

[Payn, Nellie May Brown]

Mrs. H. A. Payn Ends Life at Portageville

Portageville, Oct. 13 (Special to The News)—Nellie May Payn, 68, wife of Herbert A. Payn, was found dead this morning in the barn adjoining the Payn residence at the top of Hamilton street, where her body was discovered hanging by her husband. Mrs. Payn had been in ill health for some time and her death is attributed to despondency. Besides her husband, who is a retired traveling hardware salesman, her only other immediate relatives are Mrs. George Brown, a sister-in-law who resides here, and two cousins, Mrs. Daisy M. Russ, of Portageville and Mrs. Carl Witt, of Mt. Morris.

Member of one of the most prominent families in Portageville, announcement of Mrs. Payn's death was a shock to the entire community. She was an accomplished musician and for several years was organist and let the choir in the Portageville Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the home, Rev. Podlesney officiating, and burial will be in the Porageville cemetery.

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MRS. H. A. PAYN

The funeral of Mrs. H. A. [Nellie] Payn, whose unfortunate death occurred Wednesday morning[,] was held in the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Andrew Podlesney officiating.

Mrs. Payn, who was 68 years old, had been suffering from a nervous trouble since early spring and had been steadily growing worse, until Wednesday when she took her own life by hanging.

She is survived by her husband, H. [Herbert] A. Payn, whose health is very poor, and two cousins, Mrs. Daisy Russ and Mrs. Edith Witt of Mt. Morris.

For over 40 years she was pianist in the Baptist church and a faithful member of the [former] Universalist church. The whole community is much shocked and extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

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