

[King, Eugene]

KING, FROZEN STIFF

After He Had Ended His Life by Revolver Shot  
BODY FOUND NEAR HIS HOME

And Bullet Hole and Gun at His Side told Plainly What Man Had Done.

Eugene King, formerly of Auburn, who has been missing from his home in Union Springs since Monday last and was supposedly located in the House of the Good Shepherd Hospital at Syracuse Saturday morning, was found dead in a field near his home in Union Springs yesterday morning with a bullet hole in the right side of his head.

The revolver with which he had evidently shot himself lay by his side. Coroner A. J. Foreman of this city, who viewed the remains, pronounced the case to be suicide.

The body was found in a sitting position in a clump of bushes near a hedge to the Thomas farm, some 20 rods back from the road and opposite the home of John Lee, where Mr. King resided. The revolver, of 38 calibre, lay on the ground, between the left hand and the body. Four of the five chambers of the weapon contained loaded cartridges. An empty shell was in the remaining chamber of the revolver. The body was frozen stiff and the coroner thinks that it had been there since Monday.

When it was learned that Mr. King was missing from his home the first of last week, a general search was made for him about the village, for it was noted by his many friends that he had been acting strangely of late and he had seemed despondent to those with whom he had talked.

He was last seen about the steamer landing on Cayuga Lake and preparations were made Thursday night to drag the lake for his body on Friday morning.

Nothing was done, however, that day as word reached his sister Mrs. John Lee, from friends in Syracuse, that Mr. King was being cared for in a hospital in that city. Saturday morning, Justice of the Peace I. [Isaac] E. Pearson of Owasco, who is related to the Kings, went to Syracuse and inquired for Mr. King at the House of the Good Shepherd. There was a man registered there by the name of King, but he was not Mr. King of Union Springs, nor could that person be found in any other hospitals of the city. Mr. Pearson at once communicated with Mr. King's relatives in Auburn and Union Springs and the search for the missing man was renewed. Sunday morning the body was discovered in the field of the Thomas farm, opposite the Lee residence.

The funeral of Mr. King will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of his brother Charles W. King, No. 35 Nelson Street, this city. Burial will be made at Soule Cemetery.

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Funeral of Eugene King

The funeral of Eugene King, who after being missing from his home in Union Springs for nearly a week, was found dead near his home in the village with a bullet hole in the right side of his head, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his brother Charles W. King, No. 35 Nelson Street. Rev. A. [Arnold] S. Yantis, pastor of the First Universalist Church, conducted the services. Many friends and relatives were present. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers. Burial was made in Soule Cemetery. The bearers were Charles W. King, George C. Pearson, Isaac E. Pearson, John Lee, [and] George Fries, all relatives of the deceased, and James C. Jacobs.

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