

Drown in the Vermillion.

A sad drowning accident occurred in the Vermillion river about two miles south of Streator Wednesday of last week, when two brothers, Leo and Jesse Carpenter, of Ancona lost their lives by drowning. At this point in the river where the drowning occurred the water is very deep and there is a whirlpool there. It is known as the Mill Dam, and it was considered a difficult fete for a good swimmer to swim across this whirlpool. Some one succeeded in doing this a week or so ago and one of the Carpenter brothers thought they could do it. Orville Carpenter, aged 17, and his brother, Leo, aged 22, attempted to swim across, but were caught in the whirlpool and kept spinning around in the eddy for some time. After a desperate effort Orville dove down and reached the under current and swam ashore. Then he, with his brother Jesse, who was on shore, secured a boat and went to the assistance of their brother, who was making a desperate effort for his life in the whirling waters. When they reached the pool the boat was upset and Jesse and Leo were drowned, Orville succeeding in getting out. Jesse, the elder of the brothers, was 27 years old. They didn't recover the bodies till the next afternoon, and two or three of their neighbors who were attempting to rescue the bodies had a close call from drowning. Their funeral was held from the M. E. church at Ancona Saturday and was the largest ever held in that village.