

[Stanton, Horace W.]
[Stanton, Laura Robinson]

Police Push Slaying Quiz, Early Break Seen
Private Funerals Held for Stantons
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[abridged]

Oneonta—State Police renewed their painstaking attempts today to unravel the mysterious slaying of a retired banker and his wife, amid indications that some sort of a break soon may be forthcoming in the case.

Crack investigators from Troop C were working with Otsego County District Attorney Richard J. Brookhout of Oneonta in their methodical search for the killer of Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Stanton.

Meanwhile, private funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Stanton were held at 2 p.m. this afternoon in the Lewis Funeral Home in Oneonta, with the Rev. James Alcock, pastor of Chapin Memorial Universalist Church, officiating. Burial was in Oneonta Plains Cemetery.

The bullet-riddled bodies of Mr. Stanton, 76, and his wife [Laura], 59, were found shortly before 9 p.m. Tuesday, sprawled on the lawn of their spacious summer home at nearby Goodyear Lake.

As the investigation entered the third full day, authorities remained reluctant in discussing details of the case with newsmen.

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Latest information in the case appears to be that the killer ruthlessly emptied a .32 caliber revolver into the Stantons.

Five of the six slugs were recovered during post-mortem examinations at the Lewis Funeral Home in Oneonta. One of three slugs which penetrated the body of Mr. Stanton was not recovered.

Lt. Robert Denman of Troop C barracks in Sidney said this morning that as far as he knew, the weapon used by the slayer had not been found.

"From a police standpoint, we're still where we were yesterday," he added.

All day yesterday and again this morning, upwards of a dozen troopers and BCI men were at work piecing together bits of information relating to the slayings.

"We're investigating every possibility," the lieutenant declared.

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