

—We learn from the Rutland Herald that on the 16th inst., the house of Lazarus Riford, in that town, was struck by lightning and considerably damaged.—None of the inmates (seven in number) were injured. Mr. Samuel Riford, however, it seems, had a providential, and very narrow escape. This gentleman is a son of Mr. L. Riford, and was at his father's house on a visit. . At the commencement of the shower, he was lying on the chamber floor immediately under the chimney; but the thought occurring to him that his position was not a safe one, he arose and went and lay down on a bed in the same room. A moment afterwards, the lightning passed down through the floor where he had been lying. He was considerably stunned, and on recovering, inquired what was the matter.

Also, from the same paper, that one Lyman Nelson was drowned in Wells Pond. Nelson with two other men had crossed the lake and gone into Granville, N. Y., obtained a quantity of alcohol, and on their return being in a state of intoxication, the boat capsized. Two of them swam ashore, and Nelson swam far enough to have reached the shore, but in the wrong direction, and was drowned.

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