

BURNED TO DEATH.

TRAGEDY AT CARGO.

HOTELKEEPER AND HIS WIFE INCINERATED.

[We take the following report of the sad tragedy which affects so many respected district folks, relatives of the victims, from the "Canowindra Star":—

The community of Canowindra was shocked on Saturday morning, Feb. 21, when the news came through that Mr. J. Carmody's Post Office Hotel at Cargo had been burned to the ground and Mr. and Mrs. Carmody incinerated in the ruins.

At first there seemed to be a doubt as to whether they were in the building while it was burning, and the first report was that they were missing. This was corrected later on when a messenger arrived and told that the worst fears of their friends had been realised and the charred remains of the unfortunate victims were discovered in the cellar underneath the bar-parlor.

The hotel was one of those old wooden structures, built in the very early days of Cargo, and only needing a match and a fair wind to complete its destruction at any time.

It appears that the family went to bed after seeing that everything was alright for the night, but in the morning at about 4 o'clock Mr. Carmody was awakened by a crackling of flames and rushed out of

the room where he and Mrs. Carmody was sleeping, in order to find out what was taking place. Immediately he awakened the inmates of the hotel, amongst whom were his family of eight children. It is supposed that he carried some of them out to a place of safety and then rushed back for Mrs. Carmody, who was recovering from an illness. That was the last seen of either of them.

CHARRED REMAINS FOUND IN CELLAR.

Willing hands were soon on the spot, but little if anything could be done, as a strong wind was blowing at the time, and there was absolutely no convenience for fire fighting. The destruction of the building was only a matter of minutes, and the caving in of the roof seemed to bring the end with startling rapidity.

Meanwhile the scene around the blazing building was pitiable to the extreme, one of the children rushing about the place calling for his parents. A search was made, but they could not be found, and although no one would venture to say it, the general conclusion was that they had perished in the flames. When the fire subsided a further search was made in the smouldering ashes without avail. At a later hour the awful discovery was made of the charred remains of two people in the cellar.

HOW THEY MET DEATH.

How the victims met their deaths will never be known, but there are various surmises. The general belief is that when Mr. Carmody rushed back to save his wife, both were overcome by the smoke, and either went down the cellar for safety, or else were standing on the floor above the cellar when it collapsed and precipitated them into the chamber below. The cash box was found close by, but the notes and cheques in it were burned and almost valueless.

Another theory is that one or both went in quest of the cash-box, after seeing that the children were safe, and had not time to get out. Mr Carmody banked with the Commercial Bank of this town at intervals, and the money was probably kept in a hiding place known to each of them.

Not a thing was saved, the whole of the furniture, including a new piano being reduced to ashes. There were insurances on the property and contents.

Mr. Carmody, who had nine children, was known in Trundle and Orange as a hotelkeeper, in the latter place being in the Exchange Hotel. He came to Cargo from Baldey. Before taking to the hotel business he was a successful wheat-farmer in the Ardlethan district.

Mrs. Carmody only recently left "Grantham" Hospital in this town, where she was seriously ill for some time.

Wide district sympathy is expressed for the orphaned children.

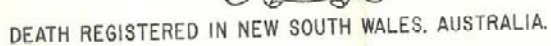
The funeral of the late Mr and Mrs Carmody, victims of the recent fire at Cargo, took place in the R.C. portion of the Cargo Cemetery, the cortege being one of the largest seen in Cargo for some time, testifying to the popularity of the deceased couple. The bodies were enclosed in one coffin. The children of the Public and Convent schools marched in front of the hearse, followed by the Priest and Altar boys. The members of the Hibernian Society also marched. The scene at the graveside was most touching. Relatives at the graveside, in addition to all the children, included Mr James Carmody and Miss Carmody, of Mt. Pleasant, a brother and sister of Mr Carmody, and Mr John Tobill, of Myola, brother to Mrs Carmody.

The sad affair has caused widespread sorrow in the Elmore district, where Mr and Mrs Carmody were well known, and deep sympathy is tendered the bereaved relatives. The late Mrs Carmody's aged mother and brother, John, reside at Myola, and Mrs M. Ryan is a sister. The late Mr Carmody has brothers and sisters residing in the Elmore district.

INQUEST REGISTER.

1926

No.	Name of Deceased	Date when dead	Where born	Number of Magistrate before whom held.	Date when Received.	Age
258	William M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	March 2	15
	John Dwyer	1 st	do	J. Henderson	2	38
	Thomas M. Dwyer	May 28	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	5	1
6	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	-
	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	15
8	John M. Dwyer	May 28	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	2	-
9	John M. Dwyer	May 28	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	31
260	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	-
	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	49
	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	40
2	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	38
3	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	38
4	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	38
5	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	38
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9	John M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	38
270	William M. Dwyer	March 1 st	Wexford, Ireland	J. Henderson	3	38



No.	Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
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Particulars of registration	When and where buried:	Name and religion of Minister and name of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
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ISSUED AT SYDNEY 30TH MARCH 2000

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DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

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No.	Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of death Duration of last illness attendant/when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant	Particulars of registration	When and where death name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
394	1920. 21 February Cargo Benevolent New England	John Joseph Carmody Hotel keeper	Male 77 Years	(1) Buried by fire at his residence (2) Hanging at hospital on February 21, 1920 (3) St. Helena Cemetery Molong	(1) Thomas Carmody (2) Farmer (3) Mary Maloney	L. M. Kavanagh 156 Donmarke Lismore	(1) L. M. Kavanagh (2) February 21, 1920 (3) Cargo	(1) 21 February 1920 (2) Roman Catholic Cemetery Cargo (3) Wm Ford	(1) R. L. Pearson (2) Roman Catholic (3) F. A. Fisher Nicholas Curry	(1) Toobee Victoria (2) 11 years in New South (3) 28 years	(1) Penryn Victoria (2) 28 years (3) Mary Ann Toobee	(1) Thomas 20 years James 19 Patrick 17 John 15 Karl 13 Mary 12 Frances 11 Marguerite 6 Merced 4 Living one female deceased

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