[Nash, Oliver]

FORT PLAIN MAN'S BODY RECOVERED Oliver Nash, Who is Believed to Have Committed Suicide, Found in River Near Yosts

Fort Plain, May 8.—The body of Oliver Nash, well known business man of Fort Plain, who has been missing since April 20, was found floating this morning in the Mohawk river near Yosts by a workman on a dredge engaged in barge canal work. The body was seen drifting toward the rear of the dredge, and after it had been secured notification was sent to Chief of Police Dunckle of Fort Plain, who in turn informed Coroner C. P. Wagner of St. Johnsville. Identification having been made of the corpse, it was brought to the undertaking rooms of B. Gray & Sons in this village, to await arrangements for burial.

Mr. Nash was an expert carriage and automobile upholsterer, and had a shop of his own in which he carried on a large business. Of late his eyesight had begun to fail and he became despondent over this and the fact that he was unable to take care of all the business which was coming to him. He had been heard to remark that if his sight was to go he might as well end his life, and this he presumably did by leaping from the barge canal lock in this place. He was last seen in the vicinity of the canal.

He was about 68 years old, and has always lived in Fort Plain, where he was generally known, as well as by many other residents of this section. Mr. Nash is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Nash, from whom he had been separated for a number of years; a daughter, Mrs. George [Laura] Shelley, of Cooperstown, and a son, William, whose whereabouts are unknown. He made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Snyder. His family had offered a reward of \$100 for the recovery of his body.

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OLIVER NASH

Fort Plain, May 10.—Funeral services for Oliver Nash, whose body was discovered in the Barge Canal Friday, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Catherine Nellis Memorial Chapel, Rev. Dr. Herbert F. Moulton, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The interment was made in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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