

[Moyer, Elizabeth Pettingell]

Mrs. Edgar D. Moyer Found Dead in Bed on Tuesday

Mrs. Elizabeth Moyer, 87, was found dead in her bed at her home on Upper Main street, Fort Plain on Tuesday morning. As Mrs. Moyer had not been seen outside her home since the previous Friday, neighbors notified Mrs. Elgie Saltsman, niece of Mrs. Moyer's late husband, Edgar D. Moyer.

Mrs. Saltsman notified Police Chief Clinton G. Smith. With Officer William Hergert, he went to the Moyer residence. Finding the place locked, they secured a ladder and climbed onto the porch. There they saw Mrs. Moyer lying in bed and they then broke into the house.

On being summoned, Sheriff Gerald K. Nellis and Coroner Raymond F. Wytrwal went to the residence and investigated. Dr. Wytrwal found that death was due to natural causes and infirmities of old age, and he stated that Mrs. Moyer had probably been dead since Friday night or Saturday morning.

In a box beside her bed stood a tin box containing \$6,720 in cash, also directions as to her funeral. She had been in poor health for some time and neighbors had been of assistance to her at times in recent months.

Mrs. Moyer was born in Fultonville on August 8, 1857. She was married to Edgar D. Moyer, of Fort Plain, on April 24, 1893. Before her marriage she had a millinery store in Schenectady. Mr. Moyer was village clerk of Fort Plain at one time.

The remains were taken to the Swartz Funeral Home. Mrs. Moyer's only near relatives are her two nieces and a nephew, who live in Detroit, Mich.

The funeral was held today, Thursday, at 2 p.m., at the Swartz Funeral Home, with Rev. Warren Lovejoy [of the Universalist Church] officiating. Burial in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

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