wellsville, this state, where relatives reside.

The authorities are completely mystified as to all matters touching upon the woman's life. They do not even know her right name. Two men, claiming to be half brothers, attended the funeral, but refused to divulge any information. An inquest is to be held, and some light may then be thrown upon the strange case.

The woman known as Mrs. Howard says her companion was born in Wellsville and began to wear boy's clothing at the age of ten years. Mrs. Howard also says she was married to Howard ten years ago. In spite of the result of the autopsy she said that Howard was the father of the children.

The case is in many respects similar to that of "Murray Hall," a New York politician, who died a few months ago and was discovered to be a woman.