

[Keesler, Wilbur J.]

DEAD TWO DAYS

Body of Wilbur Keesler Found in Home Where He Lived Alone.

The dead body of Wilbur Keesler, aged about 52, was found in a bedroom on the second floor of his home on Reid street, where he lived alone, Sunday afternoon. He was last seen alive Friday night at 9:15 o'clock by John Brand, who lives next door. Mr. Brand states the Wilbur was about the porch at his home until the time mentioned when he entered the house apparently to retire. Nothing further was thought of the matter until Sunday at 1 o'clock when Keesler's non-appearance was noted. Mr. Brand, who is badly crippled by rheumatism, then asked his young son Harold and Earl Quant, another boy who lives in the neighborhood, to investigate. The boys, finding the front door of the Keesler house unlocked, ascended the stairs far enough to see, through an open bedroom door, a body on a bed with the feet resting on the floor. Hastily retracing their steps they told Mrs. Brand of their discovery and he in turn investigated and afterward called Health Officer Dr. C. E. Slater, who notified Dr. C. P. Wagner, coroner, of St. Johnsville.

An examination showed that death had resulted from a hemorrhage caused by an epileptic fit. On the order of the coroner, the body, which was in a bad state, was removed to the undertaking establishment of A. G. Swartz & Son, where the funeral was held at 2 o'clock Monday. Rev. Dr. [Herbert Frank] Moulton [of the Universalist Church] officiating. Interment in Fort Plain cemetery.

Deceased was a son of the late Adam and Mary Walster Keesler and is survived by one brother, Arthur of this village, and six sisters, Mrs. Frank Melford of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Jesse [Carrie] Ayres of Schenectady, Mrs. Harrison Walters of Canajoharie, Miss Bertha Keesler, Mrs. William [Sadie] Goodrich and Mrs. Charles [Jessie] Herb, all of this village.

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