

THE EMMA MOORE TRAGEDY

The Brooklyn Eagle of March 26, 1855 includes this item:

The Rochester papers do not inform us whether Mr. Whitlock is still retained in custody: but we take it for granted that he is. The explanation of the facts most current seems to be that there was an understanding between Emma and her beau that he was immediately to redeem his pledges, and that she purchased the gloves on the evening of November 14th, for the purpose of standing with him at the altar. She put them on, and arrayed herself in her bridal apparel, and met her lover, when some repulse or misunderstanding occurred, which suddenly determined her to live no longer. She was found with these bridal robes on, and wearing the gloves which she purchased on the night of her disappearance. Of course all this is mere conjecture, and Mr. Whitlock may be entirely innocent of her seduction, and of the subsequent wrong of which he is now suspected. The Rochester Democrat says that there is one circumstance which remains to complicate and throw further doubt upon the question. A woman, it is averred by two witnesses, was seen with the deceased on that dark night of her doom. Who she was remains an unsolved question, which defies all enquiry.

There are several Whitlocks shown in Rochester in 1855 and 1860 but it is not clear which “Mr. Whitlock” is referred to in the above. Obviously this situation did not end well. The details of how Emma died are not given.

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