

**A HORRIBLE DEATH.****A Young Lady and Her Escort  
Killed by Lightning.**

News reached the city yesterday of the horrible death of Miss Addie A. Reid and Mr. J. A. Trollinger, Sunday evening, at Catawba, a station on the Western North Carolina railroad, midway between Newton and Statesville. The particulars of the affair as nearly as could be ascertained, are as follows: Mr. Trollinger had accompanied Miss Reid to her home from church, and was seated in the parlor engaged in conversation with her when a storm came up, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and loud peals of thunder, rapidly increasing in sharpness and frequency. While the storm was raging at its height, a flash of lightning struck the house, tore away the chimney and instantly killed the lady and her escort. Miss Reid's clothing caught on fire, and in the attempt to extinguish the flames, a Mr. Jones, who had rushed into the parlor almost immediately after the flash, was severely burned about the head and arms. The unfortunate and lamentable occurrence has cast quite a shadow over the community in which the victims of elemental fury were such prominent and highly respected members. The remains of Miss Reid and Mr. Trollinger will be interred at Catawba at two o'clock this afternoon.

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