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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner
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FULL NAME JOHN (JACK) WICK

Date of Death July 1

Place of Death	East Medicine Lake Blvd. Plymouth Township	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	3406 - 46th Ave. N. Robbinsdale, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.25; 4 keys, nailclipper, ring; 1 billfold; 1 comb; 1 medalion.
Birthdate	3-28-1934 Age 20		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Wick & Sons Carpenter - House building		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Vincent M. Wick & Mary Snizek		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Auto Accident	Fracture of cervical, 2d and 3d, and bilateral hemothorax.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Vincent's Cemetery, Osseo, Minn.	Effects Released to	Heinrichs-Malone Funeral Home by R. Pan Konie, F. D.
Folsom	Funeral Director	Malone-Heinrich Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐ Naval reserve

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 12:30 p.m., July 1, 1954.

On Thursday, July 1, 1954, at approximately 12:20 p.m., the deceased was fatally injured in an accident which occurred on Hennepin County road No. 70 at 10406 East Medicine Lake Road.

The deceased was a passenger in an automobile driven by Michael T. Gamble, 25, 4238 Vera Cruz, Robbinsdale, Minnesota. Gamble was driving a 1952 Pontiac, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #606-953, proceeding in a northeasterly direction, when the vehicle went out of control on a curve and crashed into a tree. It was stated, the car was traveling at an excessive rate of speed in a 30 mile per hour zone and proceeded for 140 feet on the shoulder and in the ditch before striking the tree, then rolled for about 35 feet, the

JOHN (JACK) WICK (continued)

car coming to rest on its top. The vehicle was completely demolished.

Deceased was found lying on stomach with head twisted beneath his chest. Apparently death was instantaneous.

The driver and another passenger, Douglas A. Messmer, 29, 3921 Unity Avenue, Robbinsdale, were removed by ambulance to Swedish Hospital and were reported to be in fair condition.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:30 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed fractures of the cervical, 2nd and 3rd; bilateral hemothorax; minimal hemoperitoneum; also a slight rupture of the left lobe of the liver.

Deputy Sheriff McMullen was notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent M. Wick, Sr.; sister, Katherine and a brother, Vincent P., Jr.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME ERNEST GEORGE HAYMAKER

Date of Death July 1

Place of Death 2804-12th Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate

10-7-1881 Age 72

Birthplace

Spring Valley, Minn.

Occupation

Clerical work - fraternal order

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Cora Haymaker

Names of Parents

Frank Haymaker & Clara Compton

Natural

Coronary heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Evergreen Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom Funeral Director

Motley, Minn.

Henry W. Anderson Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 469-03-2730

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:57 a.m., July 1, 1954.

The deceased lived at 2804 12th Avenue South with his wife, Cora. He had a history of a heart condition, it was stated, and had been treated in the past by Doctors P. H. Soucheray and J. R. Meade, both of St. Paul. However, he had not seen either of these physicians within the last year.

On the evening of June 30th the deceased attended a night ballgame in Minneapolis. He returned home shortly before 12:00 o'clock feeling very ill. He walked in and sat at the kitchen table. His breathing was rapid and difficult and he stated he was going to die. Mrs. Haymaker gave him one

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CORONER'S RECORD

Ernest George Haymaker (Continued)

ounce of whiskey to drink. He suddenly collapsed and an ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. Dr. Paulson, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced the man dead on arrival, death having occurred about 12:15 a.m.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner death was attributed to coronary disease. The deceased, it was stated, had been suffering from dyspnea and orthopnea with recurrent chest pains for the past ten days. The body was released directly to the funeral home.

In addition to his wife, the decedent is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Pattison and Mrs. Edith Hanssen; two sons, Harold F. and Lt. Col. Gerald L; three sisters, Mrs. Sadie Boyce, Mrs. Ethel Minnier and Miss Olive Haymaker. There are four brothers, Erwin, Emory, Lloyd and Jack. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive.

Police officers Conroy and Graning, squad No. 164, investigated this death at the scene and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner
~~REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner~~

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ZULENE MCWHORTER

Date of Death July 1

Place of Death	3649 Fourth Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	2706 Guillot, Dallas, Texas	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-22-1901 Age 53	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Tyler, Smith County, Texas		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	? McWhorter		
Names of Parents	Alfred Porter & Mary Jackson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Dallas, Texas	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Woodard Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:35 a.m., July 1, 1954.

According to the history on this case, on June 21, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, 3649 4th Avenue South, returned to Minneapolis from a trip to Texas. They brought the deceased, a cousin of Mrs. Richards, back with them. The deceased had been living with a son in Dallas, Texas, prior to that time, but intended to make her home with the Richards in the future.

On Thursday morning, July 1st, the deceased awoke feeling ill. She awoke Mrs. Richards stating she wanted some help. She said she was suffering from a cold. Although she stated she had no pain it was apparent her breathing was labored and difficult. She went back to bed to lie down again but her condition worsened. Mrs. Richards then summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis

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CORONER'S RECORD

Zulene McWhorter (CONT.)

General Hospital. Upon its arrival, Dr. Buchanan, physician aboard the ambulance, found the woman gasping, her condition critical. He administered a stimulant, but to no avail. Death occurred at 4:34 a.m.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner death was attributed to coronary disease. The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to a funeral director.

Police officers Axell and Kunitz, squad No. 151, were summoned to the scene in this case and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME THEODORE HARRIET

Date of Death July 1

Place of Death	City Jail	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Janis Sika
Residence	Unknown	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown	Age	About 55
Birthplace	Unknown		
Occupation	Unknown		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Unknown		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Brain tumor	None except listed On Morgue Record
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Rosedale Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director	Flynn and Son Mortuary	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:15 a.m., July 1, 1954.

The deceased was arrested at the rear of 109 Washington Avenue South on June 30, 1954, at approximately 1:40 p.m. by Officers Baufield and Armstrong. The man could not walk or stand. He was taken to the City Jail and booked as a "drunk". At 4:00 p.m. the same day, deceased commenced having convulsions and a Minneapolis General Hospital physician was summoned, however, the physician did not consider it necessary to hospitalize the deceased.

At 5:00 a.m., July 1, 1954, James Dean, another prisoner, notified Clayton Mellem, the jailor on duty, that the deceased appeared to be dead. He stated he had last seen the deceased alive at approximately 9:30 p.m. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene, and the physician aboard pronounced the man dead at 5:10 a.m.

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CORONER'S RECORD

THEODORE HARRIET (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the jail and viewed the body which was then removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THIS DECEDENT'S BLOOD FAILED TO REVEAL THE PRESENCE OF ETHYL ALCOHOL. THEREFORE, DESPITE THE FACT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS, THIS ANALYSIS FAILED TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS CONDITION. FURTHERMORE, AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED AT 9:00 A.M., JULY 1, REVEALED DEATH HAD BEEN DUE TO A BRAIN TUMOR.

1-18-1955: The autopsy report, received this date (1-18-1955), revealed the brain tumor which caused this decedent's death was malignant. This was determined microscopically.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME IDA TILSETH Date of Death Fd. July 1

Place of Death	2526 Highway No. 8, (Mpls. 18) St. Anthony Village	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. B. W. Jarvis
Residence	3300-33rd Ave. N. E. St. Anthony Village	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-17-1891 Age 63		
Birthplace	Norway		
Occupation	Housemaid - North Gate Motel		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Ole Tilseth		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	None except listed On Morgue Record	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Buchinger Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 470-24-5470
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 4:00 p.m., July 1, 1954

The deceased was employed as a charwoman at the Northgate Motel, 2526 Highway No. 8, St. Anthony Village. On the afternoon of July 1, 1954 the woman was going about her usual duties. About 3:30 p.m. her husband, Ole, came to pick her up and take her home. When the deceased did not put in an appearance, Mr. Chaimson, owner of the motel, went in search of her. At 3:45 p.m. he found her lying on the bathroom floor in cottage No. 16. According to Mr. Chaimson the bathroom door was partly open but the body of the deceased obstructed entry to the room in such a way that it was necessary for the Sheriff's rescue squad to break the door down to enter.

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CORONER'S RECORD

Ida Tilseth (CONT.)

Deputy sheriffs Schwartz and Seabell, squad No. 722, were active in the investigation of this case at the scene.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner he noted the door to the bathroom had been removed from the jamb and was lying on the bed. The deceased was lying on her right side on the bathroom floor, her back to the door, her head and shoulders between the washstand and the wall. The commode was clean, contained only clear water. A cleaning rag, wet, was in the wash basin. Dry dusting cloths were found in the pocket of the uniform worn by the deceased. The washroom was neat and clean, fresh linens were in evidence, a fresh bar of soap, still wrapped, and clean drinking glasses. Apparently the deceased had just finished cleaning the little cottage for the next occupant.

Upon examination of the body, emesis of food, including peas, was noted on the lips and in the mouth. There was fluid emesis down the chin upon movement of the body.

According to deputy sheriff Schwartz Mr. Tilseth had stated his wife had suffered a cardiac attack about three years previously but that she had not received any medical care since that time.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:00 a.m., July 2nd. This revealed coronary disease with aneurysm dilation of left ventricle. An old myocardial infarction was also noted.

The decedent is survived by her husband, mentioned herein, and two sons, Arne of Post Falls, Idaho, and Orwin of Minneapolis. There is also a daughter, Mrs. Irvin Edwards of Seward, Alaska, and a sister, Mrs. Eidem of Spring Park, Minnesota, as well as three grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME AMANDA LOUISE NELSON Date of Death July 1

Place of Death	3047 Toledo Avenue St. Louis Park	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-11-1872 Age 82		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	John Nelson		
Names of Parents	Andres Peterson & Anna Louise Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Arteriosclerotic heart disease; generalized arteriosclerosis; fracture of right humerus.	
	Accident		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders Quist Company 1200 West Broadway	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Welanders Quist Company, 1200 West Broadway, at 7:55 p.m., July 1, 1954.

On June 20, 1954, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the deceased in some manner fell to the floor in her room at the Bethesda Rest Home incurring a fracture of the right humerus. Dr. H. L. Perlman was summoned and the deceased was removed to Mount Sinai Hospital. Due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, no surgery was attempted. She was subsequently returned to the rest home for convalescent care. The deceased was disoriented and became comatose, expiring at 4:10 p.m., July 1, 1954.

Death was attributed to arteriosclerotic heart disease and generalized arteriosclerosis; the fractured right humerus being a contributing factor.

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CORONER'S RECORD

AMANDA LOUISE NELSON (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:45 p.m., July 3, 1954.

On the afternoon of July 3, 1954, at approximately 1:30 p.m., Howard Wickelman and Frank Schneider of the College Inn Hotel, Minneapolis, saw the body of the deceased floating, face down, on the Mississippi River while working aboard the U. S. Engineers' barge. The body was recovered on the east side of the river at the University parking lot.

Apparently the deceased had been in the water over a month and the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The left hand was partially missing and it was impossible to estimate the man's age. Body was clothed only in shoes and stockings. Deceased was estimated to weigh approximately 150 lbs. and the height was 5 feet, 10 inches. The eyes were blue. The cause of death could not be determined.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME UNKNOWN JOHN DOE NO 95 Date of Death Fd. July 3

Place of Death	Mississippi River-Barge Terminal	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Unknown	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown Age Unknown		
Birthplace	Unknown		
Occupation	Unknown		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Unknown		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Undetermined - body in advanced stage of decomposition.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial		Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director Fox-Sullivan Mortuary	Address	

None except listed On Major Record

Social Security No. Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

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CORONER'S RECORD

UNKNOWN JOHN DOE NO. 95

Police officers Dols and Elmore were notified and investigated this death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JAMES RAMSAY

Date of Death July 4

Place of Death 5136 Thomas Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 9-7-1885 Age 68

Birthplace England

Occupation Locomotive foreman - Can. Nat'l. RR.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Alice Ramsay

Names of Parents ? and ? Ramsay

Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Funeral Director Welanders-Quist Company
2301 Dupont Avenue S.

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No. 302-26-1826

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Welanders Quist Company, 2301 Dupont Avenue South, at 7:30 p.m., July 5, 1954.

According to Mrs. Alice Ramsay, deceased's wife, the deceased was a retired Canadian National Railroad foreman who came to live in Minneapolis approximately 10 months ago. She states the deceased had been in excellent health without complaints until July 3, 1954 when he came in complaining of a severe pain in his left shoulder and arm, saying that he hoped he wouldn't have to go through such an attack again. He mentioned at that time that he had heard of such pains as indicating heart trouble and planned to consult a physician on Tuesday, July 6.

Mrs. Ramsay states she checked on the deceased's condition several times during the night at his request but he appeared to be all right, however, he did not sleep well. The following day, Sunday, he appeared to be all right. About 9:45 p.m., he went to

JAMES RAMSAY (continued)

bedroom to retire for the night. When he did not call to her, she went to check and see if anything was wrong and found the deceased lying motionless on bed with eyes closed. Dr. G. C. Dorsey was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Alice; five sons, Owen, British Columbia, William A. of Pickle Crow, Ontario; Harvey, Winnipeg, Douglas D., Niagara Falls, Ontario, Donald R., Minneapolis; brother, William Brandon, Manitoba.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LOWELL E. SMITH

Date of Death Fd. July 5

Place of Death 1718 Glenwood Avenue North

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. B. W. Jarvis

Residence 1027-19th Avenue N.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge 1 billfold.

Birthdate 12-9-1914 Age 39

Birthplace Waseca, Minnesota

Occupation Roofer - Sievert Roofing Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Dolly Helmer Smith

Names of Parents Russell Smith & Della Laudert

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary occlusion, left coronary artery.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Mrs. L. Smith, wife
1927 N. Sedgewick,
Chicago, Ill.

Kaplan

Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 473-10-2401

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:13 a.m., July 5, 1954.

Margaret Roster, living at the same address as that of the deceased, states he had complained during the day of pains in his chest. About 11:15 p.m. on the evening of July 4, 1954, the deceased went to the bathroom. When he did not return, a neighbor entered the bathroom through the window where he found the deceased sitting on toilet, apparently dead. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and upon its arrival, the physician in attendance pronounced the man dead at 12:15 a.m., July 5.

The body of the deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 9:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from coronary occlusion of the left coronary artery.

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LOWELL E. SMITH (continued)

Police officers Bloberg and Akenson of squad 119 were notified and investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Dolly; sister, Mrs. John (Beverly) Evangelist of Minneapolis; step-father, Rush B. Hanford of Robbinsdale.

Place of Death	8 East 17th Street	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-3-1947 Age 6 years		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Sam Gould & Vivienne Parker		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address	

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:22 a.m., July 5, 1954.

The deceased lived with maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Parker, 8 East 17th street. Having a history of epilepsy, the deceased had been under the care of University Hospitals for some time. It was stated, the boy had had convulsions since the age of six months. About 11:00 a.m., Sunday morning, July 4, 1954, the deceased became critically ill and was taken to University Hospitals by a physician. En route to the hospital, the child became convulsive. He was returned to his grandmother's home.

About 2:00 a.m., July 5, 1954, Mrs. Parker looked at the deceased and, becoming apprehensive at his appearance, called Minneapolis General Hospital. An ambulance was sent to the Parker home and the ambulance physician, Dr. Williams, confirmed the child's death.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME EDMUND DUANE GOULD

Date of Death Fd. July 5

Place of Death	8 East 17th Street	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-3-1947 Age 6 years		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Sam Gould & Vivienne Parker		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address	

None except listed On Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:22 a.m., July 5, 1954.

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EDMUND DUANE GOULD (continued)

A deputy coroner, summoned to the scene, examined the body and noted that rigor mortis had developed.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue, where an autopsy was performed at 9:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed a scar in the inferior portion of the right temporal lobe. It was concluded, in view of this pathological finding, death had been due to epilepsy.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Roehl and Knickerbocker of Squad 117 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of the grandmother, Mary Parker, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GEORGE THOMAS MCGRANN

Date of Death Fd. July 5

Place of Death	1727 LaSalle Avenue, Apt. 101	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-5-1894 Age 59		
Birthplace	Luce, Minn.		
Occupation	Printer - Johnson Printing Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lillian Dahl McGrann		
Names of Parents	William R. McGrann & Agnes T. Mallon		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. 471-03-8021

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☒ WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:25 a.m., July 5, 1954.

When the deceased retired at about 11:00 p.m., on the evening of July 4, 1954, he complained of feeling ill. Before his wife retired, she checked on the deceased and he appeared to be all right. At 8:00 a.m., on the following morning, July 5, she went into his room to awaken him and found him unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned, and upon arrival, the attending physician pronounced the man dead.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed and the face was noted to be cyanotic. There was no rigor, no edema and no marks. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

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CORONER'S RECORD

GEORGE THOMAS MC GRANN (continued)

Police officers Shanahan and Scully of squad 118 were summoned to the scene and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lillian; daughter, Mrs. Darwin (Marianne); son, Peter of Minneapolis; two brothers, William of Owatonna and John of Mankato; five sisters; two granddaughters.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLIAM SIMMONS Date of Death July 5

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. George Nelson
Residence	Tupelo, Lee County, Miss.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-26-1917 Age 38		
Birthplace	Pontotoc, Miss.		
Occupation	Painter - railroad		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	George Simmons & Lelia Staten		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Tupelo, Miss.	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	The Burr Funeral Home	Address	

None except listed On Morgue Record

Social Security No. 426-34-9983
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 10:55 a.m., July 5, 1954.

The deceased was brought into Minneapolis General Hospital by ambulance from 203 Nicollet Avenue, being admitted at 9:21 a.m., July 5, 1954. He had rented a room at this address just for one night and it was stated he was employed by the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad. The man expired shortly after admittance, death occurring at 10:28 a.m., July 5.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:00 p.m. on the date of death. There were no gross findings, therefore, specimens of the organs were released to the laboratory for microscopic study and to the toxicological chemist for analyses.

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WILLIAM SIMMONS (continued)

He is survived by a sister, Anna May Harlow, Houston, Texas.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JENNIE M. CAMPBELL

Date of Death Fd. July 5

Place of Death	3041 East Minnehaha Parkway	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-12-1874 Age 79		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	William A. Campbell		
Names of Parents	Andrew Erickson & Mary Ann Dickman		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

The Police Department reported this case to the Coroner's Office at 10:55 a.m., July 5, 1954.

Neighbors had not seen the deceased around her home on the evening of July 4, 1954 nor on the following morning. They were unable to arouse her therefore they summoned the Police Department, Officer Maus responding. The officer removed a storm window on the bedroom to gain entry. Upon investigation, he found the deceased lying on bed, fully clothed, covered with a robe. Deceased was in full rigor. The body was found at 10:50 a.m., July 5.

It was stated the radio was playing but there were no lights on in the house. Meat was found in the frying pan over a low flame on the stove. A nephew, Lloyd A. Erickson, 3918 29th Avenue South, was contacted, however, he did not know of any physician that had been treating the deceased.

CORONER'S RECORD

JENNIE M. CAMPBELL (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. There was 3 plus edema of the lower legs and no marks were noted on body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease. The body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are a brother, Edward Erickson of Ft. Bragg, Calif. and a cousin, Mrs. Thomas Doig of Madison, Wis; also four nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19.....54..

FULL NAME ALLEN ROBERT WIGGINS

Date of Death July 5

Place of Death	Bassett's Creek, Sixth and Thomas Avenues North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Holland Hotel 908 Second Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$7.79; money order - \$22.50; 1 billfold; 1 Ronson lighter; 2 keys for car 1 gold and silver ring (white stone); 1 pencil; 1 bottle opener; 1 comb; 1 notebook; 1 pkg. cigarettes; 1 silver key; 2 links from bicycle chain; misc. cards & papers.
Birthdate	11-21-1922 Age 31		
Birthplace	Washburn, Wis.		
Occupation	Machinist - Electric Machinery		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lorraine Wiggins Edward Wiggins		
Names of Parents	Vera Edgerly		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Suffocation due to drowning.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	John E. Wiggins, brother 732 S. W. 46th Oklahoma City, Okla.
Folson	Funeral Director Albinson-Peterson Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No. 470-20-4090
Veteran Yes NoX WWI ☐ WWII ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:25 p.m., July 5, 1954.

It was stated the deceased had been spending the afternoon at the apartment of a friend, Mrs. Otilia deKlammer. About 5:30 p.m., Mrs. deKlammer stated the deceased decided to go for a swim in the reservoir formed by Bassetts creek at Sixth and Thomas Avenues North.

Apparently the deceased attempted to swim across the reservoir at a point where it is about 200 feet wide and went under about three- fourths of the way across. Mrs. deKlammer ran to the home of Lee Munich, 525 Sheridan Avenue North for help. Munich was joined by Reino Aho, 507 Sheridan Avenue and George Raemer, 526 Thomas Avenue. All three went to the reservoir, but the deceased was not in sight. The body was recovered by Reino Aho and artificial respiration was applied without success.

ALLEN ROBERT WIGGINS (continued)

The body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before releasing it to a mortuary. Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Alan; daughter, Penny Joyce; mother, Mrs. Vera Anderson of Minneapolis; brother, John E. Wiggins of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Police officers Payton and Kozum of squad 494 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME FERNE GEREN MATHEWS

Date of Death July 5

Place of Death St. Mary's Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Fifth St. and Cedar Avenue

Pathologist Dr. Allan S. Judd

Residence 5737-20th Avenue S.

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-20-1894 Age 59

Birthplace Waterloo, Iowa

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Charles Mathews

Names of Parents ? Geren & Irene Lyle

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Auto

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Pulmonary emboli due to fractures of pelvis and right tibia and fibula.

Place of Burial Waterloo, Iowa

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Billman-Hunt Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 470-20-4590

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. W. McInerny at 7:28 p.m., July 5, 1954.

During Sunday night's rain, June 20, 1954, at approximately 11:40 p.m., the deceased was struck by a car driven by Kenneth O. Davis, 17, 2507 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, while crossing the street. Davis was traveling north on Cedar Avenue, driving a 1942 Dodge, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 980-325 and the deceased was crossing from west to east, approximately 100 feet south of the intersection at Fifth street at the time the accident occurred.

The injured woman was removed to Minneapolis General Hospital and was later transferred to St. Mary's Hospital where she was admitted at 1:45 a.m., June 21 and placed under the care of Dr. M. W. McInerny. X-ray examination revealed fractures of pelvis, right tibia and fibula. She expired at 7:00 p.m., July 5.

FERNE GEREN MATHEWS (continued)

An autopsy was performed at St. Mary's Hospital at 9:00 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from pulmonary emboli due to fractures of the pelvis and right tibia and fibula.

Police officers Cahill and Carlson of traffic squad 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, Charles; mother, Mrs. William B. Lyle; stepfather, William Lyle.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GERTRUDE E. METCA

Date of Death July 5

Place of Death	Pott's Nursing Home 2644 Aldrich Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4856 Dupont Avenue S.	Inquest Effects Taken in charge	No
Sex	Female		None
Birthdate	6-16-1890 Age 64		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	August Metca		
Names of Parents	Charles E. Casper & Wessie Laughton		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary heart disease; Parkinson's disease. Accident Swicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Oak Hill Cemetery, Excelsior, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director White Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Pott's Nursing Home at 10:02 p.m., July 5, 1954.

The deceased who has Parkinson's disease was admitted to the Pott's Nursing Home from Minneapolis General Hospital approximately six weeks ago. Approximately one week ago, she was taken to the out-patient department of General Hospital for a check-up.

Recently, the deceased has had severe dyspnea and has found it necessary to sleep in a half-sitting position according to Eva Dell Hanson, nurse at the rest home. On the evening of July 5, 1954, the woman expired at 9:45 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease; Parkinson's disease being a contributing factor.

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CORONER'S RECORD

GERTRUDE METCA (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are sisters, Mrs. Iva Johnson, Hopkins, and Erna Stanley; also a brother, William Casper, Helena, Montana.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LINDA JEAN ANDERSON

Date of Death July 5

Place of Death	3544 Major Avenue N. Robbinsdale, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-10-1948 Age 5 years		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Carl Anderson & Jean LaRue		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Neoplasm, metastatic.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders-Quist Company 1200 West Broadway	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Welanders-Quist Company, 1200 West Broadway, at 4:30 p.m., July 6, 1954.

This child has been under the care of Dr. Stanley P. Stone in consultation with Dr. Paul Blake, however, Dr. Stone is away on vacation at this time. The child had a tumor of the forehead which was removed and found to be metastatic small cell sarcoma in type on pathological examination by Dr. R. W. Koucky at Fairview Hospital. Gradually other metastases developed and the child went down hill and expired at 3:00 p.m., July 5.

Deceased was last seen in the hospital in May of 1954, and the final diagnosis of Dr. Koucky was sympathicoblastoma.

A deputy coroner viewed the body and death was attributed to neoplasm,metastatic.

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LINDA JEAN ANDERSON (continued)

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Anderson; brother, Stephen; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Anderson of Robbinsdale; and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. LaRue of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

JACOB SWANSON

Date of Death

July 6

Place of Death

University Hospitals

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Russell J. Eilers

Residence

Palisade, Aitkin County, Minn.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

11-10-1870 Age 83

Birthplace

Sweden

Occupation

Farmer (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widower

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents

Swan Olson & Elna Uanson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Infected pulmonary cyst (organism undetermined); chronic bronchiectasis; coronary arteriosclerosis.

Place of Burial

Lakeview Cemetery, Aitkin, Minn.

Effects Released to

Funeral Director

Peterson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by University Hospitals at 6:25 p.m., July 6, 1954.

The deceased was brought by ambulance from the Mission Farm to University Hospitals on July 6, 1954 where the man expired at 1:50 p.m. in W212 while awaiting admission and prior to diagnosis.

An autopsy was performed at University Hospital at 9:00 p.m., July 6. The pathological findings were bronchiectasis; pulmonary emphysema; infected pulmonary cyst; coronary arteriosclerosis; and a possible duodenal ulcer. According to Dr. Frick of University Hospitals, an autopsy was desirable because of an admission x-ray showing cavitation of lung which had not been present in previous x-rays taken at the hospital.

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CORONER'S RECORD

JACOB SWANSON (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

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Year 19 54

FULL NAME LEONARD ARNOLD KULLA

Date of Death Ed. July 6

Place of Death	Medicine Lake, Plymouth Township	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. S. T. Nerenberg
Residence	2212 Grand Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-8-1933 Age 21	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	New York Mills, Minn.		
Occupation	Counselor - church		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Charles J. Kulla Amanda M. Hestenes		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Suffocation due to drowning.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Greenwood Cemetery New York Mills, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	O. E. Larson Mortuary	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 470-36-0342

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's office at 6:28 p.m., July 6, 1954.

The deceased was counselor for Little Camp in the Hills sponsored by the Children's Gospel mission, 1407 Washington Avenue South. On the afternoon of July 6, 1954, he went to the beach on the northwestern shore of Medicine Lake with a group of youngsters, and it was stated, the deceased was swimming in the company of Alfred Johnson, 2310-28th Avenue South, age 14.

Mrs. Lillian Johnson, 1818 Two-and-one-half Street South, a lifeguard on duty during the swim period, stated that the information was volunteered at the end of the swim period that the deceased had already returned to the camp. A check, however, found him missing and Mrs. Johnson and her sister, Mrs. Laura Livingston Bird, 520 Twenty-third Avenue South, also a lifeguard, began a search for him. Mrs. Bird recovered the body, and Mrs. Johnson pulled the deceased out onto the dock and commenced artificial respira-

LEONARD ARNOLD KULLA (continued)

tion but the deceased failed to respond. Deceased was pronounced dead at 5:25 p.m.

There is history of epilepsy and the deceased was being treated for this condition by the University Hospitals Clinic. He had been taking mebaral and dilantin, and it was reported that recently the deceased had switched to a new medication. Deceased was said to have petit mal seizures.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 7:30 a.m., July 7. There were no pathological findings, therefore, specimens of the organs were released to the laboratory for microscopic study and to the toxicological chemist for analyses.

Deputy sheriff Wasser of Squad 118 was notified and attended the scene of the drowning.

Survivors of the decedent include a brother, Harold, Minneapolis, and four sisters, Mrs. John Oase, St. Paul; Mrs. Roy Isaacson, New York Mills; Mrs. Norman State, Creston, Iowa and Mrs. Warren Hagel, Gilbert, Minnesota.

1-25-55: The pathologist who performed the autopsy on the deceased called Dr. William G. Guthrie, Coroner, today and inquired about the circumstances preceding this man's death. He was particularly interested in how the deceased was clothed and to establish, if possible, how much time had elapsed after the deceased had eaten prior to entering the water. Dr. Nerenberg, the pathologist, stated a quantity of food was noted in the deceased's stomach.

Dr. Guthrie contacted Mrs. Johnson by phone and was informed that she had seen the deceased in an epileptic seizure a year before the incident in question. She also stated that some boys at the camp reported that deceased had a severe seizure following lunch at 12 O'clock noon, the day of his death. It was also stated, the deceased ate at the Camp Mess at noon prior to his death and there was no place that he could obtain food after lunch unless someone gave it to him or he purchased candy or nuts et cetera at the canteen which was open for one hour following the noon meal.

Mrs. Johnson last saw the deceased alive between 4:15 and 4:25 p.m., July 6, and she further stated that he was clothed in swimming trunks when his body was recovered from the water.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LAURA FRANKLIN COCHRAN

Date of Death July 6

Place of Death	6019 Camden Avenue N. Brooklyn Center, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-31-1875 Age 79		
Birthplace	Philadelphia, Pa.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Marvin Cochran		
Names of Parents	Benjamin Franklin Bowman Catherine Lloyd		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Ipswich, S. Dak.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanden-Quist Co. 1200 West Broadway	Address	
Wright		Social Security No.	
		Veteran Yes No	WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. E. M. Monson, 4144 Fremont Avenue North, at 10:26 p.m., July 6, 1954.

The deceased made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Frank Miller, 6019 Camden Avenue North. The aged woman had been in apparent good health, it was stated, and had not received any medical care for sometime.

On Tuesday evening, July 6, she returned home shortly before 10:00 o'clock after having been out visiting friends. She complained of feeling ill, it was stated, and went into the bathroom where she began vomiting. A few minutes later she collapsed to the floor. A nearby physician, Dr. E. M. Monson, was summoned to the home. He pronounced the woman dead on arrival, death having occurred about 10:00 p.m. The physician had never treated the decedent during her lifetime.

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CORONER'S RECORD

Laura Franklin Cochran (CONT.)

Upon examination of the body by the deputy coroner death was ascribed to coronary disease. The body was released to the funeral director.

CORONER'S RECORD

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Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME PHYLLIS J. STEMBEL

Date of Death Fd. July 7

Place of Death	2721 Central Ave. N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-6-1905 Age 48		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Alvin Stembel		
Names of Parents	Frank A. Johnson & Minnie Engberg		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Epilepsy	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Buchinger Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 476-07-1540

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:13 a.m., July 7, 1954.

The deceased lived with her husband, Alvin, at 2721 Central Avenue Northeast. Her mother, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, lived with the younger couple. On Tuesday evening, July 6, the deceased stayed up late watching television. She retired about 12:30 (July 7). According to Mr. Stembel he heard his wife snoring beside him about 2:30 a.m. that night.

At 6:00 o'clock on the morning of July 7, Mrs. Johnson went downstairs to get the morning paper. She found her daughter lying on the floor beside a studio couch. This couch is in an alcove off the living room. The woman was undoubtedly dead. The police department was notified and officers Woodruff and Blanchet, squad No. 124 responded. They remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

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CORONER'S RECORD

Phyllis J. Stembel (CONT.)

In conversation with the family the deputy coroner learned the decedent had suffered from epileptic seizures for many years. She had been under the care of Dr. Norman Bentley. Apparently sometime during the early morning hours the deceased had left her bed to lie on the studio couch downstairs. While there it is assumed she may have suffered a fatal seizure.

In addition to her husband and mother, mentioned herein, the decedent is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Fritz Zechlin, Minneapolis, and Mrs. William Coteler of Washington, D. C. A brother, Francis, Minneapolis, also survives.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HILDA J. STEEN

Date of Death Fd. July 7

Place of Death	5832 Portland Avenue	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. G. Aurebeck Lindseth
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	1 letter; 1 will (written in pencil; 3 keys; 1 pair glasses.
Birthdate	12-8-1881 Age 72		
Birthplace	Willmar, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Peter W. Steen		Other effects listed on Mergue Record
Names of Parents	Peter Erickson & Anna Nelson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	Winifred Rosien, Spec. Adm.
Kaplan Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	3040 Colfax S.
		Social Security No.	
		Veteran Yes No	WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:24 a.m., July 7, 1954.

Mrs. A. E. Cauble, 5850 Portland, states she went to the deceased's home to contact her about an appointment she had made to take the deceased to a foot doctor. Upon arrival at the deceased's home, Mrs. Cauble found the front door standing ajar and when she entered the house, she found the deceased lying, face down, in a pool of blood, and deceased was bleeding from mouth. The deceased was fully clothed and her false teeth were lying on the floor. There was a glass jar in her arms. The police were summoned, Officer Strand of Squad 152 and also Detectives Cosgrove and Ennen responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was also dispatched to the scene, and the attending physician confirmed the woman's death. Mrs. Cauble stated she had last talked to the deceased on the phone on Saturday, July 3.

HILDA J. STEEN (continued)

A Mrs. Esther Murray (Nestor 1882) volunteered the information that deceased had stated some man had threatened her about 5:00 a.m. several days preceding her death, however, she had not let the man into her home.

Detective Cosgrove stated a Mrs. Gruden, 2001 Stevens Avenue, had called at 3:50 p.m., July 7, and said that the deceased had a vault at her home supposedly containing a large sum of money. According to the Police Department, there was nothing to indicate foul play.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 3:30 p.m., July 7. This revealed that death resulted from coronary occlusion, left, and myocardial fibrosis.

Survivors of the decedent include four sisters, Mrs. Engle O. Alvig, Mrs. Sigurd J. Fladebe and Mrs. Reuben Ekbohm, all of Willmar, and Mrs. Milan N. Esteness of Portland, Oregon; several nieces and nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 ⁵⁴

FULL NAME EDWARD J. HEYMAN

Date of Death July 7

Place of Death	2214 East 24th St.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-11-1897 Age 57		
Birthplace	LaCrosse, Wis.		
Occupation	Helper - Sanitation Dept.-Mpls.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Irene Heyman		
Names of Parents	William and ? Heyman		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:55 a.m., July 7, 1954.

According to step-daughter, Irene Rushin, the deceased has history of ulcers for the past four years. He had consulted a physician at the onset of ulcers but has not seen a physician since that time. Apparently the deceased drinks excessively.

It was stated, the deceased has been severely ill with stomach pains, dyspnea and profuse sweating for several days. This morning, July 7, 1954, he appeared very ill. Daughter, Irene, brought the deceased his breakfast of soft boiled eggs and toast but he was unable to eat. At approximately 10:20 a.m., he suddenly collapsed in a chair and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon its arrival, the attending physician pronounced the deceased dead.

EDWARD J. HEYMAN (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found dead in a chair in the upstairs living room, clothed in underwear. There was no rigor, no edema, and no marks. The abdomen was noted to be very firm. Body was released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Survivors of the decedent include two sons, Robert Heyman and Edward Rushin; one daughter, Irene Rushin; four grandchildren; four brothers, Alfred, George and Charles of Minneapolis and Albert of Mound; also four sisters, Mrs. Helen Siddons, Midlothian, Ill., Mrs. Elizabeth Turk, Silver Creek, Minn., Mrs. Terefa Shoberg and Mrs. Howard Stone, Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LEWIS P. CALLOWAY

Date of Death July 7

Place of Death Veterans Administration Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 755 Jefferson St., Anoka, Minn.

Pathologist Dr. Thomas T. Semba

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-5-1928 Age 26

Birthplace Alabama

Occupation Moulder - Foundry

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Beatrice J. Calloway

Names of Parents Coy Calloway & Willie Sue Lamb

Natural ☒

Accident ☒

Suicide Oxalic acid poisoning.

Homicide ☒

Undetermined ☒

Place of Burial Anniston Cemetery
Anniston, Alabama

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Welander-Quist Co.
1200 West Broadway

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒
No ☐

WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Veterans Hospital at 7:45 p.m., July 7, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, Beatrice, the deceased had been drinking heavily the past few days, and it was stated, he was drinking until about 5:00 a.m., July 7, 1954. Sometime between 5 and 6:00 o'clock that morning, he went to the medicine cabinet and took some oxalic acid. An ambulance was summoned and the deceased was removed to Veterans Hospital, being admitted at 7:30 a.m., July 7. He expired the same day at 4:20 p.m.

Apparently the deceased had a history of alcoholism and had attempted suicide previously. Two suicide notes were found in the deceased's clothing, one addressed to his wife and the other to his parents, reading as follows:

LEWIS P. CALLOWAY (continued)

"Dear Beatrice: Darling, I don't do this because I don't love you --it is because I do love you and I ask you also not to worry. I know you love me but yet there is a love vacant spot in your heart I can't fill. It is for your Mom and Dad. I tried the best I could since I came home so now I must say "Good-bye forever". Darling, if you wish, marry again. Give the children a father and a happy home. But I will say you will never find a husband that will please your folks -- there will be something wrong with him. Now that I'm gone, maybe they can have Carol and their way. Be good to my boy as I have been good to them. With love, Lewis"

"Dearest Mother and Daddy: I know this will hurt you. But still it is the only clear path I see. I have not lost my mind and you know me well enough to know I am no coward but now it is either this or go to jail for the rest of my life if things continue like they have. Mother, I ask you not to worry for I know there is one who knows all about our heartaches and I believe he will reward me justly at that day for he knows my heart - it isn't my drinking that has caused this, it is prejudice and I know it. I will close and I hope to meet you in that world where there will be no sorrow. With love, Your son, Lewis."

The deceased had been a patient in Veteran's Hospital in May of 1954 for treatment of a duodenal ulcer. A gastric resection was performed.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the morning of July 8. Pathological findings were hyperemia of esophagus and stomach; hyperemia of brain; and mild pulmonary edema. Specimens of the organs were released to the toxicological chemist for analyses. The cause of death will remain undetermined pending completion of the microscopic and chemical examination.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Beatrice; daughters Carol, Janice and Sandra; also a son, Gary.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

~~RUSSELL GORDON~~

Year 19 54

FULL NAME RUSSELL GORDON

Date of Death July 8

Place of Death	3721-48th Avenue S.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	2354 Chilicombe, St. Paul, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	** \$19.60; * 2 Company car keys; 3 other keys on chain; 1 Silver cigarette lighter, initials R. G.; 1 Man's gold wrist watch-Hamilton; 1 nail file; 1 partial pkg. cigarettes; misc. cards in billfold.
Birthdate	2-22-1915 Age 39		* Car keys only released to Don F. Musch of the St. Paul Dispatch
Birthplace	Detroit, Michigan		*** 1 Deutsche Werke Werk Erfurt Automatic, Cal. 7.65, No. 139983.
Occupation	Reporter - Newspaper		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lila Bremer Gordon		
Names of Parents	Morris Gordon & Lillian Lachman		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	** Lila B. Gordon, wife *** Marshall Gordon, brother
Funeral Director	O'Halloran & Murphy, St. Paul, Minn.	Address	** 2354 Chilicombe, St. Paul, *** 13309 Victoria, Huntington, Mich.

Kaplan

Social Security No. 564-16-4600

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:15 p.m., July 8, 1954.

According to Mrs. Lynn Elling, the deceased came to her home at 10:00 a.m., July 8, 1954 while she was in the basement doing her washing. He told her he had the pictures he had taken of her and wanted to show them to her so she invited him down in the basement. They were in the den and he was showing her the photographs which he had taken of Mrs. Elling, himself and her little girl and a 12 year old neighbor girl about June 18. She also stated, the deceased told her he was very upset because his wife was expecting sometime around Columbus Day and he was having trouble with her as she was jealous and had accused him of having affairs with other women. The deceased had been pacing up and down the basement and then sat down on the couch next to the table and asked her for a glass of lemonade.

RUSSELL GORDON (continued)

While in the kitchen, she heard a shot, rushed downstairs and found the deceased lying on his back stretched out full length with the gun under his right heel. She states she did not touch anything, however, she turned his head to the side so that he would not choke. (She is a graduate nurse.) A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and the police were summoned immediately, Officers Swanson and Gottlieb of Squad 163 responding. Dr. Ivan Sletten, ambulance physician, arrived shortly after 12:00 noon. The deceased was still breathing but expired a few minutes thereafter, death occurring at 12:05 p.m.

Mrs. Elling did professional modeling for the deceased on several occasions, one time in an office in St. Paul and one time with her daughter in different parts of their home. She is an amateur photographer and stated she became acquainted with the deceased when she wrote a letter to the editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press in regards to modeling and the deceased answered the letter. He was also instrumental in obtaining a professional speedgraph camera from a friend of his for her and instructed her in taking pictures and developing them. She does not know of any reason why he would do this in her home and states that at no time had he expressed any infatuation for her or gave her any reason to believe that he had anything but friendship for her.

Mrs. Gordon, wife of the deceased, states she last saw her husband about 9:15 a.m., July 8, 1954 when he left their home and stated he was on the way over to the Elling residence. Just prior to his leaving the house, he made a second trip into their home and went upstairs for his gun, a 32 automatic Deutsche Werke Werk No. 139983, which he stated he would take with him for protection and leave in the glove compartment. Mrs. Gordon stated her husband had been despondent for some time due to marital difficulties between them and in regard to Mrs. Elling. She volunteered the information that he (the deceased) had admitted his affection for Mrs. Elling and had stated approximately a week prior to his death that if he had the "guts" he would shoot himself.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner, the deceased was found lying on stomach with gun at his feet. Deceased's body had been rolled over by the ambulance physician who found deceased alive upon his arrival. The point of entry of the bullet was in the right temple, about one inch anterior to tragus. There were powder burns about the wound. Detectives Cecil and Berg ordered a paraffin test of the deceased's right hand which revealed powder on the deceased's hand also. On basis of this information, the death was ruled a suicide due to gun shot wound of head.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:30 a.m., July 9. This revealed bullet wounds in both temporal areas, path from right to left; fractures of both temporal bones; fracture of the greater sphenoid wing on right; fractures of both lower sphenoid wings; bruising of the anterior portion of both temporal lobes; hemorrhage into both optic fossae and sphenoid sinus; and aspiration of blood.

He is survived by his wife, Lila; one daughter, Susan; and a brother, Marshall Gordon.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JENNIE HARPER

Date of Death July 8

Place of Death 5046 Hiawatha Ave.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 513 Park St., Grinnell, Iowa

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 4-12-1876 Age 78

Birthplace Maxwell, Iowa

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife James Harper

Names of Parents Jonathon See & Mary Ellen Dawson

Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Grinnell, Iowa

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company 2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Welander-Quist Company, 2301 Dupont Avenue South, at 12:40 p.m., July 8, 1954.

The deceased, a resident of Grinnell, Iowa has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Orton, 5046 Hiawatha Avenue, for the past four weeks. It was stated, the deceased has been ill with a cardiac condition since Christmas time and she has experienced considerable edema of the ankles and also shortness of breath. However, she has never consulted a physician while in Minneapolis.

On the morning of July 8, 1954, the deceased became critically ill and expired suddenly before a physician could be reached, death occurring at 12:05 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner viewed the body and death was attributed to coronary disease.

JENNIE HARPER (continued)

Survivors of the deceased include her husband, James, and a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Orton, mentioned herein.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME KENNETH YOUNG

Date of Death Fd. July 8

Place of Death	Lake Nokomis (50th Street beach)	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	518-19th Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-20-1940 Age 13	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Anderson, Ind.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Foy L. Young & Katie Glenn		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Suffocation due to drowning	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Rosedale Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Neal Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:25 p.m., July 8, 1954.

The deceased and a younger brother, Edward, as well as two companions, Gary and Gerald Story were swimming at the Fiftieth Street beach at Lake Nokomis on July 8, 1954. He was believed to be swimming under water between the diving platform and the roped in area by his companions. However, when he did not come to the surface, Edward went to the life-guard, Bruce Aune, who had just come on duty (approximately 12:30 p.m.) and reported the incident. Aune and others attempted to locate the deceased by diving while the rescue squad and assistance from the main beach was summoned.

At 12:50 p.m., dragging operations commenced and the deceased's body was brought ashore at 1:00 p.m. Artificial respiration was applied for approximately 1/2 hour, at which time the deceased was pronounced dead by Dr. Ivan Sletten, Minneapolis General Hospital

KENNETH YOUNG (continued) -

ambulance physician.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner, death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Officer William Pierro of the Park Police was notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of the brother, mentioned herein.

CORONER'S RECORD

640

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN F. COUGHLIN

Date of Death Ed. July 9

Place of Death	Medicine Lake, Plymouth Township,	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	105 Nicollet Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 pair glasses; misc. letters and papers; 1 Westclox pocket watch.
Birthdate	3-14-1885 Age 69		
Birthplace	Michigan		
Occupation	Furniture finisher		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Lillian Coughlin		
Names of Parents	Tim Coughlin & Mary McMann		
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident	Suffocation due to drowning.		
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	Ella Padaries, sister
Folsom Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address	1826-15th Ave. South

Social Security No. 399-07-5444-A

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 10:20 a.m., July 9, 1954.

The deceased, a long time resident of Mission Farm, Medicine Lake, drowned in Medicine Lake on the morning of July 9, 1954. He had gone out fishing at about 8:30 a.m. and later that morning, another resident of the farm, Richard Leadstrom, saw the deceased's checkered shirt in the water. His body was recovered at 9:30 a.m., approximately fifty feet from shore. The boat was nearby and one of the oars was in the water. There was no anchor out.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner, death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

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JOHN F. COUGHLIN (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of a sister, Ella Padaries.

Deputy sheriff D. Mill was notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME EDNA MAY WILLIAMSON

Date of Death July 9

Place of Death	890-26th Avenue S. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-6-1889 Age 64		
Birthplace	Iowa		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Henry L. Williamson		
Names of Parents	Chauncey and ? Aldrich		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary heart disease.		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Acacia Park Cemetery, Mendota, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Washburn-McReavy Chapel	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. P. C. Petersen at 3:18 p.m., July 9, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased has not consulted a physician for over a year.

On July 9, 1954, the deceased became critically ill and Dr. P. C. Peterson was summoned, however, the deceased expired before the arrival of the physician, death occurring at approximately 2:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Peterson, the family had attempted to contact other physicians prior to calling him, but no one would come out. He had never attended the deceased when alive.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

EDNA MAY WILLIAMSON (continued)

was attributed to coronary heart disease. The body was released directly to a mortuary. Apparently the deceased had suffered several similar attacks just a few days preceding her death.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, Henry L.; one son, Clifford of Minneapolis; one daughter, Mrs. Marcellette Stolp of Robbinsdale; a brother, Sperry Aldrich of Carborgale, Ill; and also four grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EARL JOHN ACKERMAN

Date of Death July 10

Place of Death 406 West Broadway

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

2410 Dupont Avenue North

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge **

\$45.42; 1 Hampdon gold pocket watch; 1 key ring, (10 keys); 2 Brown leather wallets; 1 card case; 1 leather coin purse; 3 bus tokens; 8 3¢ stamps.

Birthdate

11-18-1893 Age 60

Birthplace

Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Occupation

Ass't. Shipping Clerk- Supply Co. Paper

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents

David Ackerman & Ellen Minech

Natural

Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

* Check - I.O.O.F. Henn. Lodge #4 \$21.10; also \$566.40 in cash (Lodge money)

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

American Cemetery, Osseo, Minn.

Effects Released to **

Spec. Adm. Choice M. Bickford, sister

Funeral Director

Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home

Address

2410 Dupont Avenue N.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:00 p.m., July 10, 1954.

On the evening of July 10, 1954, the deceased who was treasurer of the I.O.O.F. lodge at 406 W. Broadway was attending a meeting at the lodge hall when he felt ill. He went into one of the side rooms and sat down on a chair. Mr. Andrew Pierson, 1801 Newton Avenue North, was standing near the deceased and heard him gasping for breath. He turned and looked at the deceased and noted that his face was purple. The deceased rapidly became unresponsive and stopped breathing.

H. M. Gregersen, 2726 Russell Avenue North, an officer of the lodge, summoned the police and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death, death occurring at approximately 9:55 p.m.

EARL JOHN ACKERMAN (continued)

The deceased had been a patient of Dr. D. T. Stromgren and had consulted the physician only last week. According to Dr. Stromgren, the deceased has consulted him occasionally for obesity but the physician states he had not diagnosed any cardiac trouble.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Police officers Pederson and Kondzialski of squad 142 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Mrs. Walter Bickford; niece, Mrs. Peter Schreiner, Jr.; three nephews, Peter, Richard, and Gary.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME VERNON ALTON JOHNSON

Date of Death July 11

Place of Death	Route #4, Box 165 Wayzata (Deephaven)	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-29-1909 Age 45		
Birthplace	Minnetonka Township		
Occupation	Caretaker (estate)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Cecelia Johnson		
Names of Parents	Martin A. and Bertha Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Groveland Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel	Address	

Folsom

Social Security No. 469-26-5715

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Joseph Dupont at 8:30 a.m., July 11, 1954.

At approximately 7:55 a.m., July 11, 1954, the deceased sat up in bed and called to his wife. A moment later he suddenly collapsed and became unresponsive. Dr. Joseph Dupont was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring about 7:55 a.m.

According to wife, the deceased has felt well recently and has had no previous trouble or complaints.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Deceased found lying in bed clothed in underwear. The body was warm and there were no marks, no edema and no rigor. The

VERNON ALTON JOHNSON (continued)

face was noted to be cyanotic. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Cecelia; one daughter, Barbara; three sisters, Mrs. Martha Fisher of Osseo, Mrs. Henrietta Palmquist, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Phyllis Pascoe of Negaunee, Michigan; two brothers, Howard W., St. Louis Park, George Z., Wayzata.

CORONER'S RECORD

644

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LEON GETZKIN

Date of Death July 11

Place of Death	922 Morgan Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 56		
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Grocer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Clara Getzkin		
Names of Parents	Louis and ? Getzkin		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident ☒		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Minneapolis Jewish Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Zeesman Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:38 p.m., July 11, 1954.

The deceased arrived home from a fishing trip with a friend, Dr. Fiterman, a dentist, about noon on July 11, 1954. He complained of feeling ill. Other symptoms were fullness and pain in chest, sweating and chills. At 12:15 p.m., the deceased suddenly collapsed and Dr. Alexander Josewich was called. He was unable to come at once, therefore, a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival of the ambulance physician, the deceased was pronounced dead, death apparently occurring at 12:30 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on bed, clothed in pants, underwear and socks. The body was cool and there was no rigor, no marks and no edema. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was

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released directly to a mortuary.

Police officers Neary and Fitzgerald of squad 144 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Clara, and a daughter.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

OLE U. ULNESS

Date of Death Fd. July 12

Place of Death

2915 Third Avenue South

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

3-4-1873 Age 81

Birthplace

Albion, Wis.

Occupation

Stationary Engineer - hotels

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Ragna Ulness

Names of Parents

Ulrich Ulness & Naria Julson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Coronary heart disease

Place of Burial

Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

Folsom
Funeral Director

Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:52 a.m., July 12, 1954.

The deceased had been ill since May 15, 1954 with a blood clot in right leg and gangrene making it necessary to amputate the leg just above the knee. He was a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital and was discharged from the hospital on July 2. On July 11, the deceased was seen at home by a General Hospital physician because of severe stomach pain. At 1:00 a.m., July 12, the deceased was found dead in bed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed on first floor. There were no marks, no rigor and no edema. The body was warm to the touch. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

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Police officers Gillett and Olson of squad 151 responded to the call and remained with the body until the deputy coroner's arrival.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Ragna; son, Leland O.; four brothers, Julius, Nels, Sam and Albert; five sisters, Mrs. Anna Erickson, Mrs. Emma Myhre, Mrs. Julia Olson, Mrs. Tillie Hansen and Mrs. Gina Peterson.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner
~~REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner~~

Year 19 54

FULL NAME FREDERICK C. STEIHER

Date of Death July 12

Place of Death	1714 Elliot Avenue, Apt. 10	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-29-1878 Age 75		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Chef		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Della Steiher		None except listed On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	
		Social Security No.	475-01-0423
		Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No	WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:50 a.m., July 12, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, he had had severe chest pains since about July 1, 1954. These episodes of chest pain usually occurred in the morning, lasting approximately 15 minutes. There was also some dyspnea. About 5:30 a.m. July 12, 1954, the deceased was awakened by a recurrence of the pain in his chest. A few moments later, he suddenly collapsed and became unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival of the ambulance physician, the physician pronounced deceased dead, death occurring at 5:35 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed, clothed in underwear and trousers. There was no rigor and no marks. Death was ascribed to coronary heart disease.

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CORONER'S RECORD

FREDERICK C. STEIHER (continued)

The police were also called to the scene, officers Hannon and Kline of squad 118 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Della; daughter, Mrs. William R. Peterson, San Antonio, Texas; one son, Donald M., St. Louis Park; and two grandsons.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ROY W. CARLSON

Date of Death July 12

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Minnesota Soldiers Home	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-28-1897 Age 56		
Birthplace	Milaca, Minn.		
Occupation	Caretaker		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Alice Carlson		
Names of Parents	William Carlson & Mary Larson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Lobar pneumonia (organism undetermined); diabetes mellitus; hemochromatosis; arteriosclerotic heart disease; fracture, neck, left femur.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Albinson-Peterson Chapel	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐ Mexican Border

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 1:05 p.m., July 12, 1954.

On the morning of June 8, 1954, the deceased fell in his room at the Minnesota Soldiers Home sustaining an injury to his left hip. He was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 10:20 a.m., June 10. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of neck of left femur.

The deceased has history of diabetes since 1946 requiring up to 150 units of insulin per day. There is also history of hemochromatosis and arteriosclerotic heart disease.

On June 16, an open reduction and internal fixation of the fracture of the left femur was done. The deceased had many hypoglycemic reactions with episodes of convulsions. He developed pneumonia of left lower lobe of lung with fever and tachycardia on July 8

ROY W. CARLSON (continued)

and his condition deteriorated rapidly, death occurring at 12:15 p.m., July 12.

Death was attributed to pneumonia, lobar organism undetermined; diabetes mellitus; hemochromatosis and arteriosclerotic heart disease; the fracture of the left femur being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are three sisters, Mrs. E. A. Nordquist, Boise, Idaho, Mrs. Oscar Nystrom, Milaca and Mrs. Howard Johnson, Mora, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME BONNIE M. HIATT

Date of Death July 12

Place of Death	Bush Lake (Brown's Point) Bloomington, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	8515 Stevens Avenue Bloomington, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-5-1940 Age 14		
Birthplace	Portland, Oregon		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			None except listed On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Franklin Hiatt & Mary Erma Marvin		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Wilmette National Cemetery Portland, Oregon	Effects Released to	
R.G.J. Funeral Director	Albinson-Peterson Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 4:20 p.m., July 12, 1954.

While bathing in Bush Lake, Bloomington, on the afternoon of July 12, 1954, the deceased stepped from a drop-off in the lake bottom and went under. A group of the deceased's friends including several sisters as well as Carol and Louis Erland were also in the water. Their cries for help were heard by Alfred J. Bronte, 586 Holly Avenue, St. Paul, who was fishing nearby and James Nesbitt, 9414 E. Bush Lake Road. Upon arrival at the scene, they found Carol Erland, 4304 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, trying to hold the deceased's head above water. The two men pulled the deceased into Bronte's boat and took her to shore. Efforts to revive her with artificial respiration failed. Her body was recovered from the water approximately 25 feet from shore at 2:15 p.m.

BONNIE M. HIATT (continued)

Officers Clay Nord and Virgil Pahl of the Sheriff's Office were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner, death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

The decedent is survived by her mother, Mrs. Franklin Hiatt; sisters, Elva Marie and Mary Lou.

CORONER'S RECORD

649

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME CECELIA CHRISTENSEN

Date of Death Fd. July 12

Place of Death 2251 Arthur St. N. E.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge

\$9.18; 1 Money order \$5.00;
1 Bank book, Farmers & Mechanics #22417,
balance \$768.70; 1 bank book, Central
N. W. National - \$880.84; 9 keys; 1 coin
purse; 1 check \$40.00 from U. S. Railroad
Retirement Board (ret'd. to sender)

Birthdate 10-2-1872 Age 71

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Peder Christensen

Names of Parents Johanas Rivenes & Brita Rio

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

Geo. Christensen, step-son

Kaplan

Funeral Director O. E. Larson Mortuary

Address

35 Apple Court, Park Forest, Ill.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:26 p.m., July 12, 1954.

Officers Rowles and Haglund of Squad 124 went to the home of deceased and forced entry after being notified by a nephew, John Hanson, 5800 Ewing Avenue South, that neighbors had notified him that papers were piling up in the mail box indicating something wrong. At about 8:10 p.m., July 12, 1954, the officers found the deceased lying face down on the bedroom floor, clothed in her underclothing. It was estimated, the deceased had expired approximately three days ago.

She had been seen on July 7 by the boy who was in the habit of cutting her lawn.

CECELIA CHRISTENSEN (continued)

Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary disease. The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are a stepson, George Christensen, Park Forest, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Katie Hansen, Minneapolis; one brother, Iver Rivenes, LaJolla, California; two sisters and one brother in Norway; also one grandson.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MARY MONSON

Date of Death July 13

Place of Death	Deaconess Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Highway No. 12, Danvers, Swift County, Minn.	Pathologist	Dr. Craig W. Freeman
Residence	10973 Ashton Rd., Los Angeles,	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-19-1878 Age 75		
Birthplace	Polk County, Wis.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife	? Monson		
Names of Parents	Andrew Rooth & Kyrslie Anderson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Auto ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	First Lutheran Cemetery, Rush City, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Olson Funeral Chapel Rush City, Minn.	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Deaconess Hospital at 3:45 a.m., July 13, 1954.

On Friday morning, July 9, 1954, the deceased, a passenger in a car driven by her brother, was en route to Aberdeen, South Dakota, with relatives. While rounding a curve near Danvers, Minnesota, the driver lost control of the car and the vehicle left the road, rolling over. Other occupants in the car were thrown free but the deceased was pinned between the seat and door.

The injured woman was removed to the hospital at Benson, Minnesota where she remained until July 12. She was attended by Dr. Holm, Benson, Minnesota, who advised moving the deceased to Deaconess Hospital where she was admitted at 8:30 p.m. The woman expired at 3:30 a.m., July 13.

MARY MONSON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:30 p.m., July 13. This revealed simple comminuted fractures, both tibias and fibulas, at the proximal thirds; fracture of the sternum at junction of the manubrium and sternum proper; fractures of the 2nd ribs, bilateral; hemorrhage into mediastinum; pulmonary edema of both lungs; fracture of the shaft of the right femur; laceration of the right temporo-parietal region of the scalp; an extensive hematoma of the scalp; fracture of the neck of the left humerus; and left ventricular cardiac hypertrophy.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME FELIX BAEYEN

Date of Death July 13

Place of Death 3857 28th Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate

3-23-1873 Age 81

Birthplace

Belgium

Occupation

Donaldson's
Manager - Shoe Repair Dept.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Olga Baeyen

Names of Parents

Emile and ? Baeyen

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery (cremation)

Effects Released to

Funeral Director

Anderson-Abrahamson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. F. D. Sidell at 10:27 a.m., July 13, 1954.

On the morning of July 13, 1954, the deceased was found lying in bed in an unresponsive condition at 9:30 a.m. by his family. They assumed he was dead and this supposition was confirmed a short time later by Dr. F. D. Sidell who was summoned to the home.

The deceased had complained of upper abdominal pain on the preceding evening but had played cards until 11:00 o'clock at which time he retired. He has been under the care of Dr. Wallace Nelson of the Nicollet Clinic in the past, however, he has not been seen by the physician recently.

A deputy coroner viewed the body at the mortuary and death was attributed to coronary disease.

FELIX BAEYEN (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Olga; three daughters, Mrs. Richard O. Nelson, Mrs. Leslie Nelson and Mrs. Glenn Thompson; two sons, Emile and Daniel; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOSEPH GARELICK

Date of Death Fd. July 13

Place of Death	Garage - rear of 618 Russell Ave.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	618 Russell Avenue North	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 73		
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Baker		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		None except Noted On Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife	Lena Garelick		
Names of Parents	Crucil and Anna Garelick		
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident			
Suicide	Strangulation due to hanging		
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Workman Circle	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Zeesman Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:30 p.m., July 13, 1954.

Mrs. Vera Mayer, 3135 W. Madison Avenue, Chicago, Ill., who says she is visiting at above address as guest of son of deceased, states that she saw deceased go out of the house about 11:30 a.m. and into the garage. Because of his peculiarly intent and determined manner and because he appeared to want to avoid contact with her, she watched. He did not close the garage door, therefore, she did not investigate further at that time.

When the deceased did not put in an appearance subsequently, she became worried and went out and looked in summer house in rear of home but did not look in garage because of a premonition. Then, she discussed matters with Mrs. Donald McElmury, a tenant upstairs at the same address, and Mrs. McElmury volunteered to go and look for deceased in the garage.

JOSEPH GARELICK (continued)

About 2:30 p.m., July 13, Mrs. McElmury went into the garage after discussion as to whereabouts of deceased with Mrs. Mayer, and found deceased hanging from a ceiling joist. The police were summoned, Officers Stolp and Neary of squad 144 and Detective Manke responding.

According to Ben Garelick, son of deceased, the deceased had long been in ill health and had attempted suicide by taking overdoses of sleeping pills on two previous occasions. The deceased had been a patient in Minneapolis General Hospital only four days prior to his death.

Hospital records indicate the deceased has been an inpatient and outpatient on many occasions since at least 1934. Records give history of deceased having attempted suicide in 1946 by overdose of sleeping pills. He was a patient in the hospital in 1952 for "Involutional Melancholia" and was given shock therapy. Notes in the record indicate deceased had recurrent hostility and conflict in domestic situations. He was last a patient in the hospital from June 7, 1954 to July 8. During last admission, deceased apparently obtained a supply of meprobital and took overdose. He was found comatose in bed at 6:30 a.m., June 13. Deceased left hospital against medical advice on day of discharge. He verbalized suicidal thoughts on several visits as outpatient over a period of the last five years.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found hanging by rope loop about neck, knot under left ear, facing wall of garage between workbench and wall, and he was in partial rigor. Rope was looped with clove hitch about ceiling joist and toes were touching floor by tips. There were no notes and no evidence of struggle or other than self-inflicted violence.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of a son, Ben Garelick, mentioned herein.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME EVERETTE GORDON MALTBY

Date of Death July 13

Place of Death	(In yard) 3665 Huntington Avenue, St. Louis Park, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-9-1901 Age 53		
Birthplace	Clark, S. Dak.		
Occupation	Merchandise man - food stores		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Genevieve Maltby		
Names of Parents	George Maltby & Stella Beatty		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary thrombosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Clark, S. Dak.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the St. Louis Park Police at 8:35 p.m., July 13, 1954.

On the evening of July 13, 1954, at approximately 8:10 p.m., the deceased was cutting his lawn when he suddenly collapsed. Mrs. Paul Nelson, a registered nurse, 3713 Glenhurst, and a neighbor administered aminophylline and Dr. Lloyd Sherman was summoned immediately. The deceased became unresponsive and apparently expired immediately. Dr. Sherman arrived at 8:30 p.m. and confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had history of a coronary condition about ten years ago and has been attended by Dr. John A. Boehrer, however, the physician had not treated the deceased since March 31, 1954.

EVERETTE GORDON MALTBY (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

Officers Stendahl and Stenberg of the St. Louis Park Police were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Genevieve; son, Donald,; father, George Maltby; four brothers, Clifford, George, Jr., Kenneth and Ralph.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN R. NELSON

Date of Death Ed. July 13

Place of Death Cedar Lake (main beach)

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Same

Pathologist Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence 7129 Oakland Ave.,

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$2.10; 1 billfold & misc. cards; 1 Nail clipper on key chain; 1 car key; 4 keys; 1 ball point pen; 1 tire tester (pocket type).

Birthdate 7-6-1931 Age 23

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Filling station attendant

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Alfred S. Nelson & Leona M. Noreen

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Suffocation due to drowning.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota, Minn.

Effects Released to Alfred S. Nelson, father

Kaplan

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address 7129 Oakland Ave., Richfield.

Social Security No. 469-30-3954

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:55 p.m., July 13, 1954.

On the evening of July 13, 1954, the deceased and three of his friends were swimming at the main beach on Cedar Lake. According to one of his companions, Robert Brose, 3220 Forty-seventh Avenue South, they had been in the water approximately 30 minutes when they missed the deceased. Apparently, the deceased had stepped off a dropoff. The accident occurred at about 9:00 p.m. Police officers Bylund and Curran of Squad 495 and Puchtel and Slattery of Squad 493 cleared the beach and ten volunteers commenced diving for the deceased. His body was recovered at 9:30 p.m. by Howard Steen, 85 Lyndale Avenue North and Jerry Anderson, 122 Clifton Avenue, just outside the ropes.

Rescue squads attempted to revive the deceased without success. Dr. Schultz of Minneapolis General Hospital pronounced deceased dead at 9:55 p.m.

JOHN R. NELSON (continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 9:30 a.m., July 14. This revealed that death resulted from suffocation due to drowning.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S.; sisters, Mrs. Lawrence I. Berg, Fairmont, Minn., Mrs. Raymond A. Hill, Lubbock, Texas; Brother, Richard L., Van Nuys, Calif.; seven nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME WINDSOR CREWS

Date of Death July 13

Place of Death	Grant Street entrance to Minneapolis Auditorium	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3608 Clinton Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$28.70; 1 key chain (17 keys); 1 Gold watch, Croton Automatic-leather band; 1 U.S.A. pen; 1 N. W. Nat'l. Bank check book; 1 leather wallet; 1 small gold medalion to wear around neck; misc. cards/
Birthdate	11-17-1890 Age 63		
Birthplace	Ashville, N. Carolina		
Occupation	Custodian - N. W. National Bank		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Annie Crews		
Names of Parents	Claude and Anna Crews		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary disease Accident x Suicide x Homicide x Undetermined x		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. W. McElroy, sister-in-law
Kaplan Funeral Director	Woodard Funeral Home	Address	4041 Clinton Avenue

Social Security No. 473-20-6404

Veteran Yes~~x~~ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:21 p.m., July 13, 1954.

On the evening of July 13, 1954, the deceased was just leaving the Minneapolis Auditorium via the Grant Street entrance when he suddenly collapsed to the floor. He was gasping for breath but quickly became unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, Dr. Stickney, the ambulance physician, pronounced the man dead, death occurring at approximately 10:05 p.m.

According to the deceased's family, he had been treated by Dr. Douglas Head in the past. The deceased had last been seen by the physician about six months ago at which time he was instructed to take it easier in the future.

WINDSOR CREWS (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Fox and Rosemeyer of squad 118 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of his wife, Annie Crews.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME BERT T. GLIDDEN

Date of Death July 14

Place of Death	In automobile - 11th St. and Currie Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	R. #4, Anoka (Coon Rapids), Anoka County, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$4.98; 1 Gold pocket watch - Gruen Veri-thin; 1 key; 1 brown leather billfold; misc. cards & papers.
Birthdate	7-2-1890 Age 64		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Construction worker		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Adelia Glidden		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Samuel and ? Glidden		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Orono Cemetery, Elk River, Minn.	Effects Released to	Mrs. Walter V. Czyson, daughter
Funeral Director	Dare's, Inc. Elk River, Minn.	Address	1701 University Ave. N. E.

Folsom

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:30 a.m., July 14, 1954.

On July 14, 1954, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the deceased was driving his Chevrolet sedan, license No. 407653, to work. He was employed by Sebco, Inc., 1011 Currie Avenue. A fellow employee saw the deceased commence to park his car at 11th and Currie Avenues North. The deceased was almost parked, but was backing up slightly when he suddenly collapsed causing his car to lock bumpers with the car in the rear of him.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately, however, the deceased was dead upon its arrival, death occurring at approximately 7:15 a.m.

BERT T. GLIDDEN (continued)

It was stated, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. Ralph Larson of Anoka, Minnesota and a prescription for a heart medication issued by this physician was found in the deceased's effects.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was then removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Adelia; and a daughter, Mrs. Walter V. Czyson.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN E. DICKERSON

Date of Death July 14

Place of Death	106 East Hennepin Ave., Apt. 8	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$22.76; 4 keys on ring;
Birthdate	8-17-1892 Age 61		1 brown leather billfold; 1 pair pliers;
Birthplace	Eau Claire, Wis.		1 box staples; 1 packet matches; misc.
Occupation	Bartender		cards & paper; 1 ring (black & white
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		stone (left on finger).
Name of Husband or Wife	Myrtle E. Dickerson	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	(destroyed account unsanitary)
Names of Parents	William A. Dickerson & Katie Kemman		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Coronary disease; diabetes mellitus.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. George Dickerson, sister-in-law
Funeral Director	Knaeble Company	Address	1501-2nd Avenue S.
		Social Security No.	475-01-8988
		Veteran Yes No	WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:15 p.m., July 14, 1954.

Robert G. Bell, 5018 43rd Avenue South, E. M. Ayers, 301 1/2 W. Lake Street, and James Sinton of 1519 Portland Avenue South, all friends of the deceased state they had not heard from the deceased for over a week, therefore, they became concerned and requested the police to investigate. They also state the deceased was a diabetic and had been a patient at Veterans Hospital and also at Minneapolis General Hospital.

Officers W. K. Johnson and Nekola of Squad 125 arrived at the deceased's apartment at approximately 12:45 p.m., July 14, 1954. They looked through transom and saw the deceased lying motionless on the bed with his eyes open. Upon forcing entry, they ascertained that the deceased had expired.

JOHN E. DICKERSON (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. The deceased was noted to be thin and underweight, and the body was in an early state of decomposition. There was no evidence of other than natural death.

Veterans Hospital's records indicate the deceased was in hospital there for one day, November 6, 1951, with a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus.

Minneapolis General Hospital records show the deceased was an out-patient in March of 1954 with a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus which was well controlled. He was also at the dental clinic in March, April and May for complete extraction of his teeth.

Survivors of the decedent are a brother, Frank of Oregon, and a brother, George, living in Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

658

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME COLEY ELLIS MARSDEN

Date of Death July 14

Place of Death	University Hospitals	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Highway No. 10, Menoken, N. Dak.	Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	1306 Thayer Ave, Bismarck, Burleigh County, N. Dak.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-30-1919 Age 34		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Salesman - Edward Don Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Dorothy Marsden		
Names of Parents	George E. Marsden Ora May Ellis		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Auto ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined	Terminal surgical hemorrhage & transfusion reaction; encephalomalacia, frontal lobes of brain; fractured skull, petrous portion right temporal bone.	
Place of Burial	Linwood Cemetery, Wyoming, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Mattson Funeral Home, Forest Lake, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the University Hospitals at 8:40 p.m., July 14, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, the deceased on January 5, 1954, was driving his car on Highway No 10, in Menoken, North Dakota, about twenty miles from Bismarck. At an intersecting road, another automobile appeared and, it was stated, failed to observe the stop sign. The deceased, in attempting to avoid a collision, lost control of his car, which veered to the left and then left the highway. The deceased apparently was catapulted through the rear window of the vehicle.

On July 8, 1954, the deceased was admitted to University Hospitals at 3:30 p.m., and placed in the care of Doctors L. A. French and W. T. Peyton. The deceased was accompanied by a letter from his Bismarck physician, Dr. C. H. Peters, in which he gave the following information:

COLEY ELLIS MARSDEN (continued)

This man was admitted to Bismarck Hospital on January 5, 1954 with injuries resulting from an accident. Examination revealed two lacerations of the scalp and upper occipital and right parietal region. These were sutured. The man was in shock. He was violent and irrational at times, hyperactive and dis-oriented. There was oozing of spinal fluid from the right auditory canal, a hematoma over the right eye and brow, and minor abrasions over rest of body. Deceased required much sedation, antibiotics and intravenous fluids. When patient was quieter, some days later, an X-ray was possible. This revealed a fracture of the occipital bone on the right side which apparently extended into the right auditory region of the skull. There was no depression. The deceased improved slowly and was discharged on January 25, 1954. He attended the clinic several times in February 1954 and he was still somewhat mentally disturbed, and suffered headaches. Tests showed some loss of hearing in both ears; the left ear, however, was almost normal. Doctors told him he would suffer post-concussion headaches. Examination revealed the right ear drum was intact, no perforation.

On February 22, 1954, the deceased was re-admitted to the Bismarck Hospital by his wife who stated he had had an epileptiform seizure at home that morning, but the patient denied this. According to family the deceased had suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage in 1947 as a result of another accident. Following this accident, he suffered epileptiform seizures for 2½ years until approximately 1950, and had not had any since that date until this second accident occurred. Encephalogram showed no abnormality and the patient was subsequently discharged. He was instructed to refrain from any undue activity, no driving and no drinking. Mebaral and dilantin sodium were prescribed to be taken daily. Later, it was found the deceased had cut down on amount of medication taken without telling anyone. He suffered a convulsion on June 13, 1954 and came to the clinic on June 30 with complaints of headaches on the left side and stated he had warnings when the attacks were about to occur.

The deceased was admitted to University Hospitals on July 8, 1954 at 3:30 p.m. On July 14, 1954, a craniotomy was performed by Dr. Peyton and staff. The deceased expired on operating room table at 6:45 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 9:30 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from terminal surgical hemorrhage and trans-fusion reaction; encephalomalacia, frontal lobes of brain; fractured skull, petrous portion right temporal bone.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Maureen, Dawnine, and Coleyne; his mother, Mrs. Ora Marsden, Stacy, Minn.; and a sister, Mrs. Roger DeFauw, Elkhart, Ind.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 ⁵⁴

FULL NAME FRANK L. GARRISON

Date of Death July 14

Place of Death	4511 West 56th St., Edina	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-25-1880 Age 74		
Birthplace	Martin County, Minn.		
Occupation	Farmer and house mover (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Nora Edith Garrison		
Names of Parents	George Garrison & Ellen Russell		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Arteriosclerotic heart disease.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Oak Hill Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Anderson-Abrahamson Funeral Home	Address	

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Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Anderson Abrahamson Funeral Home at 3:15 p.m., July 15, 1954.

On the evening of July 14, 1954, the deceased had his dinner shortly after 5:00 p.m. After dinner, he went out on the porch to rest. Later he got up and went out on the lawn where he suddenly collapsed, coughing. He expired there at 6:20 p.m.

According to the deceased's wife, Nora, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. Henry H. Michel. She stated the deceased was a patient in Deaconess Hospital from June 20, 1954 to June 28, 1954 with a severe cardiac condition and was not expected to live. He had been at home the past two weeks during which time he was seen by Dr. Michel twice.

Upon checking with Deaconess Hospital's record room, it was learned that the discharge

FRANK L. GARRISON (continued)

diagnosis was coronary thrombosis and general arteriosclerosis and the deceased's condition was considered serious.

Dr. Michel, however, is out of town on vacation until July 20, 1954 and it was, therefore, necessary for the Coroner's Office to sign the death certificate.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Nora; two daughters, Mrs. Emil Flyberg and Mrs. Nels Clarin of New Brighton; eight sons, John of Edina, Leon of Chicago, Ray of Coon Lake, Joe, Eden Prairie, Everett, Allan and Frank of Edina, Arvan, St. Louis Park; also 38 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Dunn, Los Angeles, Mrs. Nellie Schleninger, Granada, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ARTHUR NELSON

Date of Death July 15

Place of Death	2416 East 26th Street	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-28-1884 Age 70		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Truck driver - construction firm		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anna Nelson		
Names of Parents	John Nelson & Mathilda Carlson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No. 472-03-2369

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:50 p.m., July 15, 1954.

On the afternoon of July 15, 1954, the deceased was in the rear of his home sawing wood when he commenced to have difficult breathing. The deceased's wife, Anna, stated she would pile the wood and sent her husband into the house to rest. His condition became progressively critical and the deceased suddenly collapsed about 3:30 p.m. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and also Dr. C. A. Witham were summoned. Upon arrival of the physician, the deceased was found to be dead, death apparently occurring at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. C. M. Witham had treated Mrs. Nelson recently, but had not seen the deceased professionally for several years.

ARTHUR NELSON (continued)

Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary. Livores was noted in the dependent portions of the body and the deceased was found clothed in overalls, shirt, shoes and socks. There was a left inguinal hernia scar. No evidence of other than natural death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Anna; daughter, Grace Smith; two grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Ira Roberts, Minneapolis and Mrs. Mae Hanson, Mound, Minn.

Police officers Tovsen and McIllaine of Squad 163 were notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

661

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JOHN GOULD

Date of Death July 16

Place of Death 1206 Logan Avenue N.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence 3104 Stevens Avenue

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 4-12-1902 Age 52

Birthplace Russia

Occupation Bartender (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife 2 Gould

Names of Parents Louis and Rose Goldstein

Natural

Accident

Suicide Barbiturate poisoning.

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed On Morgue Record

(clothing destroyed account unsanitary.)

Place of Burial Sons of Abraham Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.

Effects Released to

R.G.J. Funeral Director Dampier-Baird Funeral Chapel St. Paul, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes^x No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:55 a.m., July 16, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bush living at 1206 Logan Avenue North were away on vacation and in their absence Mrs. Herbert Gould, 1887 St. Clair, St. Paul, Minnesota, was taking care of the Bush home.

At 10:35 a.m., July 16, 1954, Mrs. Gould noticed an odor emanating from the basement and went down to investigate. She found the deceased who is her brother-in-law, fully clothed, sitting on a chair in a corner of the basement. He was situated behind a pinball machine which was the reason he had not previously been noticed. The body was in an advanced state of decomposition. It was noted the rear of the pinball machine had been removed. The machine was plugged into overhead bulb fixture but light was pulled to off position. Back of machine was on a table beside the deceased. Apparently, the man had

JOHN GOULD (continued)

been working on it before death.

It was stated, the deceased lived with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Bishop, 3104 Stevens Avenue. On Monday night, July 12, 1954, however, he stayed overnight with the Herbert Goulds in the Bush home. He had last been seen by Mrs. Gould about 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 13. She assumed he was leaving the house at that time to return to his own home.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:15 p.m., July 16. It was felt that the probably cause of death was electrocution on basis of discoloration (brown) at the tip of the index finger and on thumbs of both hands. Coronary atherosclerosis (moderate) was also noted. Specimens of the organs and finger-tips were released for microscopic study and chemical analyses. In the opinion of the pathologist, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination before determining the cause of this man's death.

It was stated, laundry had been done in the basement since Tuesday, July 13, which probably accounted for the fact the light switch was in an off position.

Police officers Ziegler and Lillejord were notified and investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of a brother, Herbert Gould.

8-17-54: The Coroner's Office received a letter from James C. Ferguson, M.D., dated 8-7-54, which contained the following information:

"This man (John Gould) had consulted me frequently since June 9, 1953. He had a chronic brucellosis and Buerger's Disease, both lower legs. Had severe pain both lower legs and numerous sores and ulcers. This had resulted in his requiring frequent doses dilaudid to control his pain and he had become a drug addict. I had succeeded in healing most of the leg sores and had relieved his pain to some extent. His last visit to me wason July 10, 1954. I wish I had some information in order to complete my file and record. Place of death. I understand it was not at his home. Autopsy findings and cause of death if known. Man was discouraged and depressed at times and suicide or an overdose of narcotics might have been a possibility.

(Signed) James C. Ferguson, M.D.
350 St. Peter St., #530,
St. Paul 2, Minn."

A few days after receipt of the above letter, a complete toxicological report was received which revealed 6.1 milligrams of barbiturate per 100 grams of kidney tissue, also 20.3 milligrams of barbiturate per 100 grams of liver tissue. The blood showed 0.11% Ethyl Alcohol by weight. Due to the large amount of barbiturates found in the organs, the coroner ruled this death a suicide due to barbiturate poisoning.

M.D.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME SUSAN ANN SCHWEGMAN

Date of Death July 16

Place of Death	24th Street & Dupont Ave. S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	2417 Dupont Ave. S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-22-1952 Age 1 Yr. 8 Mos.		
Birthplace	St. Cloud, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Charles and Phyllis Schwegman		None except listed On Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Calvary Cemetery, St. Cloud, Minn.	Effects Released to	Rainville Funeral Home, by Noble Rainville, F. D.
Folsom Funeral Director	Rainville Funeral Home	Address	216 E. Hennepin

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:33 p.m., July 16, 1954.

On Friday afternoon, July 16, 1954, at approximately 2:20 p.m., the deceased was fatally injured in an accident which occurred at the intersection of Dupont Avenue South and 24th Street.

Howard Stoppel, 50, 51 W. Kellogg, St. Paul, Minnesota, driving a Salvation Army Truck, a 1949 Studebaker, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #Y10-027, was proceeding west on 24th Street when he collided with a vehicle traveling north on Dupont Avenue, a 1948 Cadillac sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #99-785, driven by Orrin Curtis Henderson, 44, 4921 Knox Ave. South. Apparently Stoppel did not respond to an arterial stop sign.

The deceased, in her stroller, and her mother, Phyllis, were crossing west on Dupont Avenue.

SUSAN ANN SCHWEGMAN (continued)

They were in the street, just off the curb, on the northwest corner of the intersection when the accident occurred. Apparently the impact caused Henderson to lose control of the vehicle, the car striking the stroller and also two parked cars. First witness at the scene, Louise Anderson, 2410 Dupont South, who stated she saw the accident from her porch, stated the baby lived a short while after the impact, death occurring at about 2:22 p.m. Dr. Richard Williams arrived aboard an Olson ambulance and pronounced the baby dead on arrival.

Mrs. Schwegman escaped injury as did Henderson's wife, Veona and a son, Todd. Two helpers on the truck, Winfred Hancock, 51, and Harold Owens, 35, both of 51 W. Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, were not hurt.

Body of the deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where examination of the body revealed a defect laceration from the mid-axillary line to the vertebral column of the left chest level of the 7th and 8th ribs. Many rib fragments were noted in the wound, and lung tissue was exposed. There was a 10 cm. laceration of the right forearm, superficial. There were also slight abrasions and contusions on the head and face, especially on the left side.

Officers F. Holmes and W. Leonard of traffic squad 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwegman.

CORONER'S RECORD

663

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CARL WILLIAM PETERSON

Date of Death July 17

Place of Death 511 Central Ave. N. E.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$88.09; check - \$21.37; 1 Illinois pocket watch; 1 bank book - Northwestern National Bank - Lake Street office - balance \$2183.53; 1 key; 1 billfold - brown leather; 2 papers (misc.)

Birthdate 2-24-1875 Age 79

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Common laborer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Alfreda Peterson

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Mrs. Henry R. Rebmann, Spec. Adm.

Kaplan

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

1126 Glenwood North

Social Security No. 473-09-0011

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:02 p.m., July 17, 1954.

The deceased had lived at the above address for the past six years and a neighbor, Evelyn Soper, living in an adjoining apartment was in the habit of serving the deceased his meals.

According to Mrs. Soper, she had seen the deceased at approximately 4:30 p.m. and he had appeared to be in his usual health and had no complaints. Later, at 7:30 p.m., she went to his apartment and found the deceased lying on floor, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased lived alone, his wife having expired about 18 months ago.

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CARL WILLIAM PETERSON (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Deceased found lying on floor with head toward window in living room. There was no rigor and according to neighbors, the deceased had no history of illness. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

Police officers Pearson and Blanch of Squad 125 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ALLIE B. FARRAND

Date of Death July 18

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 111 West Diamond Lake Road

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 10-12-1876 Age 77

Birthplace Hudson, Wis.

Occupation Barber (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Mathilda Arndt Farrand

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary sclerosis; Parkinson's disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.

Effects Released to

E.J. Funeral Director Charles A. Godbout & Son

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:18 a.m., July 19, 1954.

The deceased was admitted to Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:00 p.m., July 16, 1954, with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

On the afternoon of July 18, 1954, at 5:55 p.m., the deceased expired suddenly. It was stated, the deceased had been checked by a nurse just fifteen minutes preceding death and appeared to be all right at that time.

Upon examination of the body, death was attributed to coronary sclerosis, and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

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ALLIE B. FARRAND (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN GORMAN

Date of Death July 19

Place of Death 1408 East 23rd Street

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$6.56; 1 pair glasses, maroon & gold rims; 1 key; 1 bron leather billfold; misc. cards and papers.

Birthdate 6-26-1888 Age 66

Birthplace Illinois

Occupation Clerk - Post Office

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Unknown

Name of Husband or Wife

Unknown

Names of Parents

Unknown

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects Released to

John G. Kressel, Spec. Adm.

Funeral Director Miller Funeral Home
Columbia Heights, Minn.

Address

600 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:28 a.m., July 19, 1954.

According to Mrs. Hilda Carlson, Landlady of the deceased, the deceased had been a roomer in her home for the past twenty years. She states he had a nervous disease described as "creeping infantile paralysis". She thinks he was quite well except for his feet and recently he had also complained of an upset stomach and headache on occasion. He apparently was a close friend and patient of Dr. Wallace F. Kreighbaum, an osteopath, and had recently traveled to Toronto with Dr. Kreighbaum, returning alone on July 16. Dr. Kreighbaum is still in Canada and not expected back until July 21st or 22nd. Mrs. Kreighbaum states the deceased is a friend of twenty years standing with her husband and she has attempted without success to contact her husband.

Mrs. Carlson states that on the morning of July 19, 1954, she was awakened shortly after

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CORONER'S RECORD

JOHN GORMAN (continued)

5:00 a.m. by the sound of a glass breaking in the kitchen sink and a thud. She rushed out and found the deceased lying on floor in the open bathroom doorway, face down. The deceased was unresponsive, therefore, a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death, death occurring at about 5:20 a.m.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on back with head, shoulders and trunk inside bathroom near bath tub. A laceration of the right eyebrow was noted. There was no rigor. Deceased was clad in pajamas, shoes and socks. Apparently the man was dressing to go to work when he collapsed; his work trousers, shirt and underwear were on a chair by the kitchen table. His spectacles and a bottle of bufferin tablets were found on the kitchen table.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:15 a.m., July 19. This revealed coronary disease; recent coronary occlusion; chronic gallbladder disease; duodenal ulcer; and an old depressed skull fracture of the outer table (no history).

Police officers Lenke and Thomson of squad 164 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDWARD JOSEPH LEGACY

Date of Death Fd. July 19

Place of Death 408 Second Avenue S. E.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-26-1895 Age 59

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Rate Clerk - railroad

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents David Legacy & Georginia Brunille

Natural Coronary disease; carcinoma of rectum; malnutrition.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Rainville Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 701-14-6095

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:36 a.m., July 19, 1954.

When the deceased didn't appear at work on the morning of July 19, 1954 at the Great Northern freight office, his employer called his home to check on the reason for his absence. A niece living next door in the same building went into the deceased's apartment to answer the phone and found the deceased lying on the kitchen floor, clothed in underwear, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

According to niece, Lorraine Muszynski, the deceased had not received any medical attention for some time.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which

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CORONER'S RECORD

EDWARD JOSEPH LEGACY (continued)

was later released directly to a mortuary. Deceased was wearing rubber pants and a growth was noted from the rectum. Death was attributed to coronary disease; carcinoma of the rectum; and malnutrition.

Police officers Tobiasson and W. K. Johnson of squad 125 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his sisters, Mrs. Joseph Occhino, Mrs. Louie Veilleux, Mrs. H. Z. Demueles.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME KATHERINE HOCA

Date of Death July 19

Place of Death	Mount Sinai Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	2606 Chicago Avenue	Pathologist	Dr. S. S. Barron
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-11-1877 Age 77		
Birthplace	Ukraine		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	? Hoca		
Names of Parents	Philippi Wons & Eudokia Ulczak		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Forest Lawn Cemetery, Ramsey County, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Kozlak Funeral Home	Address	

Folsom

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mount Sinai Hospital at 9:50 a.m., July 19, 1954.

On June 13, 1954, the deceased fell in some manner sustaining a fracture of the left humerus. She was removed to Mount Sinai Hospital, being admitted at 4:00 a.m., June 14, and placed under the care of Dr. R. G. Wohlrabe. On June 15, 1954, an open reduction and internal fixation was performed, and the deceased was subsequently discharged from the hospital on July 6.

Later, on July 18, 1954, the deceased became critically ill and was re-admitted to the hospital at 5:40 a.m. The woman expired the following day, July 19, at 8:25 a.m.

KATHERINE HOCA (continued)

An autopsy was performed at Mount Sinai Hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from pulmonary embolism and pulmonary edema due to fracture of the left humerus.

Survivors of the decedent are two sons, Theodor of the Ukraine, Steve of Minneapolis; daughters, Mrs. Eidor Nikituk of St. Paul, Mrs. Walter Jaseniuk of Minneapolis; also 12 grandchildren; and a brother in the Ukraine.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54....

FULL NAME DONALD E. TRAXINGER

Date of Death July 19

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident	Fair Hills Road and Highway No. 7 Minnetonka Township
Residence	3736 Quebec Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn.
Sex	Male
Birthdate	7-15-1940 Age 14
Birthplace	Marshall, Minn.
Occupation	Student
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single
Name of Husband or Wife	
Names of Parents	Herbert Traxinger & Eldora Bruce
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto-Bicycle Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined
Place of Burial	Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota, Minn.
Funeral Director	White Funeral Home

Autopsy	Yes
Pathologist	Dr. Gordon J. Vosti
Inquest	No
Effects Taken in charge	None

None except listed
On Marriage Record

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 2:45 p.m., July 19, 1954.

On Monday afternoon, July 19, 1954, at approximately 1:55 p.m., the deceased and a companion, Robert Clifford, 16, 7720 Division Street, St. Louis Park, were pedaling their bicycles east on Highway No. 7 when a car, a 1948 Plymouth sedan bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 755-306, driven by Mrs. Esther Diment, 51, 5232 Lochley Drive, Edina, Minnesota, also traveling east on Highway No. 7, crashed into the deceased from the rear. The accident occurred 265 feet east of the intersection of Highway No. 7 and Fair Hills Road. Both the deceased and his bicycle were carried ahead over 100 feet and then thrown onto road. The deceased became tangled in the bicycle which was caught in the vehicle's bumper. Cutting tools were necessary to free the deceased from wreckage.

He expired in a Smith ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital and was pro-

DONALD E. TRAXINGER (continued)

nounced dead on arrival in receiving at 2:36 p.m.

Vernon Firstrom, driver of ambulance, 1523 Third Street Northeast, states he picked the deceased up at the above location about 2:15 p.m.

Robert Clifford, who was riding alongside deceased, was hurled to the side of road by the impact, but was not injured.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 4:25 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed a traumatic wound, left flank, posteriorly connecting with left pleural cavity; collapse of the left lung; retroperitoneal and intra-abdominal hemorrhage; ruptured spleen; lacerated kidney, left; macerated adrenal, left; also multiple abrasions and contusions noted.

Deputy sheriffs V. Mell and Mair, Hennepin County, was notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Traxinger; brothers, Dean and Duane; sisters, Beverly and Colleen; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Traxinger, Marshall, Minn.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19...54.....

FULL NAME THOMAS MARK DULAS

Date of Death Fd. July 19

Place of Death	Lake Nokomis (53rd St. & East Nokomis Blvd.)	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	27 West 14th St.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-12-1924 Age 30		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Salesman - Paymaster Company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Paul J. Dulas & Frances Lenort		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Kashmers Cemetery, Wells, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Washburn-McReavy Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. 475-12-2528

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:30 p.m., July 19, 1954.

The deceased and a woman companion, Donna Schwartz, 3141 Fortieth Ave. South, went bathing in an unsupervised area of Lake Nokomis, 53rd Street and East Nokomis Boulevard, at about 3:30 p.m., July 19, 1954. They were walking out into the lake when they suddenly stepped from a dropoff. Miss Schwartz was saved by an unidentified woman swimming nearby, however, the deceased's body was not recovered until 4:23 p.m., almost one-half hour after dragging operations commenced. Deceased was found approximately 30 feet from shore in 35 feet of water.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue, and upon examination by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning.

THOMAS MARK DULAS (continued)

Police officers Flint and Camfield were notified and investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are five sisters, Miss Cecelia Dulas, Minneapolis; Mrs. Henry (Catherine) Schimek of Easton, Minn., Mrs. William (Bernice) Warmka of Wells, Minn., Mrs. Elwin (Philomine) Hicks of Wells, Mrs. William (Evelyn) Stevens of Albert Lea.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME ~~GEORGE OLSON~~ GEORGE OLEN WALRATH Date of Death July 19

Place of Death	Rand Hotel, 618 Hennepin Ave.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1521 N. 21st St. Madison, Wis. Superior, Wis.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.28
Birthdate	6-15-1908 46 Unknown Age about 40	Less-	3.00 (Phone call to Police Dept. 0000 at Madison, Wis.)
Birthplace	Unknown Wisconsin		1 U. S. Carbine, 30 cal. I. R. Co. #7160060;
Occupation	Manager R. E. A. - Superior		1 clip loaded; 1 Gillette razor set; 1 ball pen; 1 pencil.
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Unknown Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown Ruth B. Boswell Clara Olson Walrath		
Names of Parents	Unknown Simon Walrath		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Gun shot wound of head Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Superior, Wis.	Effects Released to	Mrs. George Walrath, widow
Folsom Funeral Director	Albin Funeral Home University of Minnesota	Address	1521 N. 21st Street, Superior, Wis.

Social Security No. 389-16-2194

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:25 p.m., July 19, 1954.

Genevieve Walker, Room 9, Rand Hotel, which is directly below Room No. 30, returned to her room shortly after 9:00 p.m. and found a stain coming through the ceiling along the pipes, dripping onto a large cake. She went to the manager, Ben Fisher, and together they went to Room 30 and entered. The deceased was found lying on his side against the radiator off the foot of the bed and in front of the window, partially on top of a U. S. carbine, 30 caliber. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician the man dead at 9:20 p.m., July 19, 1954.

The deceased had made an effort to destroy his identity by removing the labels from his clothes and tearing up two identification cards. He had attempted to flush them down

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the toilet. One card was a blue one indicating lodge membership dated March 31, No. 2991 and another pink one bearing a partial address as Douglas County and Superior, Wisconsin. The deceased had registered under the above name on July 16 at 10:45 a.m., without baggage, giving his address as 616 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Nothing was found in the room with the exception of the clothing he had worn on arrival at the hotel, consisting of underwear, shirt, suit, socks and shoes, also several handkerchiefs.

Deceased had last been seen alive by the manager at approximately 7:00 p.m. at which time the deceased was carrying three bottles of Seven-up and was on the way to his room. He remarked that he hoped to get some sleep. Occupant in Room No. 29, adjoining that of deceased, Harold Anderson, entered his room at 8:30 p.m. and stated he heard nothing unusual.

A deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. From the position of the body, the deceased had apparently knelt on pillow facing window and shot himself. There were powder burns about the entry wound which was located between the left eye and bridge of nose. Exit wound (2 x 4 cms.) was in the occipital region. Death was ascribed to gun shot wound of head and was ruled a suicide.

Police officers Larson and Melchisedech as well as Cronstrom and Stenberg were notified and investigated this case.

Since the deceased had no funds for burial nor were there any relatives known to the Coroner's Office who could arrange for the burial of the deceased, it was necessary to release his body to the Anatomical Department of the University of Minnesota.

10-15-1954: On October 14, 1954, Peter F. Depta, 606 E. Fourth Street, Superior, Wisconsin, a friend of the deceased, went to the Anatomical Department and identified the deceased as George Olen Walrath, Superior, Wisconsin. Mrs. George Walrath, who accompanied Mr. Depta to Minneapolis, identified the clothes and also a picture of George Olson as that of her husband, George Olen Walrath.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

HELENE ELIZABETH (STUPERO) ANDREWS

Date of Death

Fd. July 20

Place of Death

3025 Cedar Avenue

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Russell J. Eilers

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

1 Diamond Wedding Ring, 9 chips;
1 Diamond Engagement ring, 1 large stone and 4 small stones.

Birthdate

8-16-1906 Age 47

Birthplace

Poland

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife

William Andrews

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Names of Parents

John Stupero & Elizabeth Rechtzigel

(destroyed account unsanitary.)

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Fractured 2d, 3d, and 4th ribs, right, and fracture of right humerus, and acute pulmonary edema, due to fall downstairs, due to acute alcoholism; Laennec's cirrhosis.

Place of Burial

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Rosemount, Minn.

Effects Released to

Mrs. Phyllis J. Loeffler, daughter

Folsom

Funeral Director

Henry W. Anderson Mortuary

Address

3526 Lincoln Avenue N. E.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:08 a.m., July 20, 1954.

On July 20, 1954, at approximately 2:45 a.m., the deceased was found lying at the foot of the basement stairs, clothed in night clothes, apparently expired, by her brother-in-law, Mike Roberts, who lived at the same address as the deceased. Dog food had been scattered against the wall from a pan she had in her hand. Roberts was returning from his place of employment, the Quest Foundry, where he worked a night shift. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the woman dead.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:00 p.m., July 20. This revealed

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Laennec's cirrhosis; acute pulmonary edema; fractures of the 2, 3 and 4th ribs, right; fracture of the right humerus; as well as bruising of the right upper arm and shoulder. A subsequent report on the chemical analyses of the blood indicated it contained 0.37% ethyl alcohol.

Police officers Lenke and Thompson of squad 164 were notified and also investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Mrs. Elmer Loeffler and two grandsons, all of Minneapolis; father, John Stupero, Sr.; brother, John Stupero of Rosemount.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME LILLIAN M. PETERSON

Date of Death July 20

Place of Death	451 Taft Street N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	112 West 47th St.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-25-1889 Age 64		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Clerical - Strong Scott Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Peter Peterson & Anna H. Lundberg		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders-Quist Company 2301 Dupont Ave. S.	Address	

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Social Security No. 468-01-2340

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:55 a.m., July 20, 1954.

The deceased was a timekeeper employed by the Strong Scott Company at the above address. At approximately 10:25 a.m., on the morning of July 20, 1954, Mr. Eugene Anderson, also an employee of Strong Scott, states the deceased came into the plant from office and went up to the time clock on the southwest wall of plant and commenced placing time cards in the slots. He began to walk over to her with the intention of discussing his coming vacation when he saw her suddenly begin to twitch and fall backwards.

Anderson and another employee, Hans Mitchell, 3023-34th Avenue South, rushed toward the deceased but were unable to reach her before she fell backwards onto the concrete floor, striking her head on floor. The fire department rescue squad and an ambulance were summoned. Upon arrival of the ambulance physician, the deceased was pronounced dead.

LILLIAN M. PETERSON (continued)

It was stated, the rescue squad workers had noted no vital signs for 10 minutes at the time the doctor arrived at 10:50 a.m.

The deceased had been a patient of Dr. R. O Quello who states he last examined the deceased completely on February 9, 1952. He has seen her frequently and talked to her in reference to minor complaints but Dr. Quello states she never had high blood pressure and he found nothing by history or examination which he would consider a cause of sudden death although he felt she probably had an acute coronary.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. The pupils of the eyes were dilated. The body was warm and there was no rigor. A questionable contusion noted in occipital region. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

Police officers Nekola and W. K. Johnson of squad 125 were notified and they attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are two sisters, Emily A. Peterson, Minneapolis, and Mrs. E. H. (Rosa) Schamber, Olivia, Minnesota; three nieces and one nephew.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLIAM J. NOONAN

Date of Death Fd. July 21

Place of Death 2439 Third Avenue S., Apt. C11

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Janis Sika

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-31-1909 Age 44

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Physician (Urologist)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

None except listed On Morgue Record

Name of Husband or Wife

Dennis C. Noonan

Names of Parents

Mary A. Flahavan

Natural

Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Gleason Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:12 a.m., July 21, 1954.

On the morning of July 21, 1954, T. A. Turnquist, manager of the building at the above address, and Edwin Lindor, 2436 Clinton Avenue, broke open the back door of the deceased's apartment on complaint of the tenants living below that water was coming through their ceiling. Upon entry, the deceased was found in the bathtub on his back with his knees hanging over the faucet end of the tub. Both the shower tap and the faucet were dripping hot water. The deceased was pronounced dead by a Minneapolis General Hospital physician at approximately 9:00 a.m.

It was stated the deceased had lived at this address for many years and according to tenants on the floor below him, they had heard him moving about on the preceding evening. His even-

WILLIAM J. NOONAN (continued)

ing paper, however, was found outside the apartment door.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 11:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from coronary disease.

Police officers Nordahl and Fossum of squad 151 as well as Detectives Stenberg and Cronstrom were notified and investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are two brothers, Charles F. of Minneapolis and William F. of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME TERRELL E. BANKS

Date of Death July 21

Place of Death	Victory Hospital, Robbinsdale, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3840 Portland Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-8-1951 Age 3 years		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Carl Banks Laura Sidler		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Woodard Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. S. Samuelson at 10:15 a.m., July 21, 1954.

The Welfare mother who has cared for the deceased since birth stated the child was a cerebral palsy case and has been under the care of Minneapolis General Hospital. On the morning of July 21, 1954, the deceased went into a convulsion and was immediately rushed to Victory Hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child was pronounced dead, death occurring at 10:00 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and examined the child. Death was attributed to cerebral palsy.

TERRELL E. BANKS (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME DELBERT LEO RAND

Date of Death July 21

Place of Death Room 102,
Court House

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

3536 Edward St. N. E.,
St. Anthony Village

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$9.90; check-\$91.87; 1 coin purse;
1 billfold; 1 glasses; 1 ball pen;
1 check book; 1 notebook.

Birthdate

11-16-1884 Age 69

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Accountant

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Elizabeth Bishop Rand

Names of Parents

John V. D. Rand

Mary Long

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Mrs. Delbert L. Rand, widow

E.J.

Funeral Director

Gleason Mortuary

Address

3536 Edwards St. N. E.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:40 p.m., July 21, 1954.

On July 21, 1954, at approximately 1:30 p.m., the deceased was working in Room 102, the County Auditor's Office, when he suddenly collapsed to the floor. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring shortly after 1:30 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

DELBERT LEO RAND (continued)

Police officers F. W. Johnson and Keller of squad 117 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, John D. and James M.; three daughters, Mary Agnes, Susan and Nancy.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ERNEST G. ECKLUND

Date of Death July 22

Place of Death

8513 Virginia Circle S.
St. Louis Park, Minn.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

1 Remington Rifle Model 721
#66125 Cal. .270

Birthdate

3-5-1893 Age 60

Birthplace

Sweden

Occupation

Contractor

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Anastasia Ecklund

Names of Parents

Unknown

~~Natural~~

~~Accident~~

~~Suicide~~

Gun shot wound of head

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

Floyd W. Roman, son-in-law

E.J.

Funeral Director

Billman's Park Funeral Home

Address

7208 Penn Ave. S.

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the St. Louis Park Police Department at 2:27 a.m., July 22, 1954.

The deceased had recently been treating with Dr. John W. LaBree of St. Louis Park for a nervous condition. He had been mentally disturbed for sometime, it was stated.

Leonard Swanlund, the deceased's employer, stated the deceased fainted at work on July 21, 1954, and he, Swanlund, sent him to the doctor. That evening Swanlund came to the deceased's home and took him for a ride in his car. The man was depressed and nervous, it was stated. He left the deceased at his home about 9:00 p.m.

About 2:00 a.m. the next morning, Mrs. Ecklund heard her husband get out of bed. She watched and saw him take his deer rifle. Mrs. Ecklund quickly summoned the next door

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neighbor, Lawrence Strand, 8519 Virginia Circle, as she feared her husband was about to commit suicide. Mr. Strand came over to the house with the intention of trying to stop the deceased. However, just as he entered the house the decedent shot himself.

Upon being notified a deputy coroner went to the scene. The deceased had shot himself through the head. The gun, a Remington Rifle, Model 721, #66125, .270 caliber, was lying beneath the body. Segments of the brain and particles of bone were found on the floor of the room and adjoining hall.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to a funeral director.

Police officers Stenberg and Stendahl of the St. Louis Park police were active in the investigation on this case.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN MARTIN SORVICK

Date of Death July 22

Place of Death Fairview Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident On street (place unknown)

Pathologist Dr. R. W. Koucky

Residence 918 Newton Avenue North

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-2-1876 Age 78

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Carpenter

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Elena Sorvick

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural

Accident Bronchial pneumonia due to fracture of left hip.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Mount Cemetery, Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Kaplan Welander-Quist Company 1200 West Broadway

Address

Social Security No. No

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 3:15 p.m., July 22, 1954.

On July 7, 1954, the deceased fell from a Yellow Cab in some manner and sustained an injury to his left hip. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip, and the deceased was removed to Fairview Hospital, being admitted at 3:15 p.m., July 9.

An open reduction was performed on July 12, 1954.

Due to the man's weakened condition and advanced age, he developed pneumonia, expiring at 1:45 p.m., July 22.

JOHN MARTIN SORVICK (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from bronchial pneumonia; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

8-26-54: The Minnesota Highway Department telephoned the Coroner's Office, requesting further information concerning this case. The Minnesota Department of Health had reported this death to the Highway Department as a traffic fatality. The Coroner's Office, therefore, checked further with the record office of Fairview Hospital, as well as the Accident Bureau and the Bureau of Records of the Minneapolis Police Department. The Police Department had no record of this accident. The hospital chart stated this decedent had been injured while alighting from a taxicab. Therefore, in view of the fact the taxicab was stationary at the time the deceased fell, sustaining a fracture of the left hip, the death could not be classified as a vehicular accident. The manner in which this death has been classified is, therefore, correct.

Fairview Hospital stated Dr. Wayne S. Hagen had been the attending physician for this decedent.

M.D.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54.....

FULL NAME ROBERT JOHNSTON

Date of Death July 22

Place of Death	2831 Bloomington Ave.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. C. M. Van Pooyen
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-23-1896 Age 58		
Birthplace	Scotland		
Occupation	Baker		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife	Marion Johnston Robert Johnston		
Names of Parents	Mary Dobbie		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:00 p.m., July 22, 1954.

On the afternoon of July 22, 1954, it was stated, the deceased was painting the side of house when he apparently slipped and fell approximately 18 feet to the ground. His daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hansen, heard the deceased fall, and she and her mother rushed out. They found the deceased lying on left side, facing east, bleeding from the ears. A large hematoma noted above left eye. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned, and upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring about 4:40 p.m.

The deceased had consulted Dr. Adam Smith one week ago at which time he was found to be in good health.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:00 a.m., July 23, 1954. This

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revealed comminuted fracture of the skull, severe; macerated brain; old coronary thrombosis with recanalization of vessel, left coronary; old fibrosis of septal myocardium; aspiration of blood into lungs; hydronephrosis; old scarring of lower pole of right kidney; superficial abrasions and contusions of the head, hands and feet.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Marion; daughter, Mrs. Martin B. Hanson; and one grandchild.

Police officers Hitchers and Hazel of Squad 164 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

On July 23, 1954, the Minneapolis Highway Department reported to the Coroner's Office, that a man was found seated in the front seat of a 1939 Buick bearing 1954 Minnesota license #807-972, which was parked in the rear of his residence, by a neighbor, Mary Cutshall, 404-4th Street Northeast, Apartment 5. At first she thought the deceased was sleeping, but later summoned the police, Officers W. K. Johnson and Nekola responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was also summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring about 10:00 a.m. The deceased had committed suicide, it was stated, as he was seated in the front seat of the car, with his head against the window, and his hands on the steering wheel. The deceased was found seated in the front seat of the car, with his head against the window, and his hands on the steering wheel. The deceased was found seated in the front seat of the car, with his head against the window, and his hands on the steering wheel.

On the morning of July 23, 1954, at approximately 9:50 a.m., the deceased was found seated in the front seat of his car, a 1939 Buick bearing 1954 Minnesota license #807-972, which was parked in the rear of his residence, by a neighbor, Mary Cutshall, 404-4th Street Northeast, Apartment 5. At first she thought the deceased was sleeping, but later summoned the police, Officers W. K. Johnson and Nekola responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was also summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring about 10:00 a.m. The deceased had committed suicide, it was stated, as he was seated in the front seat of the car, with his head against the window, and his hands on the steering wheel. The deceased was found seated in the front seat of the car, with his head against the window, and his hands on the steering wheel.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME PHILIP DONALD MC GERTY

Date of Death Fd. July 23

Place of Death	In automobile - rear of 400 Fourth St. N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.65; 1 billfold; misc. papers; 1 wrist watch -Cromwell; 1 key.
Birthdate	5-2-1914 Age 40		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Tool maker - Mpls. Honeywell Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Helen McGerty		
	Joseph E. McGerty		
Names of Parents	Josephine C. Jones		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☒ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	Rainville Funeral Home, by Morse E. Rainville,
Folsom Funeral Director	Rainville Funeral Home	Address	216 East Hennepin

Social Security No. 513-01-7840

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:00 a.m., July 23, 1954.

On the morning of July 23, 1954, at approximately 9:50 a.m., the deceased was found seated in the front seat of his car, a 1939 Buick bearing 1954 Minnesota license #807-972, which was parked in the rear of his residence, by a neighbor, Mary Cutshall, 404-4th Street Northeast, Apartment 5. At first she thought the deceased was sleeping, but later summoned the police, Officers W. K. Johnson and Nekola responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was also summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

A vacuum cleaner hose was found connected to the exhaust pipe and had been run through

PHILIP DONALD MC GERTY (continued)

a window. Old clothing had been stuffed around the hose in the window to close the opening. It was stated, Mrs. Genevieve Kittelson, 319-4th Avenue Northeast, and also her mother had seen the deceased with the vacuum cleaner hose in the yard on several occasions between two and three weeks preceding his death.

J. W. Timmer, 402-4th Street Northeast, states the deceased told him approximately one week preceding his death that he had cancer and was told he had only a few months to live.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Deceased found lying across front seat of car with head toward the left side. Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning and was ruled a suicide.

The following notes were found on the deceased's person:

"Phil McGerty: N. E. Liquor store attached your check for \$26.20. See their attorney, Mr. Earl B. Downs, Palace Building."

"Thanks, Isabel, say goodbye to Gus. Sorry he was mad at me. Pick up the letters I wrote in my desk by Howie. Deliver without opening them. Guy is coming back and I'll be laid off any day and can't pay my debts. Phil. Also McDonald owes me printing, safety tubes, and fire extinguisher."

Letter found in desk mentioned read as follows:

"Dear Isabel and Gus: So, I'm a bum, but I hope Hesler will clear things with you. You have treated Helen and I swell although they won't appreciate it. This is the matter Mary was referring to. I hope you will try and guide the children some -- I would hate to have them grow into ignorant snobs with narrow minds like the L'Heureux's raised theirs to be.

Perhaps there is another planet where I can start off on the right foot or the devil has installed gas heat. I hate shoveling coal. Anyway, I have left for good -- say something kind to the kids for me -- they won't. Love, Phil. Take this calmly -- the things I left at your place are yours. I give them to you -- Good luck and goodbye. Phil"

"Mr. and Mrs. Roland L'Heureux: Too bad -- the laughs are on you--I did not know you regarded her a Hog going to market when she married -- which shows the inhuman animals we are. I know you would have enjoyed it much if I had broken my neck when I fell on the dam -- but I did go and get a job -- not a good one but a job. You sit on your patch of ground and smugly think yourselves pious -- a pillar of humanity -- when all the time the cattle you raise are doing more good in the world than you. I don't know whether I'll be watching you read this or not but maybe I am. Anyway I don't think now the deals any good - with her -- so I am breaking it off -- the only way possible. I'll be seeing you later on -- enjoy a big laugh on me. Phil"

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Helen; daughters, Diane and Sharon, Minneapolis; brothers, Al C., John A., and George W. of Los Angeles; sisters, Mrs. Gust J. Hogan, Minneapolis, Mrs. James C. Hennes, St. Cloud, Minn.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME CHARLES E. HANSON

Date of Death July 24

Place of Death	2107 Chicago Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-7-1882 Age 71		
Birthplace	Amboy, Minn.		
Occupation	Carpenter		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Meta Hanson		
Names of Parents	Gustave and Amelia Hanson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	
Wright			

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. A. W. Diessner at 8:10 p.m., July 24, 1954.

Henry J. Strunk, a brother-in-law to the deceased and a resident at the same address as that of deceased, states he was in the basement with the deceased and his wife on the morning of July 24, 1954. The deceased was helping his wife do the washing, however, they were having difficulty with the washing machine. Mr. Strunk helped them carry the washing over to the Strunk washing machine; then left the basement. A few moments later, while the deceased's wife was still present, the deceased suddenly collapsed and became unresponsive without any prior complaint of illness. Dr. A. S. Diessner was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring at approximately 7:15 a.m.

According to Dr. Diessner, he had known the deceased casually but not professionally, however, in his opinion this is a coronary death.

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CHARLES E. HANSON (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. There was a plantar wart on the left foot and a minimally slight abrasion noted on right side of scalp. There was no evidence of burn of entrance or exit of electric current. In the opinion of the deputy, there was no evidence of other than natural death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of his wife, Meta, mentioned herein.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN MADZO

Date of Death July 24

Place of Death	In automobile - Fourth Ave. S. and Lake Street.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. C. M. Van Pooyen
Residence	2826 Pleasant Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$148.08; 1 Orvin wrist watch; 1 Billfold; 1 cigarette lighter; 2 knives; 1 spacer; 7 keys.
Birthdate	2-9-1906 Age 48		
Birthplace	Beach, North Dakota		
Occupation	Stream Tender - industry.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife	Hazel I. Madzo		
Names of Parents	Michael (Mike) & Anastasia Madzo		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary sclerosis		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. John Madzo, widow
Funeral Director	Billman-Hunt Chapel	Address	2826 Pleasant Ave.

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:45 a.m., July 24, 1954.

On the morning of July 24, 1954, the deceased was traveling on Lake Street, driving a 1947 Ford coupe, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 107-136, when he suddenly ran up over the curb on the northwest corner of the intersection with Fourth Avenue South, knocking down a street sign and hitting wall of the Savett Brothers Paint Company. The police found the deceased slumped over in driver's seat of car, apparently expired. Upon arrival of the ambulance, the physician in attendance confirmed the man's death, death occurring at 8:30 a.m.

According to Byron Norris and Dave Norris, living at 2628 Fourth Avenue South, who were standing on the northeast corner of Fourth Avenue and Lake Street at the time this accident occurred, they saw the deceased slump over the wheel as the vehicle passed them.

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JOHN MADZO (continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 2:30 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed marked coronary sclerosis, left and circumflex arteries; moderate coronary sclerosis, right coronary; very small, fresh septal myocardial hemorrhage; minimal endocardial fibrosis; splenomegaly; hepatomegaly; a cyst, left kidney; also moderate aortic sclerosis noted.

Police officers F. Holmes and W. Leonard of Traffic spqad 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Hazel; daughter, Marilyn; two sons, John Richard and Eugene Douglas; mother, Mrs. Anatasia Madzo; five brothers, Joseph, Michael, Theodore, Peter and Steve; five sisters, Mrs. John Hoffman, Misses Irene, Gertrude, Mary and Agnes Madzo.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MARY ROSE WESTBY

Date of Death FD. July 24

Place of Death	In Mississippi River, near Great Northern Station	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Mississippi River	Pathologist	No
Residence	1513 Fifth St. North	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-20-1910 Age 43		
Birthplace	Poland		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Louie Westby		None except listed On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Joseph Madej & Mary Kozub		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders-Quist Company 1200 West Broadway	Address	

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:50 p.m., July 24, 1954.

According to Detective Ziegler, David Maciowski, age 10, 451 Adams Street Northeast and two playmates, Sandra and Duane Fish, 657-Fourth Ave. Northeast, were sitting on the Eighth Avenue Northeast and Plymouth Avenue Bridge on the downstream side about 10:30 a.m. on the morning of July 24, 1954. They saw the deceased get up on bridge railing and drop off into the river. John Jodie, 1316 Adams Street Northeast saw the deceased in the water and called the police, Officers Erickson and Nekola, Kreuger and Neary of Squad 144, and Detective Ziegler responding.

Richard Kulavik and his brother, Frank, both of 307 Second Street Northeast, and Walter Synowczynski, 636 Ramsey Street Northeast, were practicing surfboard riding when they spotted the body. They put out in a boat and caught up to the deceased as she floated

MARY ROSE WESTBY (continued)

toward the Hennepin avenue bridge. Her body was recovered approximately 100 yards upstream from the Hennepin Avenue Bridge on the southwest bank. The Minneapolis Fire Department rescue squad and the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance worked on this woman but failed in their attempts to revive her. Deceased was removed from the river at about 12:30 p.m.

According to the deceased's sisters, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. P. E. Peterson for some time, the latter having seen her about two weeks before her death. She had been receiving treatment for the menopause. Approximately a month preceding her death, she was a patient in Swedish Hospital for a general check-up, and was under the care of Dr. Peterson. It was stated the deceased at times drank heavily.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was lying on river bank at the water's edge on back clothed in green dress, no shoes, and undergarments. There was froth noted about nares and mouth. Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning. Also turned over to this officer were a pair of red leather-type flat sandals and a pair of plastic rimmed spectacles which apparently belonged to the deceased. They were found on the sidewalk near the downriver railing of the middle of the Plymouth Avenue bridge.

Survivors of the deceased are her husband, Louie; daughters, Mrs. Theresa Spandle, Sioux Falls, S. D., Mrs. Catherine Cotten, Minneapolis; son, Jerome Dutkiewicz, Minneapolis; and one grandson; father, Joseph Madej; sisters, Mrs. Anne Rusinko, Mrs. Frances Truchinski, both of Minneapolis, Mrs. Helen Gliva of Chicago.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOSEPHINE WOLSFELD

Date of Death July 24

Place of Death Medina Township

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident Long Lake, Minn.

Pathologist

No

Residence Same

Inquest

No

Sex Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate 10-25-1870 Age 83

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation None

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents Charles Wolsfeld
Elizabeth Merz

Natural ☒

Accident

Self ☒

Homicide

Undetermined ☒

Pneumonia, bilateral, hypostatic;
cerebral arteriosclerosis; arterio-
sclerotic heart disease; fracture,
intertrochanteric, left femur.

Place of Burial Union Cemetery,
Long Lake, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Rettinger Funeral Home,
Long Lake, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. F. Kline of Wayzata, Minn. at 7:20 p.m., July 24, 1954.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., July 18, 1954, the deceased missed a step going out her home according to Dr. R. F. Kline who has been attending the deceased for the past year, incurring a fracture of the left femur. The aged woman was also suffering from senile dementia and heart disease; therefore, her family refused hospitalization for her. The woman developed pneumonia and a few days prior to death had what appeared to be a slight stroke. She expired at 3:50 p.m., July 24.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to pneumonia, bilateral, hypostatic; cerebral arteriosclerosis; arteriosclerotic heart disease; the fracture of the left femur being a contributing factor.

JOSEPHINE WOLSFELD (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Mrs. C. G. Potter; three nieces; and one nephew.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PATRICK MARREN

Date of Death July 25

Place of Death	Swedish Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2313 Snelling Ave.	Pathologist	No
Residence	2313 Snelling Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-17-1858 Age 96		
Birthplace	Ireland		
Occupation	Foundry worker (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Maria Marren		
Names of Parents	John and ? Marren		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Bronchopneumonia due to fracture of right hip.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 468-14-7892

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 11:45 a.m., July 27, 1954.

Deceased, in some manner, fell on the floor in his home on March 28, 1954, sustaining a hip injury. He was taken to Swedish Hospital that day and placed under the care of Dr. Nordahl P. Peterson. X-rays revealed a fracture of the right hip. The following day, March 29, an open reduction of the site of fracture was performed. The deceased made a fairly satisfactory recovery, however, about July 23 bronchopneumonia developed, and the deceased expired at 9:30 p.m., July 25.

There was a history of chronic myocarditis and advanced arteriosclerosis during the past ten years.

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PATRICK MARREN (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to bronchopneumonia due to fracture of the right hip.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Maria; son, John; daughters, Mrs. Russell Olson, Mrs. Theresa Herman, Minneapolis, Mrs. Walter Herkal, Billings, Montana; also ten grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME UNKNOWN JOHN DOE NO. 96

Date of Death Fd. July 26

Place of Death	In Mississippi River, east side of Third Avenue bridge.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Unknown	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.70.
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 60	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Unknown		
Occupation	Unknown		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Unknown		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Unknown	Unclaimed cash deposited with County Treasurer	
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident	Suffocation due to drowning		
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Rosedale Cemetery, Roseville Township, Ramsey Co., Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Gearty-Davis Funeral Home, Robbinsdale, Minn.	Address	

E. J.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:40 a.m., July 26, 1954.

On the morning of July 26, 1954, an unidentified person notified the Police Department that a body was floating in the Mississippi River. His body was recovered by the Fire Department rescue squad on the east side of the Third Avenue Bridge at approximately 8:40 a.m.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. There was no identification on the deceased's body. He was clothed in a brown suit, brown rubber soled canvas shoes. Deceased's heights was 5'6" and the weight approximately 160 lbs. The eyes were blue and the hair was brown with a small amount of gray in it. Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled a suicide.

UNKNOWN JOHN DOE NO. 96 -

Police officers Marica and Slimak of squad 123 responded to the call and investigated this case.

Since the efforts of the Coroner's Office to locate relatives were ineffective, and due to the fact the deceased had no funds for burial, it was necessary for the county to bury the deceased.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME THERESE L. STANTON

Date of Death July 26

Place of Death	In automobile en route to physician's office.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	R.1, Box 284 Mound, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	2 rings (white stones); 1 wedding band (white chips).
Birthdate	3-5-1898 Age 56		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	School teacher		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Hugh F. Stanton		
Names of Parents	John Maus & ? Opdahl		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Mound Union Cemetery, Mound, Minn.	Effects Released to	Huber Funeral Home John T. Huber, F. D.
Funeral Director	Huber Funeral Home, Excelsior, Minn.	Address	Excelsior, Minn.

E. J.

Social Security No. 570-24-2562

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. William I. Davis, Mound, Minn. at 11:40 a.m., July 26, 1954.

On the morning of July 26, 1954, the deceased was found lying on the bathroom floor by her sister, Mrs. Arnold Aslakson, with whom she had been living for the past two years. Mrs. Aslakson states there was a pulse although the lips and tongue were quite blue. Deceased was rushed by car to the office of Dr. William Davis, however, she apparently expired en route and was pronounced dead by the physician upon arrival at his office, death occurring about 11:20 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had been a patient at Glenwood Hills Hospital for a mental condition and was given shock treatments while there. She was discharged from the hospital in February of this year, and since that time has been under the care of Dr. Donald R. Daggett.

THERESE L. STANTON (continued)

The body of the deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Examination of the deceased and chemical analysis of the blood revealed a lethal amount of barbiturates.

Survivors of the decedent are her mother, Mrs. Bessie Netland of Mound; one brother, Walter A. Maus of Riverside, Ill.; three sisters, Mrs. F. L. Brownell of Turner, Oregon, Mrs. James Marble of Yakima, Washington, Mrs. Arnold Aslakson of Mound.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19...54.....

FULL NAME RICHARD J. RYAN

Date of Death Fd. July 26

Place of Death	Minneapolis Public Library, Hennepin Ave. & 10th Street,	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3624-33rd Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$8.60; 1 glasses; 1 coin purse; 1 billfold; 1 notebook; 1 mortgage book; 1 metropolita; 1 key; 4 tokens.
Birthdate	8-29-1881 Age 73		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Paper cutter - printing company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Lillian Ryan		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Effects Released to	Werness Bros. Chapel, by R. E.
E.J. Funeral Director		Address	3700 Nicollet Avenue

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No. 474-16-2950

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:15 p.m., July 26, 1954.

On the afternoon of July 26, 1954, at approximately 1:05 p.m., the deceased was found sitting on toilet with his head against wall behind him, apparently expired, by Paul Sorenson, 2625 Park Avenue. Sorenson had heard the deceased groaning in the men's toilet at the Main Library and summoned the police, Officers Fort and Kolars of Squad 118 responding. They, in turn, summoned a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lillian; daughters, Miss Vivien Ryan, Mrs. Ross

RICHARD J. RYAN (continued)

(Lillian) Haecker, Washington, D. C.; sister, Mrs. Frank Schwab, St. Paul;
brother, John J. Toner, New York City.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME NOEL W. CADY

Date of Death Fd. July 27

Place of Death	Northwestern Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. F. H. Lott
Residence	8916 Minnetonka Boulevard St. Louis Park, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-18-1910 Age 44		
Birthplace	Oklahoma City, Okla. Phoenix		
Occupation	Superintendent-Insurance Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Marjorie (Verne) Cady Noel W. Cady		
Names of Parents	Mayme E. Reynolds		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No. 468-05-2203

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Northwestern Hospital at 7:39 a.m., July 27, 1954.

The deceased had complained of chronic fatigue, nervousness, 15 lb. weight loss the preceding three months, and weakness and pain of the calves. He was admitted to Northwestern Hospital at 9:30 p.m., July 24, 1954 for observation, improvement in his diet, and reduction of excessive and habitual drinking.

Physical examination was essentially negative. The deceased was placed on a high protein diet, supplemented with thiamine and other vitamins, and was given 30 cc. of paraldehyde every six hours for sedation. Up to the time of his death no attempts had been made to decrease his alcoholic intake.

On the morning of July 27, 1954, he took an early morning bath, as was his habit. At 7:00 a.m., a nurse noted water coming from under the bathroom door. Upon investigation,

NOEL W. CADY (continued)

the deceased was found lying in an overflowing tub with his head under water. There was a superficial left frontal laceration which had not been there previously. Attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful, and the deceased was pronounced dead at 7:35 a.m., July 27.

Apparently the deceased had been drinking and two empty half-pint bottles were found in his grip. He was under the care of Dr. J. C. Miller.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 10:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed fatty metamorphosis of the liver; chronic alcoholism; bilateral emphysema of the lungs; bilateral pleural adhesions; also laceration and abrasions of the head. The heart was found to be normal. Chemical examination revealed identical blood chloride levels in the right and left auricles which would indicate that the deceased probably did not drown.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Marjorie; two sons, Robert and Ronald; mother, Mrs. Mayme Cady, Modesto, California; and three sisters, Vivian, Stockton, California; Bernice, Detroit, Michigan, and Marjorie, Modesto, California.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES FLAVIUS CHENOWETH

Date of Death July 27

Place of Death	Garage in rear of 2235 Buchanan St. N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	
Residence	2235 Buchanan St. N. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	* \$1.72; 1 purse.
Birthdate	1-2-1889 Age 65		** 4 loaded shells; 1 empty shell; 1 38 cal. #10849 revolver - Ivar Johnson.
Birthplace	West Virginia		
Occupation	Bookkeeper, Russell-Miller Milling Co.		Sold at Auction; proceeds deposited with County Treasurer
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Florence Chenoweth		
	Charles W. Chenoweth		
Names of Parents	Maggie Bennett		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural ☒ Accident ☒ Suicide Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	** Fred Buchinger, F. D.
Kaplan Funeral Director	Buchinger Funeral Home	Address	2535 Central Ave. N. E.
		Social Security No.	472-01-1812
		Veteran ☒ Yes No	WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:10 a.m., July 27, 1954

The deceased, a retired bookkeeper, lived with his wife, Florence, at 2235 Buchanan Street Northeast. He had retired from his job at the Russell Miller Milling Company on July 1st of this year.

Shortly before 8:00 a.m., July 27, the deceased went upstairs to his room. He came back down and went through the kitchen to the back yard about 8:10 a.m. His wife noted that he entered the garage. A short time later Mrs. Chenoweth heard what sounded like a fire-cracker exploding. She called to her husband, and when she received no response, went into the garage to investigate. There she found the deceased, lying on the garage floor in a pool of blood. An old revolver, given to the deceased by his father years ago, was lying about a foot behind him. The time was approximately 8:20 a.m.

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Mrs. Chenoweth summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital, however, Dr. Williams, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced the man dead on arrival.

As is customary when an ambulance is summoned from General Hospital, the police department is notified simultaneously. Officers Greeley and Jarosack, squad #124, arrived at the scene and conducted an investigation. The gun was an Iver-Johnson 38 caliber revolver, butt No. 10849.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner it was noted the body was lying on the right side. The gun was directly behind the body. Upon questioning Mrs. Chenoweth he learned the deceased had been nervous and depressed since May, 1954. He had been treating with Doctors C. E. Arlander and C. A. McKinlay. It was stated he had visited one of these physicians on July 26th. He had also consulted Dr. Andrew J. Leemhuis, a neurologist. The deceased's wife stated her husband had apparently made the trip upstairs that morning for the purpose of getting his gun, although she did not see it when he walked through the kitchen. He did not speak to her when he left the kitchen, she stated.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to a funeral director. The death was due to gunshot wound of head, a suicide.

Detectives Mahnke and Melchisedeck of the homicide division were also active in the investigation on this case.

In addition to his wife, mentioned herein, the deceased is survived by two daughters, two sons and six grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME GEORGE HENRY BERKHOLDER

Date of Death Pd. July 27

Place of Death	Rockford Road, Greenwood Township, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Maple Plain, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$50.01; 3 keys; 1 billfold; 1 glasses.
Birthdate	6-27-1897 Age 57		
Birthplace	Wausau, Wis.		
Occupation	Designer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Lila Berkholder		
Names of Parents	George H. Berkholder Wilhelmina Franzel		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. Lila Berkholder, widow
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	Maple Plain, Minn.

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 1:30 p.m., July 27, 1954.

On July 27, 1954, the deceased was painting posts for signs on the Rockford Road when he suddenly collapsed and became unresponsive. A physician from Delano was summoned, however, the deceased expired before the doctor's arrival, death occurring at approximately 1:15 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Deputy sheriff Wyberg was also notified and attended the scene of death.

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George Henry Berkholder (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lila, and one daughter, Priscilla Jane.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LOUISE PARTRIDGE ANDREWS

Date of Death July 28

Place of Death	649 North Beach Road, Wayzata, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. C. M. Van Prooyen
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-23-1915 Age 39		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Dexter L. Andrews		
Names of Parents	Earl Partridge Grace Townshend		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Severe coronary sclerosis.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. F. Kline of Wayzata, Minnesota at 11:00 p.m., July 28, 1954.

On the evening of July 28, 1954, the deceased had dinner at the nearby home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sewall Andrews, and the two women had walked together back to the deceased's home. Shortly thereafter, she went upstairs to put the children to bed. Suddenly, she remarked that she felt very tired and collapsed. Dr. R. F. Kline was summoned immediately, however, the deceased expired before the physician's arrival, death occurring at about 9:00 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased had been a patient of Dr. W. W. Rieke, an associate of Dr. Kline, who is out of town. She has also been receiving psychiatric care from Dr. Donald W. Hastings.

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LOUISE PARTRIDGE ANDREWS (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:30 a.m., July 29. This revealed moderate to marked coronary sclerosis with probably thrombosis of the distal portion of the right coronary artery at the apex; also mild pulmonary edema of the right lower lobe noted.

In the opinion of the pathologist, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination before determining the cause of this woman's death.

The decedent is survived by two daughters, Sally and Grace; a son, Dexter, Jr., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Partridge, Wayzata.

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Year 19 54

FULL NAME BESSIE A. POOLER Date of Death Fd. July 28

Place of Death	3857 First Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-21-1853 Age 101		
Birthplace	Carlisle, Ohio		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Charles Pooler		
Names of Parents	Thomas Anderson & Isabelle Wilson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Evergreen Cemetery, Menomonie, Wis.	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Hanson Nugent Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Hanson Nugent Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m., July 30, 1954.

On the morning of July 28, 1954, a member of the family went into the deceased's room to awaken her about 8:00 a.m., and found the woman dead in bed. It was stated, the deceased had appeared to be in her usual health and had been up and around everyday. She had not consulted a physician during the past two years.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent are her daughters, Mrs. Edward Williams, Mound, Minnesota,

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Mrs. D. C. Cohane, Detroit, Michigan; son, Albert Pooler, Minneapolis; also six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Hospital at 4:55 a.m., July 29, 1954.

On the morning of July 29, 1954, a member of the family went into the deceased's room to awaken her about 8:00 a.m., and found the woman dead in bed. It was stated, the deceased had appeared to be in her usual health and had been up and around yesterday. She had not contacted a physician during the past few days.

When called notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary atherosclerosis.

Survivors of the deceased are her daughter, Mrs. Albert Pooler, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME PHOEBE ANN BARNES Date of Death Fd. July 29

Place of Death	Oak Ridge Hospital, 725 Fremont Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Walker Methodist Home, 3701 Bryant Avenue S.	Pathologist	No
Residence	4 Washburn Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-19-1868 Age 86		
Birthplace	Fillmore County, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Allison Eugene Barnes		
Names of Parents	Erwin Rolfe & Margaret Haas		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Pulmonary embolus; thrombophlebitis, left leg; fracture left hip.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Harmony, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address	

Folsom

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Oak Ridge Hospital at 4:55 a.m., July 29, 1954.

While getting out of bed on June 7, 1954, the deceased fell in some manner, sustaining an injury to the left hip. The deceased was removed by ambulance to the Abbott Hospital where an x-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip. An open reduction and plating of the left hip was performed on June 10. On July 14, 1954, the deceased was transferred to Oak Ridge Hospital, being admitted at 2:45 p.m., for convalescent care.

The deceased developed thrombophlebitis in the left leg and was found dead in bed at 4:20 a.m., July 29.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body which was

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later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to pulmonary embolus and thrombophlebitis, left leg; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Clyde A. Barnes; daughter, Mrs. Luella Wilcox; one brother and one granddaughter.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HAROLD ALFRED WYLLIE

Date of Death Fd. July 29

Place of Death	In Mississippi River at Sixth Avenue S. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	1471 Timber Lake Road, St. Paul, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-25-1920 Age 34		
Birthplace	Adair County, Iowa		
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Edna Ann Wyllie		
Names of Parents	Hiram Wyllie Helen I. Meltabarger		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Suffocation due to drowning.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Fontanelle, Iowa	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers Funeral Home	Address	

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Social Security No. 523-12-5493

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:15 a.m., July 29, 1954.

Donald Anderson, 2740-13th Avenue South, operator of the grate cleaning machine at the lower dam of the St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company saw the body of the deceased float to the surface at approximately 9:00 a.m. while he was working. The police were notified, Officers Nikola and W. N. Johnson responding and the body was recovered from the Mississippi river at Sixth Avenue Northeast.

Deceased was clad in jockey shorts without a laundry mark and the features were distorted and swollen, especially on the left side. The body was in an early stage of decomposition. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where identification of the body was made by the deceased's father, Hiram A. Wyllie, c/o Fairview Farm, Odebolt, Iowa, Mrs. Barbara Floetl, 282 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, and Frank Floetl, 282 St. Anthony Avenue, at 2:00 p.m., July 29. The Floetl's are friends of the deceased with whom he had been

HAROLD ALFRED WYLLIE (continued)

rooming.

It was stated, the deceased and a companion, Joseph Foster, 39, 12 N. Second Street, went for a swim in the Mississippi river at the foot of Portland Avenue in Minneapolis about 4:30 p.m., July 27, 1954. Foster stated the deceased swam out from shore and started treading water. The next time Foster looked, the deceased went under and did not come up. According to police, the river current is very swift at this point.

Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Edna, and father, Hiram A. Wyllie, Odebolt, Iowa, both previously mentioned in this report.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

CLARENCE W. CHRISTENSEN

Date of Death

July 29

Place of Death

616 LaSalle Building

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence

6709 Elliot Avenue,
Richfield, Minn.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$21.48; 1 Masonic ring;
1 billfold; 1 pen and pencil.

Birthdate

4-22-1918 Age 36

Birthplace

Mason City, Iowa

Occupation

Comptroller, Elmer Olson & Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Helen Christensen

Names of Parents

Walter and Elizabeth Christensen

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural ☒
Accident ☐
Suicide ☒
Homicide ☒
Undetermined ☐

Laryngo-spasm due to administration
of pollen extract. (Prophylactic).

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Milton E. Winslow, friend

E. J. Funeral Director

Enger Funeral Home

Address

Minneapolis Police Dept.

Social Security No. 475-01-5783

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

Miss Dorothy Karbo, 3510 Benjamin Street Northeast, a nurse in the office of Doctor Albert V. Stoesser, 616 LaSalle Building, reported this case to the Coroner's Office at 2:55 p.m., July 29, 1954.

On Thursday afternoon, July 29, the deceased, who had a history of asthma, had gone to the office of Doctor Stoesser for an injection of pollen extract. The deceased, it was stated, had experienced rather severe reactions on a couple occasions, therefore, a small dose of the extract was given. After administration of the extract the deceased's breathing became difficult. Aminophyllin was given intravenously, followed by intracardiac adrenalin. A bronchoscopy was attempted, without success. The fire department rescue squad was summoned, however, all efforts to resuscitate the man were of no avail. He was pronounced dead at 2:26 p.m., death being attributed to laryngo-spasm. The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

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The deputy coroner investigating the case deemed it unnecessary to perform an autopsy. The deceased's wife, it was stated, also was not in favor of such an examination. However, the following morning Mrs. Christensen reconsidered and decided that an autopsy should be performed on her husband. This was subsequently done during the afternoon of July 30.

It was assumed the deceased had been experiencing asthmatic difficulty at the time he consulted Doctor Stoesser on July 29. Police officer acquaintances who came to the morgue to verify the deceased's death and establish identification, mentioned the fact that the deceased had suffered from asthma and hay fever for several years. Thus, the coroner ruled the death as natural, since, obviously, the pollen extract had been administered therapeutically, therefore, the death certificate was changed accordingly.

On August 9 Doctor J. P. Korchik, the deceased's regular physician, informed the coroner that the deceased had experienced no attacks during the past six months, furthermore, his lungs were clear and he was in good health on the day the pollen extract was given. The injection was desired as a preventative, since the "hay fever" season was approaching and the deceased was desirous of avoiding a recurrence of his allergy. This additional information, which had not originally been given to the Coroner's Office, changed the diagnosis, since it seems the pollen extract in this instance was actually given prophylactically and not therapeutically. It was, therefore, necessary to re-classify this death as accidental.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Carol Ann and Mary Lou; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christensen; and a brother, Robert.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME FRANK AUGUST PETERSON

Date of Death July 29

Place of Death	Swedish Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2400 East 37th St.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-11-1862 Age 91		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Lumber scaler		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Johanna Peterson		
Names of Parents	Peter and Ingrid Nelson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural x		
	Accident	Bronchopneumonia due to fracture of pelvis.	
	Suicide x		
	Homicide x		
	Undetermined x		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 4:35 p.m., July 30, 1954.

The deceased, an aged man, fell in some manner in the bedroom of his home on July 26, 1954. He was removed by ambulance to Swedish Hospital on the same date. Examination revealed a fractured pelvis. Due to his advanced age and general physical condition the deceased was unable to recover. Death occurred at 5:10 p.m., July 29th.

Dr. Oliver H. Peterson, Sr., physician in attendance, signed the death certificate with cause of death given as bronchopneumonia due to fracture of pelvis, therefore the Health Department notified the Coroner's Office and a new death certificate was signed by the deputy coroner.

FRANK AUGUST PETERSON (Continued)

The decedent is survived by a son, Axel G., a daughter, Miss Anna E. Peterson, and one grandson, LeRoy.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELLEN A. MORLEY

Date of Death Fd. July 30

Place of Death	3648 Blaisdell Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 70	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Canada		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	? Morley George La Duke Letitia McCormack		
Names of Parents			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Apoplexy	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	White Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:20 a.m., July 30, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly lady, rented a room at 3648 Blaisdell Avenue. She had lived there since February 21, 1954, it was stated. Her landlady, Mrs. Henrietta Gage, last saw the deceased on Saturday morning, July 24th, when she returned from a vacation.

On Friday morning at 7:10 a.m., July 30, Mrs. Gage went to the deceased's room. She found the woman dead in her bed. Apparently she had been dead for sometime.

Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to the scene. A niece, a Miss Fitzgerald, was questioned. She stated she had visited the deceased on Wednesday, July 28th. Her aunt had a history of apoplexy, it was stated. A bottle of hypertension tablets were found on a bureau in the room.

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ELLEN A. MORLEY (Continued)

Survivors of the deceased are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

Police officers Olson and Thompson, squad #151, were active in the investigation of this case.

HISTORY:
This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:30 a.m., July 30, 1954.
The deceased, an elderly lady, resided at 1515 Groveland Avenue, St. Louis Park, Minn. She had lived there since February 21, 1954. It was stated that her husband, Mr. Samuelson, had just seen the deceased on Saturday morning, July 24th, when she returned from a vacation.
On Friday morning at 7:00 a.m., July 30, Mrs. McKay went to the deceased's room. She found the woman dead in her bed. Apparently she had been dead for sometime.
Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to the scene. A nurse, a Miss Fitzgerald, was questioned. She stated she had visited the deceased on Wednesday, July 28th. Her usual history of apoplexy, it was stated, is not atypical. A bottle of aspirin tablets was found on a bureau in the room.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ANNA M. SAMUELSON

Date of Death July 30

Place of Death	Groveland Terrace Nursing Home, 15 Groveland Terrace	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3042 Lynn Avenue St. Louis Park, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-11-1866 Age 87		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Charles A. Samuelson		
Names of Parents	Nels and Christine Olson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	XXXXX		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Albin Chapel	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. Dorothy Davies, nurse at University Hospitals, at 8:30 p.m., July 30, 1954.

According to the history on this case the deceased had recently been a patient at University Hospitals with an admitting diagnosis of carcinoma of the stomach. While there a gastrectomy had been performed by physicians on the surgical staff. The woman was discharged from the hospital on July 13, 1954 as cured, and went to the Groveland Terrace Nursing Home, 15 Groveland Terrace, for convalescence.

The head nurse at the nursing home, Mrs. McKay, checked the aged patient at 6:30 p.m., July 29th. Her heart action was good at that time, she stated. However, the woman became ill in the night. She expired quite suddenly at 4:44 a.m., July 30, with symptoms indicative of a cerebral hemorrhage.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CRAIG ALLEN MOOERS

Date of Death Fd. August 1

Place of Death	7309 Newton Avenue South Richfield, Minnesota	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Russell J. Eilers
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-14-54 Age 1 month, 17 days		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Infant		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Harry E. Mooers & Joan		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Bronchopneumonia	
	Accidentx		
	Suicidexxx		
	Homicidexx		
	Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Acacia Park, Mendota, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. S. Belzer at 7:15 a.m., August 1, 1954.

The deceased, a male infant, was born June 14, 1954 in a normal delivery. According to his mother, Mrs. Harry Mooers, the baby had shown symptoms of a cold on July 31, 1954. He did not have a temperature, however. The baby was given his regular 2:00 a.m. feeding August 1st and then returned to his crib. When Mrs. Mooers got up to check the infant at 6:00 a.m. that morning she became alarmed at his appearance. She summoned Dr. M. S. Belzer to the home, who found the infant was dead. The deceased had been lying face down when the physician arrived, however, during his examination he had turned the baby over on his back.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene. The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:35 a.m. August. 1st. This revealed death was due to bronchopneumonia.

CORONER'S RECORD

ANNA M. SAMUELSON (Continued)

Examination of the body was made by the deputy coroner at the nursing home. He attributed death to a cerebral hemorrhage.

The decedent is survived by several nieces and nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954.....

FULL NAME JOHN A. DINGMANN

Date of Death August 1

Place of Death Veterans Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident St. Cloud, Stearns County, Minn.

Pathologist Dr. Paul Finley

Residence 2322 Garfield Avenue South

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-7-1891 Age 63

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Retired

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife ? Dingmann

Names of Parents John Dingmann & Bertha Stimmler

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural ☒

Accident Pulmonary embolism due to fractured pelvis.

Suicide ☒Homicide ☒Undetermined ☒

Place of Burial St. Mark's Cemetery, Clear Lake, Minn.

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Billman-Hunt Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☒WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 11:35 a.m., August 1, 1954.

According to information received by the Coroner's Office, on July 17, 1954 the deceased was engaged in putting a roof on a home he owned in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He had tied a rope around himself, it was stated, the other end fastened to the building to keep him from falling. However, the rope broke and deceased fell a distance of twelve to fourteen feet.

Dr. Henry W. Goehrs of St. Cloud was summoned and gave deceased first aid. He was later transferred by ambulance to Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the pelvis. On July 31 the deceased, who had been making good progress, was able to be out of bed and sit in a chair. Early the next morning, however, 2:45 a.m., August 1, he suddenly expired.

CRAIG ALLEN MOOERS (Continued)

In addition to his parents the deceased is survived by a brother, Steven, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mooers, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Repper.

JOHN A. DINGMANN (Continued)

An autopsy was performed at Veterans Hospital on the date of death by Dr. Paul Finley. This revealed death was due to pulmonary embolism, due to fractured pelvis. Compression fractures of the 1st and 3rd lumbar vertebrae were also noted.

CORONER'S RECORD

701

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME DAVID LEE SCOFIELD

Date of Death August 2

Place of Death	Swedish Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	In alley at rear of 3418 Elliot Avenue South	Pathologist	Dr. Janis Sika
Residence	3438 Elliot Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-24-1945 Age 9		
Birthplace	Grand Island, Nebraska		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	George A. Scofield & Mary Elizabeth Reed		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalxx Truck Accident Suicidexx Homicidexx Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Gill Brothers	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by authorities at Swedish Hospital at 4:50 p.m., August 2, 1954.

On the morning of August 2, 1954, the deceased, a boy of nine, was playing in and around the alley at the rear of his home at 3438 Elliot Avenue South. Travelling north through the alley was a 1936 Chevrolet truck, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. Y 107-046. Driver of the vehicle, Alvin P. Christenson, age 34, 617 Park Avenue, and his helper, Harry Swanson, 32, 1618 Clinton Avenue, were collecting rubbish in the district. Owner of the truck is Norman Linn, 1522 South Eighth Street.

About 10:15 a.m. the deceased, being chased in play by a neighbor lad, darted into the alley from alongside a garage. He was struck by the rubbish truck as he entered the alley and was pushed along the concrete pavement. After being struck, the boy got up and walked to

DAVID LEE SCOFIELD (Continued)

the rear of 3418 Elliot Avenue where he laid down on the grass, complaining of stomach pains.

Neighbors who witnessed the accident were Mary Jane Florin, 3421 Chicago Avenue, Apt. 1, Mrs. Evelyn Grinder, 3427 Chicago Avenue, and Steven Lenarz, age 9, 3429 Chicago Avenue. One of the neighbors called a private physician who in turn contacted Swedish Hospital. A Smith ambulance was dispatched to the scene and the boy was removed to Swedish Hospital.

Driver of the truck remained at the scene of the accident until the boy was removed to the hospital. However, the accident was not reported to the Police Department at this time.

Upon arrival at the hospital a preliminary examination revealed skin abrasions of the left lower chest and upper abdominal regions, the right elbow, left shoulder, arm and forearm, the chin and both knees. Extensive internal injuries were indicated. Hospital procedures were unsuccessful and the lad expired at 4:35 p.m. the same day.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:00 a.m., August 3rd. This revealed an extensive laceration of the liver, rupture of the splenic capsule with subcapsular hemorrhage, retroperitoneal and massive intraabdominal hemorrhage, and exsanguination. There was ecchymoses in the diaphragm, posterior mediastinum, pericardium, lungs, and parietal pleura. Also noted was hemorrhagic pleural effusion and a subcutaneous hematoma of the right zygoma.

The deceased is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Scofield and one brother, Jonathon.

Police officers Merrell and Clem Johnson of traffic squads T-516 and T-517 investigated this accident when they were notified by the Coroner's Office that the boy had expired. Mr. Christenson, driver of the truck, came to the Police Department of his own volition on August 3rd.

CORONER'S RECORD

702

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JOHN J. STOLLER

Date of Death August 2

Place of Death	536 Midland Bank Building	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4311 W. 36th St., St. Louis Park	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$350.25; 1 billfold; 11 keys; 1 glasses; 1 Bulova wrist watch; 1 ring blue stone.
Birthdate	6-17-1907 Age 47		
Birthplace	Brooklyn, New York		
Occupation	Attorney		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Bernice Stoller		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Charles and Rose Stoller		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident xx		
	Suicide xx		
	Homicide xx		
Undetermined xx			
Place of Burial	United Brotherhood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. John J. Stoller, widow
Folsom	Funeral Director Zeesman Funeral Home	Address	4311 W. 36th St.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Lowell W. Weber at 5:10 p.m., August 2, 1954.

The deceased was a lawyer who maintained an office at 536 Midland Bank Building. On Monday afternoon, August 2, he was talking to a client in his office when he suddenly felt very weak. He excused the client, it was stated, then called his wife and Dr. Lowell W. Weber. The physician had treated the deceased in April of 1953 for rheumatic valvular disease and aortic stenosis, but had not seen the man since that time.

When Dr. Weber arrived he found the deceased lying on the floor of his office. It was noted the man had vomited. His pulse was very rapid. When questioned by the doctor he stated he had no pain. An ambulance was summoned, however, within a few seconds the deceased went into a convulsion and expired. Adrenalin was injected but without success. Death occurred at 5:02 p.m.

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CORONER'S RECORD

JOHN J. STOLLER (Continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene. The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was ascribed to coronary heart disease.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Bernice; two daughters, Nancy and Susan; his mother, Rose; and four sisters, Mrs. Eugene Wolfson, Chicago, Mrs. Arthur Paymar, St. Paul, Mrs. Robert E. Levy and Mrs. Alvin A. Katz, Minneapolis.

Police officers Carlson and Phillips of squad #117 arrived at the scene as is customary when an ambulance is summoned. They remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where it was examined by Dr. J. J. Stoller, Deputy Coroner, on August 2, 1954. The body was found in a rooming house at 1825 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, where the deceased was living with his wife, Bernice. The body was found in a rooming house at 1825 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, where the deceased was living with his wife, Bernice. The body was found in a rooming house at 1825 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, where the deceased was living with his wife, Bernice.

The decedent is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stoller, 1825 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, and his four sisters, Mrs. Eugene Wolfson, Chicago, Mrs. Arthur Paymar, St. Paul, Mrs. Robert E. Levy and Mrs. Alvin A. Katz, Minneapolis.

Police officers Carlson and Phillips of squad #117 arrived at the scene as is customary when an ambulance is summoned. They remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where it was examined by Dr. J. J. Stoller, Deputy Coroner, on August 2, 1954. The body was found in a rooming house at 1825 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, where the deceased was living with his wife, Bernice.

The decedent is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stoller, 1825 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, and his four sisters, Mrs. Eugene Wolfson, Chicago, Mrs. Arthur Paymar, St. Paul, Mrs. Robert E. Levy and Mrs. Alvin A. Katz, Minneapolis.

Police officers Carlson and Phillips of squad #117 arrived at the scene as is customary when an ambulance is summoned. They remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CONRAD E. THARALSON

Date of Death August 2

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	740 East 16th Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-26-1896 Age 58		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Leather finisher, S. R. Sikes Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Tharal Tharalson & Julia Olson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Diabetic coma	
	Accidentx		
	Suicidexxx		
	Homicidex		
	Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folston	Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	

Social Security No. 468-09-8883

Veteran Yesx No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Voigt of Minneapolis General Hospital at 5:30 p.m., August 2, 1954.

The deceased had a history of diabetes extending over a long period of time, it was stated, and was taking 20 units of insulin twice a day.

On Monday morning, August 2, the deceased suffered an insulin reaction. He was given sugar water by neighbors but became worse and an ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. Neighbors stated the man had not been feeling well for the past three days. He had suffered an insulin reaction about 6:21 p.m., June 2, while eating in a cafe, and had not been feeling well since.

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CORONER'S RECORD

CONRAD E. THARALSON (Continued)

The deceased was admitted to the hospital at 10:55 a.m. He was unable to speak, was cyanotic, and frothing at the mouth. Death occurred within five minutes of admission, at 11:00 a.m.

The body was viewed by the deputy coroner at General Hospital and released to a funeral director. Death was ascribed to diabetic coma.

Surviving the decedent are one sister, Mrs. Sverre H. Olsen, 2223 Eleventh Avenue South, Minneapolis; two brothers, George M. Larsen, St. Paul and Arthur Tharalson, Minneapolis; one niece, Joan Hitch of Georgia; and two nephews, Richard Olsen and Raymond Tharalson, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

704

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDWARD FRANK PURDY

Date of Death August 2

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital (receiving ward)	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. C. M. Van Prooyen
Residence	2877 Holmes Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-28-1880 Age 74		
Birthplace	Burlington, Iowa		
Occupation	Manager, theatre		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lillian Ruth Purdy		
Names of Parents	George D. Purdy & Victoria Augusta		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Severe coronary sclerosis with old thrombosis of left circumflex artery; arteriosclerotic heart disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 472-01-0072A

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 10:55 p.m., August 2, 1954.

The deceased had just returned to Minneapolis from Chicago by train. He was in the Great Northern Railroad station when he collapsed and fell to the floor, incurring a laceration over the left temporal region of the scalp in the fall. An ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. Dr. R. Schultz, physician aboard the ambulance, examined the deceased at the scene. No pulse was discernible, nor pupillary reflex or breath sounds. However, apical pulsation was noted so the man was placed in the ambulance and taken to the hospital. Oxygen was given en route, however, upon arrival at the receiving ward, at 10:52 p.m., the man had expired. The date was August 2nd.

An autopsy was performed at General Hospital the following day, August 3rd. This revealed death was due to severe coronary sclerosis with old thrombosis of left circumflex

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CORONER'S RECORD

EDWARD FRANK PURDY (Continued)

artery and arteriosclerotic heart disease. A probably subacute myocardial infarction and fibrosis of the myocardium was noted. A skull fracture of the left frontal bone and subdural hemorrhage of the left cerebellar area were revealed. There was a laceration and hematoma of the left temporofrontal area of the scalp, as well as periorbital hematomas, bilateral. Other findings were a fat necrosis of the mesentery, old, a polypoid mass to the ileocecal valve, nodular prostate, and arteriosclerosis of the kidneys.

Surviving the decedent are his wife, Lillian; a daughter, Mrs. Norman E. Indall; one son, Edward F. Jr.; a brother, Harry D. Purdy; a sister, Mrs. H. D. Palmer; and three grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

705

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ALFRED CONRAD LOBERG

Date of Death Fd. August 3

Place of Death	Spring Park, Minnesota	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3434 Xerxes Avenue North	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-5-1883 Age 71		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Carpenter		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Ole O. Loberg & Ellen Erickson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	
	Accidentxx		
	Suicidexx		
	Homicidexx		
	Undeterminedxx		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WWI ☐ WWII ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Ernest Starr, a neighbor of deceased, at 7:45 a.m., August 3, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, divided his time between his home at Spring Park on Togo Road, Rt. 1, Box 434, and his sister's home in Minneapolis. On Monday afternoon, August 2nd., he was staying at the Spring Park place. He was mowing the lawn, it was stated, when he complained to a neighbor, Victor Swanson, Northland Avenue, Spring Park, that he had a pain in his chest. According to Swanson, the deceased asked him to get him a drink of whiskey. After taking the drink, the deceased vomited, it was stated, but seemed to feel somewhat better. A short time later the deceased, together with Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, and another neighboring couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Starr, Togo Road, Spring Park, went out together and, it was stated, had a few more drinks. When the deceased returned home he went out to finish mowing the lawn, after requesting that Swanson look in upon him the next morning.

CORONER'S RECORD

ALFRED CONRAD LOBERG (Continued)

At 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, August 3rd, Swanson came to the deceased's house. He found the man lying dead on his bed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene. The deceased was lying on the bed in his bedroom. The body was partly on the right side. The man was fully clothed in a khaki shirt, brown trousers, shoes and stockings. According to Swanson these were the clothes the deceased had been wearing about 5:30 the afternoon before at which time he was mowing the lawn. None of the neighbors had seen him alive since that time.

Further examination revealed the body was cold and rigor mortis was fully established. There was marked lividity of the dependent portions. The man had apparently been dead twelve hours or more when found. Death was ascribed to arteriosclerotic heart disease.

Surviving the decedent is his sister, Mrs. Max H. (Adelia) Busse, 3434 Xerxes Avenue North, Minneapolis, five nieces and six nephews.

Deputy Norberg of the Sheriff's Office was active in the investigation of this death at the scene.

CORONER'S RECORD

706

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME THELMA LARSON RAITER

Date of Death Fd. August 3

Place of Death	5330 France Avenue South	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$27.24; 1 white purse; 1 card case; 1 billfold; 2 car keys; 8 keys in case; 1 Timex wrist watch; 2 keys; 3 tokens; 1 dinner ring (multiple stones- 1 blue stone in center); 1 engagement ring (1 white stone & 2 small blue stones) 1 wedding ring.
Birthdate	10-13-1898 Age 55		
Birthplace	Superior, Wisconsin		
Occupation	Sales clerk, Gorder Linen Shop		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		Other effects listed on Morgue Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)
Name of Husband or Wife	Franklin W. S. Raiter		
Names of Parents	Louis H. Larson & Margaret Fleaton		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☒ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fairview Cemetery, Stillwater, Minn.	Effects Released to	Franklin W. Raiter, son
Funeral Director	Gill Brothers	Address	5330 France Ave. S.

Social Security No. 470-36-0492

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 11:35 a.m., August 3, 1954.

The deceased lived alone in apartment No. 205 at 5330 France Avenue South. On Monday, August 2, 1954, Mrs. Q. J. Meeuwssen, 6005 West 35th Street, a long time friend of the deceased, tried to contact the deceased by phone but received no response. The next morning August 3rd, Mrs. Meeuwssen, becoming apprehensive that something had happened to her friend, went over to her apartment. She found the door locked. She then summoned the caretaker, Mrs. Mae A. Krake, who took her passkey and unlocked the door. However, they found the burglar chain had been fastened across the opening. The two women broke the chain and entered. They found the deceased lying on the bathroom floor. She undoubtedly was dead. The time was 10:30 a.m.

THELMA LARSON RAITER (Continued)

The Edina Police Department was notified, also the Sheriff's Office. Police officers Gramer and Captain McGary of the Edina Police arrived and put in a call for a deputy coroner.

Upon examination of the premises by the deputy coroner it was noted that the lights were on in the bedroom, and the bedroom fan was in motion. The bed was rumpled as though slept in. A burglar chain was in the locked position on the rear door to the apartment. The deceased was lying on the bathroom floor with her head in the southwest corner under the sink. She was lying on the right side, in a semi-prone position. A marked livor of the dependent parts was noted. A slight oozing from the mouth and nose was apparent. Rigor mortis was absent, the body cold. Apparently the woman had been dead for twenty-four hours or longer.

A further check of the premises revealed a broken wine glass in the kitchen sink. Decanters and glasses were found on the coffee table in the living room. A can of strong beer, two-thirds empty, was found beneath the bed, several empty cans in the kitchen waste-basket.

The caretaker stated she last saw the deceased alive about 7:45 p.m. Sunday, August 1st. The woman appeared to be in good spirits at that time. She said the tenant occupying the apartment adjoining the dead woman's was away on a trip and the tenant who lived directly below stated she had heard nothing unusual over the week end.

Several prescription bottles were found on shelves in the bathroom. They had been issued by Doctors R. S. Ylvisaker, J. Myhre, and J. A. O'Hanlon. A check with these physicians revealed the deceased had suffered from a number of minor complaints including hot flashes, dizzy spells, and so forth. None of the physicians had ever made a diagnosis of a heart condition or other condition which might lead to sudden death. Dr. O'Hanlon had treated her most recently, on March 18, 1954. At that time he prescribed medication for a sore throat.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 4:00 p.m., August 3rd. This revealed a fracture of the temporoparietal region of the skull, bilateral. (Most severe on the left side). There was edema of the brain and probable concussion. The spinal fluid was blood tinged. A hematoma of the right supra-orbital region of the scalp was noted. A fracture of the sixth cervical vertebra was revealed, also cystitis.

A sample of the blood was sent to the toxicological chemist for analysis. A subsequent report revealed the presence of 0.32% of ethyl-alcohol in the blood.

It is the opinion of the deputy coroner that the deceased slipped while entering the bathroom and fell, causing her injuries accidentally. A later check with Mrs. B. W. Wilder, tenant who occupies the apartment next to the deceased's, was made. She stated she had heard the deceased fall in her apartment on numerous occasions in the past.

The decedent is survived by one son, Franklin, W. S. Raiter, of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LOUIS F. GIGUERE

Date of Death August 3

Place of Death St. Mary's Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 2919 Crestview Ave. N. E.

Pathologist Dr. Allen S. Judd

Residence 2926 Dupont Avenue North

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-17-1891 Age 63

Birthplace Cadott, Wisconsin

Occupation Carpenter

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Bess Uehren Giguere

Names of Parents Philip and ? Giguere

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Bronchopneumonia, bilateral; encephalomalacia, both frontal lobes of brain due to fracture of left occipital region of skull

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Knaeble Company

Address

Social Security No. 473-09-5998

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Mary's Hospital at 1:25 p.m., August 3, 1954.

On the afternoon of June 25, 1954, the deceased, a carpenter, was employed by Andrew Fedora, a contractor who lives at 2107 Second Street Northeast. He was working on a new home under construction at 2919 Crestview Avenue Northeast. The man was up on a step-ladder, it was stated, when he fell off, in some manner, striking his head against some cement blocks which were piled on the ground. Seriously injured, the man was removed by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital where he was admitted at 3:50 p.m. Admitting examination revealed a severe laceration on the back of the head. Indicated were a fracture of the left occipital region of the skull and a subdural hematoma. Trephine surgery was performed on June 26th by Dr. Paul Blake, neuro-surgeon. Dr. R. P. Neary was the attending physician.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

LOUIS F. GIGUERE (Continued)

The deceased's hospital course was unsatisfactory. Early in August bronchopneumonia developed, and the man expired at 12:30 p.m., August 3rd.

An autopsy was performed at St. Mary's Hospital at 4:45 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed death was due to bronchopneumonia, bilateral, also encephalomalacia both frontal lobes of brain due to fracture of left occipital region of skull. Other findings included abscesses of the right upper lobe of the lungs, fatty metamorphosis of the liver, a solitary gallstone in the gallbladder, and a hemorrhage, anterior, left, into the internal capsule.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Bess, two sons, John and Robert; five grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

FULL NAME ALEX SCHILLING

Date of Death August 3

Place of Death	University Hospitals	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	On tow boat, St. Paul, Minnesota	Pathologist	Dr. Ralph Nelson
Residence	72 East Sycamore Street, St. Paul, Minnesota	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-24-1900 Age 54		
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Laborer, construction		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Pauline Schilling		
Names of Parents	George & Elizabeth Schilling		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☒ Accident ☒ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	John Adams & Sons, " "	Address	

Social Security No.

 Veteran Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. Mills, Elliot Desk, University Hospitals, at 12:05 p.m., August 4, 1954.

On July 24, 1954, the deceased, an employee of the Massman Construction Company, Kansas City, Kansas, was working as a laborer on a tow boat when a sliver entered the ring finger of his right hand. The injury occurred while the boat was at or near the Chicago and Great Western Railroad bridge in South St. Paul, directly at the rear of the Northern Cooperage Company. Care was given at home, part of the sliver being removed. The deceased's first real complaint was on July 31st, at which time he was unable to open his jaws and felt some slight neck rigidity. He was seen by Dr. Orris O. Rollie of St. Paul who made arrangements for his admission to Bethesda Hospital that same afternoon. The man was given 90,000 units of tetanus antitoxin during the first six hours. The following morning the symptoms presented a typical picture of tetanus. Altogether 190,000 units of tetanus antitoxin were administered.

ALEX SCHILLING (Continued)

On August 2nd Dr. Rollie referred the deceased to University Hospitals where he was taken by ambulance that day, being admitted at 2:15 p.m. Hospital procedures were unsuccessful, the deceased expiring at 5:00 p.m., August 3rd.

An autopsy was performed on the date of death. This revealed a normal spinal cord, also normal brain. Atelectasis and hypostasis of the lungs was noted. The heart was found to be normal. The liver was fatty. There was a nodule on the left adrenal medulla, also one in the prostate. The left kidney was enlarged, with venous engorgement of both kidneys noted. Other findings were hepato-splenomegaly and scattered hemorrhagic areas in the gastro-intestinal tract.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME WILLIAM HENRY LARSEN

Date of Death August 4

Place of Death	3727 Colfax Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-21-1879 Age 74		
Birthplace	Albert Lea, Minnesota		
Occupation	Compositor - printing		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Ethel Larsen		
Names of Parents	Lars and ? Larsen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural x Accident x Suicide x Homicide x Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yesx
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 5:35 p.m., August 4, 1954.

The deceased had made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stoppel, at 3727 Colfax Avenue North for the past seventeen years. At 5:50 Wednesday evening, August 4th, the elderly man was found dead on the floor of his bedroom by his son-in-law, when the latter returned home from work. It was stated the deceased had been seen playing with the family dog at noontime.

Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Death was due to coronary sclerosis in his opinion, and the body was released directly to the funeral home.

WILLIAM HENRY LARSON (Continued)

In addition to the relatives mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Neoma Larsen of San Antonio, Texas.

Police officers Myers and Stiras, squad No. 142, were active in the investigation of this death at the scene.

CORONER'S RECORD

710

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME THOMAS H. EMMITT

Date of Death Fd. August 5

Place of Death	Glenwood Hotel, 11 Washington Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$55.24; 3 keys, 1 billfold; 1 tie clasp; 5 keys, 3 tokens, miscellaneous letters and papers
Birthdate	1-26-1883 Age 71		
Birthplace	Waverly, Ohio		
Occupation	Cook, Nicollet Hotel		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	? and ? Emmitt		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Richard M. Gill, funeral director Special Administrator
E. J.	Funeral Director	Address	735 East Franklin

Social Security No. 485-05-7553 A

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:35 a.m., August 5, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, had lived at the Glenwood Hotel, 11 Washington Avenue North, in room 35, for many years. He was employed at the Nicollet Hotel, working in the salad department of the kitchen.

At 11:30 a.m., August 5, 1954, George W. Mandery, day clerk at the hotel, went to the deceased's room to investigate an odor emanating from the room. He found the man dead on his bed. He was clothed only in his underwear.

Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to the scene and examined the body. It was noted the deceased had vomited on his pillow sometime prior to death. The man had not been seen about the hotel for the past four days, it was stated, but this had caused no comment as hotel employees were under the impression the man was away on vacation. Condition of the

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CORONER'S RECORD

THOMAS H. EMMITT (Continued)

body indicated the man had apparently been dead for several days. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to a funeral director.

The decedent is survived by a brother, Earl E. Emmitt of Waverly, Ohio.

Police officers C. C. Nelson and William Gardner were summoned to the scene by Mr. Mandery and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

HISTORY:
This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:10 p.m., August 5, 1954.
The deceased, an elderly man, was found at the Glenwood Hotel, 11 Washington Avenue South, in room 32, for many years. He was employed as the janitor at the hotel, working in the kitchen department of the hotel.
At 11:30 a.m., August 5, 1954, George W. Mandery, day clerk at the hotel, went to the deceased's room to investigate an odor emanating from the room. He found the man dead in his bed. He was dressed only in his underwear.
Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to the scene and examined the body. It was noted the deceased had vomited on his pillow sometime prior to death. The man had not been seen at the hotel for the past few days, it was stated, but this had caused no concern as hotel employees were under the impression the man was away on vacation. Condition of the

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GERALD EUGENE RASMUSSEN

Date of Death August 5

Place of Death	St. Mary's Hospital Near Chanhassen, Carver County, Minnesota	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	7420 Second Avenue South Richfield, Minnesota	Pathologist	Dr. Allen S. Judd
Residence		Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-5-1945 Age 9		
Birthplace	Cheyenne, Wyoming		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Ralph E. & Marjorie B. Burke		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx Auto-railroad Accident Multiple hemorrhages in frontal and temporal lobes of brain, and thalamus, due to automobile-railroad accident. Struckxxx Homicidex Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Mary's Hospital at 12:10 p.m., August 5, 1954.

On Sunday evening, August 1, 1954, the deceased, a nine year old boy, was a passenger in a car driven by Walter G. Millford, age 61, 7626 Garfield Avenue, Richfield. Other passengers in the car were Mrs. Alice B. Millford, Walter's wife, and the couple's grand-daughter, Susan Griep, age 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Griep, 584 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul. The Millfords were returning to Minneapolis after a visit with Susan's parents at Eagle Lake near Monticello.

At 9:10 p.m. the Millford vehicle collided with a train at a crossing of the Milwaukee road on highway No. 5. The site is near Chanhassen in Carver County. The car was struck when it had nearly cleared the crossing, it was stated. Engineer on the train, the Milwaukee's Columbian passenger train, which was proceeding toward Minneapolis, was Joe Hemsey, 2654 Longfellow Avenue, Minneapolis.

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CORONER'S RECORD

GERALD EUGENE RASMUSSEN (Continued)

The Millford car was thrown some two hundred feet by the crash. Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Millford were killed instantly, Mrs. Millford being thrown fifty feet from the car. Susan expired at the scene within a half an hour. The deceased, critically injured, was removed by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis.

According to a statement by the engineer, Mr. Hemsey, another car had just crossed the tracks travelling in the opposite direction. It is possible Millford may have been blinded or confused by its headlights. A newly installed flasher signal at the crossing had not yet been placed in operation, it was stated.

The deceased was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital at 10:40 p.m. August 1st. Admitting examination revealed a ruptured spleen, ruptured diaphragm, and dislocation of the right hip. On August 2nd an operation was performed with repair of the diaphragm and removal of the spleen. The right hip was also repaired. A tracheotomy was performed the same day. The deceased was unable to recover. Death occurred at 11:50 a.m., August 5th.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed death was due to multiple hemorrhages in frontal and temporal lobes of brain, also in the thalamus.

Sheriff Lester W. Melchert of Carver County was active in the investigation of the accident at the scene. Also at the scene was the Excelsior, Minnesota rescue squad who made an unsuccessful attempt to revive the Millfords.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Rasmussen, a sister, Karen, and two brothers, James and John. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morse Rasmussen, Watertown, Minnesota, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burke of St. Paul.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME SAM DADOVICH Date of Death August 5

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1111 Fifth Street North	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-12-1895 Age 59		
Birthplace	Odessa, Russia		
Occupation	Plumber		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Irene Dadovich		
Names of Parents	Sedar and ? Dadovich		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accidentx		
	Suicidexx		
	Homicidex		
	Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Knaeble Company	Address	

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Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 11:45 a.m., August 7, 1954.

According to the history on this case, at 2:20 p.m., August 5, 1954, the Police Department received a call to 1615 Washington Avenue North, where, it was stated, a man was lying on the sidewalk. Upon arrival of police officer Edblad, squad 142, an ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. The deceased was cyanotic and gave the appearance of having suffered a cardiac attack. His speech was incoherent, it was stated. He did not appear intoxicated.

The decedent was admitted to General Hospital at 2:50 p.m. where examination revealed a laceration and bruise on the forehead. He expired within a short time, death occurring at 3:41 p.m.

SAM DADOVICH (Continued)

The case was referred to the Coroner's Office at this time, and a deputy coroner made an investigation. It was learned the deceased had been in Swedish Hospital on July 28, 1954, where an electrocardiogram was done. Attending physician was Dr. Lawrence Carlson, 800 42nd Avenue North. Due to the fact the forehead injury appeared superficial, the case was turned down by this office and the death certificate was signed by a physician on the staff of General Hospital.

At 11:45 a.m., August 7th the case was again reported to this office, this time by the Health Department. The death certificate filed with that office listed as a secondary cause of death "unexplained trauma of forehead".

Since the deputy coroner who originally handled the case was out of town, the case was given to another deputy who made a further investigation. In checking with Dr. Lawrence Carlson it was learned the deceased had complained of precordial pain and epigastric distress on July 27th. The electrocardiogram which was taken on July 28th showed abnormal heart action and was considered consistent with coronary disease.

An examination of the body at the funeral home revealed abrasions of the forehead and bridge of nose were, indeed, superficial and could easily have been sustained in the fall which follows a cardiac collapse.

Due to the fact the first death certificate was unacceptable to the Health Department, it was decided to accept this case as a coroner's case and issue a new certificate, listing coronary disease as cause of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME THEODORE H. TELL

Date of Death August 6

Place of Death	4204 Tenth Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-5-1880 Age 73		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Common labor, City of Minneapolis		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Esther C. Tell		
Names of Parents	Carl Tell & Anna Carlson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural ☒ Accident ☒ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. F. D. Sidell at 1:30 a.m., August 6, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, lived with his wife, Esther, at 4204 Tenth Avenue South. Shortly after eating his evening meal, Thursday, August 5, he complained of severe heartburn, it was stated. He took some Pepto Bismo and felt somewhat better thereafter. Shortly after midnight, however, Mrs. Tell was awakened by her husband's moaning. She hurriedly summoned Dr. F. D. Sidell to the house. However, death occurred before arrival of the physician, at 12:30 a.m. (August 6th).

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene. In his opinion death was due to coronary disease and the body was released directly to a funeral director. According to the deceased's wife, the man had not received any medical care for the past six years.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ARABEL MARTIN

Date of Death August 5

Place of Death	Franklin Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1000 West Franklin Hospital	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-25-1862 Age 91		
Birthplace	Ogdensburg, New York		
Occupation	Librarian		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Charles Martin & Sarah Thompson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakeside Cemetery, Hastings, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 2:55 p.m., August 6, 1954.

The deceased, an aged woman, was admitted to Franklin Hospital, 501 West Franklin, on June 25, 1954. Admitting diagnosis was carcinoma of the bladder and emaciation. The woman had undergone surgery at St. Barnabas Hospital on May 14, 1954 for an incarcerated epigastric hernia. Attending physician was Dr. C. W. DelPlaine who had treated the woman for sometime.

The deceased expired at 10:40 p.m., August 5, 1954. It was learned that Dr. DelPlaine was out of town, therefore, unable to sign the death certificate. Dr. C. A. Friend, who was taking care of Dr. DelPlaine's patients during his absence, had never seen the deceased during her lifetime, so he, also, was unable to sign the death certificate.

ARABEL MARTIN (Continued)

For this reason the case was accepted as a coroner's case and the certificate was signed by this office. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WALDO EDMUND FOSTER

Date of Death Fd. August 6

Place of Death	In automobile, 66th St. and France Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	Curtis Hotel	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$3.00; 1 tie clip, 1 ball pencil; 1 Elgin watch and chain; 2 hotel keys; 7 keys on case; 1 billfold; 1 comb; 1 cigar clipper; miscellaneous papers
Birthdate	9-4-1882 Age 71		X 1 Smith & Wesson Revolver Cal.38, #77004
Birthplace	Chicago, Illinois		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Occupation	Inventor (self-employed)		(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Edna H. Foster		
Names of Parents	Albert C. Foster & Caroline Muzzy		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☒ Accident ☐ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Gordon H. Foster, son
Funeral Director	Joe Billman Mortuary	Address	717 South Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

+ Sold at Auction; proceeds deposited with County Treasurer

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Edina Police Department at 2:00 p.m., August 6, 1954.

About 12:35 p.m. August 6, 1954, LeRoy Johnson, 533 Central Avenue, St. Paul, noted a 1939 Buick sedan, 1954 Minnesota license No. 29-461, parked on 66th Street and France Avenue South. A man was lying on the front seat. Mr. Johnson passed the spot again at 1:30 p.m., and noticing the man was in the same position, stopped to investigate. The deceased was lying on his right side, a gun beside him. There was a gunshot wound in his head.

The Edina Police Department was notified, officers McGary and Graner responding. Harold C. Budke, 7314 Sheridan Avenue South, stated he had seen the car parked there at 1:15 p.m.

WALDO EDMUND FOSTER (Continued)

Andrew Magnuson, 600 21st Avenue South, and Harold Anderson, employees of a Gas Company crew working in the neighborhood, stated they had seen the car parked there as early as 8:00 o'clock that morning. The deceased had been seen smoking a cigarette in the front seat at that time.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to a funeral director. The death was ruled a suicide, gunshot wound of head.

Surviving the decedent are his wife, Edna; a daughter, Mrs. Roberta Yates, Bloomington, Minnesota; and a son, Gordon, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The gun used was a Smith & Wesson revolver, 38 caliber, Number 77004.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CARL WALTER LINDAHL

Date of Death August 6

Place of Death	29th Street & Stevens Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	3125 Grand Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$4.42; 1 billfold; 1 key; 1 nail clipper; miscellaneous cards and papers.
Birthdate	5-3-1906 Age 48	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons.)
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Delivery man - Railway Express		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mystella Lindahl		
Names of Parents	Lars Emil and Justine Lillejdahl		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. Walter Lindahl, widow
Funeral Director	Welander Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	3025 Harriet Avenue

Social Security No. 468-09-8202

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:15 p.m., August 6, 1954.

About 9:00 p.m., August 6, 1954, a Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific passenger train, No. 5, was traveling west on 29th Street South as it approached the bridge at Stevens Avenue. This bridge passes over the railroad tracks. The train, which was composed of nine cars and two diesel units, was traveling about 55 miles per hour, when it struck a man lying with his head on the track. Oscar Holter, 2408 35th Avenue South, engineer on the train, stated he saw the man lying on the track 200 feet before he struck him. His feet were pointing in a northerly direction, he stated.

The train continued on a distance of 1750 feet before coming to a halt between Pillsbury and Pleasant Avenues. A check at the site of impact revealed the man had apparently been struck a glancing blow by the engine, which hurled him a northerly direction. The body

CARL WALTER LINDAHL (continued)

was found resting against one of the bridge piers.

Upon being notified a deputy coroner arrived at the scene. The deceased was identified by papers found on his person. Apparently the man had been sleeping on the rail. A sort of pillow made of grass had been placed beside the north rail on the inner edge and a broken wine bottle was found beside the body. Deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where examination of the body revealed crepitation of the skull on palpation, with many fragments. There was bleeding from the ears, nose and mouth.

Analysis of the deceased's blood by the toxicological chemist revealed 0.24% alcohol indicating the man was very intoxicated at the time of his death. The supposition is that the man apparently became sleepy while walking along the railroad tracks and went to sleep on the rail. Death was due to multiple fractures of the skull.

Police officers R. Carlson and Merrell of traffic squad 516 were at the scene of this accident shortly after it occurred. Officer J. J. Gallagan of the Milwaukee railroad police also was present at the scene.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

THEODORE L. BOSACKER

Date of Death

Fd. August 6

Place of Death

3129 Emerson Avenue South

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

No

Birthdate

10-29-1898 Age 55

Birthplace

Elysian, Minnesota

Occupation

Fire inspector engineer -Tri State Mutual

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Ione A. Bosacker

Names of Parents

Victor Bosacker & Margaret Eppmiller

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 482-10-3787

Veteran Yes No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Richard DeWall at 10:45 p.m., August 6, 1954.

On Friday morning, August 6, a member of the deceased's family went to his room to awaken him, at 9:00 o'clock. His appearance was alarming and he was unresponsive, apparently dead. An attempt was made to summon Dr. E. G. Nylander, the family physician, to the house. However, it was learned this physician was out of town. Dr. Richard DeWall was then called, who, upon his arrival, pronounced the man dead.

After investigation of the case by the deputy coroner, the death certificate was signed by this office. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

It was learned that Dr. Nylander had last seen the deceased on August 31, 1953, at which time he was treating the man for coronary insufficiency and sclerotic arteries.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

THEODORE L. BOSACKER (Continued)

The deceased is survived by his wife, Ione A.; three sons, Robert L. and William A. of Minneapolis, and Charles T. of Benson, Minnesota; one daughter, Adelle Jeanne; and one grandson. There are three brothers, Henry, Waterville, Minnesota and Charles and Lawrence of Elysian, Minnesota; and three sisters, Mrs. Emil T. Tiede and Mrs. Clifford Crook, also of Elysian, and Mrs. Ella Guentzel, Janesville, Minnesota.

FULL NAME CURTIS JAMES JACKSON Date of Death August 6

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes	
Place of Accident	In front of 619 Olson Highway	Pathologist	Dr. C. M. Van Prooyen	
Residence	1811 Eighth Street South	Inquest	No	
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None	
Birthdate	6-22-1928 Age 26			
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota			
Occupation	Laborer			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married			
Name of Husband or Wife	Uno Jenette Jackson			
Names of Parents	James W. Jackson & Willie Mae Smith			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx			
	Accidentx			
	Suicidex			
	Homicide	Stab wound of heart and other multiple stab wounds.		
	Undeterminedx			
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to		
Folsom Funeral Director	Woodard Funeral Home	Address		

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes Nox WW I WW II Korean

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 12:30 a.m., August 7, 1954.

According to information contained in the police report, Mrs. Lee Richardson, 619 Olson Highway, stated she heard loud voices about 10:15 p.m., August 6, 1954, emanating from the Keystone Bar, 641 Olson Highway. A few seconds later a man was observed running on the sidewalk, pursued by two men. The first man was then apprehended by the other two; the former was restrained by one of the men, while the second stabbed him. The man who did the actual stabbing, it was stated, asked Mrs. Richardson, when he observed her watching them, to call an ambulance. Both men who had attacked the first man (the deceased), then fled in the direction of the Keystone Bar.

Mrs. Alice Gipson, residing at 623 Olson Highway, according to the police report, stated that about 10:15 p. m., August 6, she heard much profanity outside her door.

CURTIS JAMES JACKSON (Continued) -

When she stepped onto the front porch of her home she noticed a man lying on the ground, and five or six men standing around the prostrate form. One man, Felix James, 812 Eighth Street South, whom she knew, requested the use of her telephone to call the police. He appeared to have difficulty in dialing the number, therefore, Mrs. Gipson called Mrs. Lee Richardson on the phone and asked her to call the police. Later, upon being questioned by police officers, Mrs. Gipson stated she did not see the actual assault on the deceased, however, she did see two men standing near the deceased, one of whom she described as being tall and slender, and she noticed he was wearing a T shirt. The other, a short man, was wearing trousers and was nude from the waist up. Mrs. Gipson expressed herself as feeling these two men might have been involved in the stabbing, because, upon arrival of the police, they both walked toward the Keystone Bar.

Police officers McDermott and Foreman, squad 119, upon arrival at the scene, found the deceased lying wounded on the sidewalk. Present were Felix James (previously mentioned), Roosevelt Thompson, 10 Highland Avenue North, and Ray Armstrong, 5143 James Avenue North.

Upon arrival of the ambulance, the deceased was taken to Minneapolis General Hospital, where he was admitted at 10:25 p.m. Examination revealed numerous stab wounds. Despite prompt treatment by staff physicians, the deceased, who had lost a considerable quantity of blood due to his wounds, expired at 11:30 p.m., August 6.

The body was permitted to remain in Minneapolis General Hospital, where an autopsy was performed the following morning at ten o'clock. This revealed the immediate cause of death to have been due to a stab wound of the heart.

According to witnesses, the deceased had been involved in a fight with Leon Leonard Lewis, 26, of 821 Girard Avenue North, and Worthington S. Bridges, age 28, 513 Colfax Avenue North. The two suspects were subsequently arrested at 901 Girard Avenue North by officers Brucianni and Tripp, squad 120, and McDermott and Foreman, squad 119.

According to additional information contained in the police report, a statement given by Roosevelt Thompson to a detective of the Minneapolis Police Department on August 14, is as follows: Thompson, LeRoy Armstrong and the deceased were walking from the Keystone Bar east on Olson Boulevard at 10:15 p.m. August 6. Leon Leonard Lewis and Worthington S. Bridges were walking behind the other three men. An altercation ensued between Lewis and the deceased, during which Lewis, it was stated, pulled a partially filled pint bottle of whiskey from his pocket and threw it at the deceased, striking the latter on the right side of the head. The deceased, after a brief struggle, threw Lewis to the sidewalk. Bridges, standing nearby, it was stated, was holding a knife in his hand; the knife was held so that the blade was pointed downward. The fistic encounter continued between the two men, during which time Lewis and Bridges, it was stated, were seen to have struck the deceased a couple times. Lewis and Bridges then ran from the scene, and the deceased exclaimed, "I am cut!"

Besides the police officers mentioned herein, this case was also investigated by detectives Deaner, Mealey and Monahan.

8-24-54 : Charges of first degree manslaughter were levied on this date against Worthington S. Bridges, 513 Colfax Avenue North, and Leon L. Lewis, 821 Girard Avenue North, in an indictment returned by the Grand Jury, in connection with the death of Curtis James Jackson.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME GEORGE J. FINK

Date of Death Fd. August 7

Place of Death 1812 Plymouth Avenue North

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate Unknown Age About 65

Birthplace Russia

Occupation Baker

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Rose Fink

Names of Parents Ben and Idelle Fink

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Zeesman Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 473-07-4272

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:00 p.m., August 7, 1954.

The deceased and his wife, Rose, lived at 1812 Plymouth Avenue North. The man was employed as a baker on the night shift at the Peoples Baking Corporation, 1809 Plymouth North, next door to his home.

When the deceased arrived home from work Saturday morning, August 7, 1954, he and his wife ate breakfast together. This was about 8:30 a.m. The deceased then retired to bed. When Mrs. Fink went upstairs to rouse him about 1:00 p.m., she found him unresponsive. He was cyanotic and was cool to the touch. Mrs. Fink summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital, however, the man was pronounced dead on arrival by the ambulance physician.

GERALD J. FINK (Continued)

The body was examined at the home by the deputy coroner. Upon questioning Mrs. Fink it was learned the deceased had been under the care of Dr. Theodore I. Goldman. The doctor had last examined the decedent about one month previously. At that time he had told the man to give up heavy lifting, kneading dough, and so forth. He had also cautioned him to take it easy when climbing stairs as the deceased had a heart condition.

Death was attributed to coronary disease by the deputy coroner. The body was released directly to a funeral director.

In checking with Dr. Goldman it was learned the deceased had been examined by this doctor once during the past winter. The man complained of angina and dyspnea, he stated, and a diagnosis of coronary disease had been made.

Police officer Komanik and Thole, squad No. 143, arrived on the scene in this case and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ANDREW LARSON

Date of Death Fd. August 8

Place of Death 2026 Third Ave. So., Apt. 6

Autopsy No

Place of Accident Same

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

Misc. papers and insurance policies

Birthdate 4-24-1901 Age 53

Birthplace South Dakota

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Occupation Laborer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Lewis Larson & Elizabeth Scott

Natural

Accident

Fourth degree burns of body

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Webster, South Dakota

Effects Released to

Wilson E. Roy, funeral director

Wright

Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge, Hopkins

Address

Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Home

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Fire Department at 2:10 a.m., August 8, 1954.

The deceased, a single man, lived alone in Apt. 6. at 2026 Third Avenue South. At about 1:30 a.m., August 8, 1954, Donald Newton, who lives in the adjoining apartment in the same building, heard moaning sounds from the deceased's apartment. He went out into the hall to investigate and found smoke pouring from under and around the door of Apt. 6. With some difficulty Newton managed to break down the door. He found the room was filled with smoke and flame and was unable to enter. At this time, Miss Dorothy Amos, occupant of Apt. 14 on the second floor, came down the stairs. She also had been attracted by the sound of moaning and the smell of smoke. While Newton went to arouse other tenants of the building, Miss Amos hurried to the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, 2106 Third Avenue South, and asked her to summon the fire department.

ANDREW LARSON (Continued)

Upon arrival of firemen of squad No. 6 and squad No. 1, the fire was found to be still confined to Apt. 6 and the adjoining hall. They were able to enter the apartment at 2:00 a.m. and found the body of the deceased lying on the floor in the northwest corner of the room. It was noted the man's arms were held before him in a defensive attitude.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene. He found the deceased lying on his back beneath a window. His head was toward the center of the room, his feet beneath the small kitchen stove. His knees were partly flexed. The body was charred except for the skin on the back. The room and its contents were almost completely destroyed by fire. An open "daveno" type bed was along the south wall of the room. A large portion of this bed was burned completely through to the springs.

The deputy coroner questioned residents of the building, also Mr. Norman Moshou, 2111 Second Avenue South, owner of the building. They all stated the deceased had a history of alcoholism and had been drinking quite heavily of late. Mr. Moshou stated the man had caused a fire in his room about one year previously.

Upon learning that the deceased had been a patient at the Minnesota Sanitarium, 1926 Fifth Avenue South recently, a further check was made. Miss Huber, an employee of the sanitarium, substantiated this fact and stated the deceased had been admitted about 8:20 p.m., August 4, 1954, and had been discharged about 7:45 p.m., August 6th. The man had returned to the sanitarium twice on August 7th for additional vitamin shots. The deceased had last been seen alive at approximately 10:00 p.m. by Donald Newton.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. A sample of the blood was sent to the toxicological chemist for analysis. It was noted the blood was not typically cherry red in color as is usually the case when death is due to smoke.

Police officer Dahlen of squad 308 was active in the investigation of this death at the scene. Roy Kuhlke, investigator with the fire department arson squad, was also at the scene.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ARLA LUTTGEN

Date of Death August 8

Place of Death 3220 10th Avenue South

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. George Nelson

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-1-1902 Age 52

Birthplace Grand Rapids, Michigan

Occupation Receptionist

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife Neil Luttgen

Names of Parents John Millard & Minnie Murrar

Natural Cerebral hemorrhage

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed

On Medical Record

(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)

Place of Burial Fort Snelling Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Welander Quist

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:50 a.m., August 8, 1954.

The deceased, a widow, lived with her mother, Mrs. John Ziegler, at 3220 Tenth Avenue South. At 8:05 a.m., August 8, 1954, Mrs. Ziegler came downstairs to find the light was on in the living room. She went in to turn it off, then discovered the body of her daughter lying on the floor near the davenport. She was dead.

Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to view the body at the house. The deceased, fully dressed, was lying on her back on the floor. Bloody vomitus was noted on the face and neck. There was no rigor mortis, no edema.

Upon questioning Mrs. Ziegler it was learned the deceased had a history of hypertension and had had a sympathectomy performed about one year ago. It was not known whether she had seen a physician recently.

ARLA LUTTGEN (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:30 a.m. August 9th. This revealed death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

In addition to her mother, mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Rogers, Fort Worth Texas, and Mrs. Arla McGinley, Chisholm, Minnesota; one son, Neil Jr. and three grandchildren, all of Minneapolis. There is also one brother, John Millard, Minneapolis.

Police officers R. Hitchers and R. Brink, squad 165, investigated this death at the scene.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CAROLINE K. DYER

Date of Death August 8,

Place of Death Fairview Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident Vocational Hospital

Pathologist No

Residence Buckingham Hotel

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-19-1869 Age 85

Birthplace Springfield, Mass.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Edward R. Dyer

Names of Parents John C. Kingsley & Frances Hubbard

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Bronchopneumonia due to fracture of left hip.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Davies Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Fairview Hospital at 10:35 a.m., August 9, 1954.

On July 29, 1954, while a patient at the Vocational Hospital, the deceased fell in some manner sustaining an injury of the left hip. She was removed to Fairview Hospital, being admitted at 8:00 p.m. that day. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip.

An open reduction of the left hip was performed on August 4th, 1954 by Dr. John Moe and the attending physician, Dr. J. V. Petit. Due to the deceased's advanced age and weakened condition, she developed bronchopneumonia, expiring at 10:22 p.m., August 8, 1954.

Death was attributed to bronchopneumonia; the fractured left hip being a contributing factor

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CORONER'S RECORD

CAROLINE K. DYER (continued)

and the body of deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Kingsley, Newfolden, Minnesota, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Olson, Wahkon, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

~~REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner~~

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME WALTER C. REICHMAN

Date of Death August 9

Place of Death 828 9th Avenue Southeast

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist None

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-13-1892 Age 62

Birthplace Springfield, Missouri

Occupation Hospital attendant

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Ida A. Reichman

Names of Parents Fred Reichman & Alma Wetsler

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident x

Suicide x x

Homicide x

Undetermined x

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:25 p.m., August 9, 1954.

Early Monday evening, August 9, 1954, the deceased came home from work saying he had become ill on the job. Mrs. Reichman wanted to call a doctor but the deceased stated he did not want her to do so. He complained of pain in his chest and asked that the window be opened wider so he could get more air. About 9:30 he went to lie down on his bed. At 11:00 p.m. he sat up in bed as his breathing had become very difficult. Mrs. Reichman summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital; however, Dr. Anonson, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced the man dead on arrival. Death occurred at approximately 11:00 o'clock.

Upon being notified, the deputy coroner went to the scene. It was learned the deceased had not received any medical care for sometime. He sometimes suffered from weak spells, his wife stated. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner and the body was released directly to the funeral director.

WALTER C. REICHMAN (Continued)

In addition to his wife the deceased is survived by a brother and two sisters. There is one aunt, Mrs. Emma Quelle, Nebraska, and one niece, Mrs. Anita Hanson, Chicago, Illinois.

Police officers Trymucha and B. H. Nelson, squad 125, arrived at the scene in this case and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

~~ROSEBUD R. ROSEN, M.D., Coroner~~

Year 1954

FULL NAME GEORGE T. ROSENQUIST

Date of Death Fd. August 10

Place of Death 3817 Elliot Avenue

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge 1 Stevens Model 66 rifle, 22 caliber.

Birthdate 10-5-1896 Age 58

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation House Man - Railway Express

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Emma Rosenquist

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural

Accidentx

Suicide Gun shot wound of chest

Homicidex

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to Mrs. George Rosenquist, wife

E.J. Funeral Director Welander Quist Company

Address 3817 Elliot Ave.

Social Security No. 714-07-2366

Veteran Yes WW I ☒ WW II ☐
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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. R. Cranmer at 8:50 a.m., August 10, 1954.

According to Emma Rosenquist, wife of the deceased, she and her husband had awakened and dressed about 7:00 a.m. on the morning of August 10, 1954. She went to the kitchen to prepare breakfast and the deceased went to the basement. He came up and asked what time it was and she told him breakfast would soon be ready. Then he returned to the basement.

When breakfast was ready, she called to him but received no answer. A little later, she called again, but still he didn't answer. Upon investigation, she found the deceased lying on the basement floor, bleeding from the chest. Dr. R. R. Cranmer was summoned immediately and upon arrival, he pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring shortly before 8:30 a.m.

GEORGE T. ROSENQUIST (continued)

According to Mrs. Rosenquist, she had not heard the gun shot. She stated her husband has been despondent for some time inasmuch as he had a stroke about four years ago.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. The deceased had tied a cord around the trigger mechanism of a 22 rifle and fastened the other end to a post. Then, he stepped backwards, held gun against his chest, inflicting a wound. Death was attributed to gun shot wound of chest and was ruled a suicide. The body was released directly to a mortuary.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Emma, previously mentioned in this report.

Police officers Pearson and Dolmseth were notified and arrived at the scene and investigated same.

CORONER'S RECORD

725

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HULDA O. BONNEVIER

Date of Death August 10

Place of Death Asbury Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 4118 Dupont Avenue N.

Pathologist Dr. S. T. Nerenberg

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-11-1871 Age 83

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife John C. Bonnevier

Names of Parents ? and ? Peterson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Pulmonary artery embolism; pyelonephritis, acute; senility; fracture, simple, intertrochanteric, right femur.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Swanson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. S. Munson at 7:15 p.m., August 11, 1954.

On April 4, 1954, the deceased fell in her bedroom at home in some manner sustaining an injury to her right hip. She was removed to the Asbury Methodist Hospital, being admitted on April 4, and placed under the care of Doctors M. S. Munson and A. G. Lyzenga.

X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right hip and an open reduction and internal fixation of the fracture was accomplished on April 6, 1954. The deceased recovered somewhat slowly to a point where she could be transferred to Oak Ridge Rest Home on July 7.

Because of a febrile illness, the deceased was returned to Asbury Hospital on July 15 where a diagnosis of acute pyelonephritis was made. She recovered from a period of coma due to

HULDA O. BONNEVIER (continued)

toxemia of this condition and improved slowly until August 4 when her right leg was noted to be edematous. Decubitus ulcers persisted. On August 10, the deceased began to cough up bloody mucous and became dyspneic, pulse became weak and the deceased's condition became progressively critical, death occurring at 5:40 p.m., August 10, 1954.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue by Dr. S. T. Nerenberg on the morning of August 11. Gross pathological cause of death was found to be pulmonary artery embolism.

Survivors of the decedent include five grandchildren, Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mrs. Milton Chamberlain, Wallace and Donald Bonnevier, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Herman Lubbers, Monticello; also seven great grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

726

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

PATRICIA ANN HEENEY

Date of Death

August 11

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

25th St. & Thirteenth Ave. S.

Pathologist

Dr. George Nelson

Residence

2721 - 29th Avenue S.

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

Birthdate

2-25-1934 Age 20

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced -

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Richard Heenev

Names of Parents

Arthur A. Hanggi & Rachel Mitchell

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Post traumatic and post operative
necrosis superior surface right lobe
of liver; passive congestion lungs,
spleen and liver; due to overdose
of barbiturates and intentional
auto accident.

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 476-320-979

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Chamberlain, Minneapolis General Hospital at 12:45 a.m., August 11, 1954.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 29, 1954, the deceased, a young married woman, was visiting a friend at 2508 13th Avenue South. The woman was somewhat upset, it was stated, over domestic troubles, as she and her husband were in the process of being divorced. She began talking of suicide, it was stated, then suddenly ran from the house and got in her car which was parked in front of the house on 13th Avenue. The car, a 1948 Ford coach, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #913-711, was facing south. The deceased made a "U" turn and drove north on 13th Avenue to East 25th Street. Here she made another "U" turn and drove south to East 26th Street, her speed estimated by witnesses at between 40 to 55 miles per hour. Another motorist, Gerald J. Janson, age 17, 2522 13th Avenue South, who was driving south toward 26th Street on 13th Avenue, then realized the deceased was apparently chasing his car with the intention of ramming her car into his. Janson made a sudden turn on 26th Street, going through a stop sign, to avoid an accident.

PATRICIA ANN HEENEY (Continued)

The deceased then made another "U" turn at 26th Street, headed north again on 13th Avenue, and crashed her car at great speed into a telephone pole situated near the southeast corner of the 25th Street intersection. Force of the impact sent the vehicle caroming across the intersection to the northeast corner where it overturned, landing on its top. The crash occurred at approximately 1:17 p.m.

The deceased, seriously injured, was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 2:38 p.m. Examination revealed chest and head injuries, also a serious, crushing injury to the liver.

When the deceased was able to be questioned she told hospital authorities, and officer Benjamin G. Soule, traffic squad #516, who had covered the accident at the scene, that she had just purchased the car from a relative with the intention of committing suicide in it. Ownership of the car is listed to James R. Torgerson, 2914 30th Avenue South, Minneapolis. She also told authorities she had taken a large amount of barbiturates shortly before she crashed her car.

A later check with members of the deceased's family revealed the woman had sustained a brain concussion in an earlier accident on May 15, 1954 at Baldwin, Wisconsin. At that time she was a member of a wedding party riding in a car which ran off the highway. Friends and relatives stated she had not been herself since that time.

Shortly after admission to the hospital (June 29th) an operation was performed in an attempt to repair the damaged liver. A second operation was necessary July 21st.

On August 10, 1954, the deceased was supposed to appear before Judge Paul Jaroscak in Hennepin County District Court to attend the hearing on a divorce action started by her husband, Richard Heeney. The patient, who was apparently recovering very well from her injuries, was permitted to leave the hospital for a few hours to attend, after which she was returned to the hospital. That evening the woman began hemorrhaging. She was quickly moved to surgery for an emergency operation. She expired in the operating room at 12:20 a.m., August 11th.

An autopsy, performed at the hospital on August 11th, revealed death was due to necrosis of the liver, superior surface of the right lobe; also passive congestion of the lungs, spleen and liver.

In view of the deceased's statement that she had taken an overdose of barbiturates, then crashed her car intentionally, this death was ruled a suicide by the deputy coroner.

The decedent is survived by her husband, Richard; one daughter, Christine Lee; a son, Robert Vernon; her mother, Mrs. John Steiner, and her father, Arthur Hanngi. Three brothers and three sisters also survive.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner
~~ROBERT E. REYNOLDS, M.D., Coroner~~

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HUGH PRITCHARD

Date of Death August 11

Place of Death	Eitel Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	125 Oak Grove Street	Pathologist	Dr. John Coe
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-31-1874 Age 80		
Birthplace	Castleton, Vt.		
Occupation	Auditor (ret.) N. W. Nat'l. Life Ins.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Myrtle Pritchard		
Names of Parents	John Pritchard & Esther Gates		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx	Pneumonia, bronchial, bilateral, hypostatic; arteriosclerotic heart disease; cerebral arteriosclerosis; fracture, simple, subtrochanteric, right femur; fracture, right wrist (Colle's.)	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undeterminedx			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Crematory	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.	
Veteran	Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Eitel Hospital at 1:30 a.m., August 11, 1954.

On July 19, 1954, the deceased fell in some manner in the living room of his home incurring an injury to his right hip and also his right wrist. He was removed to Eitel Hospital, being admitted at 3:30 p.m. that day, and placed under the care of Doctors George Eitel and M. Campbell. An open reduction of the fracture of the right femur was performed on July 24. Due to the man's advanced age and weakened condition, he developed bronchopneumonia, expiring at 1:30 a.m., August 11.

An autopsy (excluding head) was done at the Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel at 9:30 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed bronchopneumonia, bilateral; coronary artery athero-

HUGH PRITCHARD (continued)

sclerosis, severe; fracture of the right femur, subtrochanteric; and also a fracture of the right wrist (Colle's).

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Myrtle and a brother, Edgar W. of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PETER MOOL

Date of Death August 11

Place of Death	3836 Vera Cruz Robbinsdale, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-20-1906 Age 47		
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Linotype operator		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lola Amelia Mool		
Names of Parents	Philip Muhl & Elizabeth Brick		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welandar Quist Company (N.Chapel)	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Kenneth St. Cyr at 3:50 a.m., August 11, 1954.

At 2:00 a.m., August 11, 1954, the deceased awoke feeling ill and went to the bathroom where he suddenly collapsed to the floor, pulling the washbowl off the wall. The family attempted to contact a doctor who would come to the house but were not successful; therefore they called the Robbinsdale police who summoned Dr. Kenneth St. Cyr. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead at 3:15 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

PETER MOOL (continued)

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Lola; daughter, Alice; sisters, Mrs. Anna Miller, S. St. Paul, Mrs. Mary Felsing, Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Louise Lutz, Lincoln, Nebraska; brother, Henry, Denver, Colorado.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CLAUD HENNING SWENSON

Date of Death August 11

Place of Death	5837 Nicollet Avenue
Place of Accident	
Residence	Same
Sex	Male
Birthdate	5-4-1876 Age 78
Birthplace	Karlstad, Sweden
Occupation	Printer - retired
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed
Name of Husband or Wife	Hulda Swenson
Names of Parents	Gustave Swenson & Anna Goranson
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary sclerosis
	Accident
	Suicide
	Homicide
Undetermined	
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery
E. J. Funeral Director	Welander Quist Company (W. Chapel) Address

Autopsy	No
Pathologist	No
Inquest	No
Effects Taken in charge	None
Effects Released to	

Social Security No.	None
Veteran	Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Welander Quist Company at 8:35 a.m., August 11, 1954.

On the morning of August 11, 1954, when a member of the family went to awaken the deceased, he was found lying in bed, apparently expired, at 7:15 a.m. Dr. Harlow J. Hanson was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, he confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had had a history of a cardiac condition over a long period of time and had been under the care of Dr. Harlow J. Hanson; however, the physician had not seen the deceased during the past three months.

Survivors of the decedent are three daughters, Mrs. Selmer J. Bratly, Mrs. Reynold Hoken-

CLAUS HENNING SWENSON (continued)

son and Mrs. Kenneth Peschau, all of Minneapolis; a son, Henning of Los Gatos, California; nine grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GWYNN BESON

Date of Death August 11

Place of Death 49½ Glenwood Avenue

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

Birthdate 1-17-1873 Age 81

\$20.93; 1 Waltham watch; 1 chain with 2½ dollar gold piece; 1 billfold; 1 coin purse; 1 key

Birthplace Southern Illinois

Occupation Insurance salesman

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Names of Parents Fred and ? Beson

Natural Coronary heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel by Greg Boor, F. D.

Folsom

Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

1414 Laurel Avenue, Minneapolis

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:45 a.m., August 11, 1954.

On the morning of August 11, 1954, shortly after 9:00 a.m., the deceased was found ill in his room by the janitor. He complained of severe pains in chest and stomach and requested that a physician be called from Minneapolis General Hospital. Edward O. Peterson, manager of the building, summoned an ambulance. While the ambulance physician was examining the deceased, he suddenly expired, death occurring at 9:35 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had complained of not feeling well for the past two weeks.

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was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Survivors of the decedent include two nephews, Warren L. Beson and Everett E. Beson, both of Minneapolis; and a niece, Mrs. Arthur Schneider of Skookie, Illinois.

Police officers McKee and Wistrom of Squad 119 were also notified and attended the scene of death.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LOUIS H. MEINKE

Date of Death August 11

Place of Death	Victory Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. N. S. Lufkin
Residence	3801 Zenith Ave. N. Robbinsdale, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-12-1877 Age 77		
Birthplace	Webster, Minn.		
Occupation	Farmer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Eda E. Meinke		
Names of Parents	Carl Meinke & Mary Schmeling		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Encephalomalacia secondary to cerebral arteriosclerosis; pulmonary embolism.	
	Accident xx		
	Suicide xx		
	Homicide xx		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Mound Cemetery, Brooklyn Center, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Swanson Mortuary	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Victory Hospital at 12:30 p.m., August 11, 1954 and was ruled not a Coroner's case in view of autopsy findings of pulmonary artery embolism. Later Swanson's Mortuary stated the Health Department questioned the death certificate, signed by Dr. Samuelson, giving cause of death as "brain concussion".

The deceased was brought to Victory Hospital by ambulance, being admitted at 10:30 a.m., July 17, 1954. Apparently the deceased had fainted on the street in Robbinsdale. It was stated the deceased had a history of hypertension. The man expired at 12:10 p.m., August 11, 1954.

An autopsy was performed at the Swanson Mortuary on the date of death. Dr. N. S. Lufkin, the pathologist, reports that the gross pathological examination of the brain revealed cerebral encephalomalacia without severe sclerosis of vessels; and scattered petechiae

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over the cerebral cortex, particularly in the right frontal region, not consistent with traumatic origin. In addition, Dr. Lufkin states that gross examination of skull, scalp and brain reveals no indication of trauma. He feels that the pathological condition which must be considered the immediate cause of death was diffuse pulmonary artery embolization, probably from phlebothrombosis of legs. However, he is unable to render an opinion as to etiology of petechiae of cerebral cortex at this time and without having studied the microscopic sections, of which he has taken many. The character of the lesions make an encephalitis suspect.

In view of the foregoing, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination before determining the cause of this man's death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Ida E.; sister, Mrs. Hattie Thomas; three brothers, Ferdinand F., Fred A. and Ernest S.; niece, Mrs. Clyde Harris, Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LACIE THISTLETHWAITE

Date of Death August 12

Place of Death	University Hospitals	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis
Residence	R#4, Plymouth Ave. Austin, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-27-1900 Age 53		
Birthplace			
Occupation	Laborer-meat packing-Hormel Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mildred Thistlethwaite		
Names of Parents	George and ? Thistlethwaite		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Arteriosclerotic heart disease; bronchopneumonia, bilateral, mild. Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Austin, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Mayer Funeral Home, Austin, Minn.	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 470-04-4707

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. W. H. Walton at 8:30 a.m., August 12, 1954.

The deceased had been a patient on Orthopedic service at the University Hospitals on many occasions from 1931 to date for complaints referable to amputation stump, left mid-thigh. (Amputation incurred as result of compound fracture left leg which was result of colliding with threshing machine while riding motorcycle in 1917.)

In June 1954 and again on July 30, 1954, the deceased was admitted to University Hospitals for treatment of an ulcer of the right foot which had been recurrent for some four months and which was the result of deceased trimming a callus on that foot and getting infection as a result. Infection and ulcer had lead to osteomyelitis.

LACIE THISTLETHWAITE (continued)

On the morning of August 12, deceased was sitting on bedpan behind curtains in bed in ward. He was heard to gasp and fall to the floor. He expired very shortly thereafter so that emergency efforts to resuscitate were unavailing. He bit his tongue with this attack. Death occurred at 8:20 a.m.

In view of the relatively minor condition for which the deceased was being treated and because of the long, well-documented and entirely negative history of any condition which might be suspected of causing death plus the possibility of death due to head injury in falling off bed-pan, this case was ruled a Coroner's case and an autopsy was ordered. The only recent complaint of the deceased was that of constipation other than complaints referable to ulcer of the foot.

An autopsy was performed at University Hospital on the date of death. This revealed severe atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries, particularly the anterior descending branch of the left coronary artery; bronchopneumonia, bilateral, mild, mostly of the right lower lobe; absence acquired left lower extremity distal to mid-thigh level; and arteriosclerotic ulcer of right foot.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LOUIS HERMAN BOETTCHER

Date of Death August 12

Place of Death	Parkview Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Unknown	Pathologist	No
Residence	Osseo, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-19-1893 Age 61		
Birthplace	Isanti County, Minn.		
Occupation	Machine Operator-Federal Cartridge Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Dorothy Lavelle Boettcher		
Names of Parents	Fred Boettcher & Sophie Fisher		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Neoplasm, metastatic, liver, stomach; adenocarcinoma of esophagus.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery Osseo, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Evans Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. J. Mills of the University Hospital at 1:50 p.m., August 12, 1954.

The deceased had history of having been hit by an automobile in mid-April of 1954 and incurring fracture of left forearm and fractures of left lower ribs. In June 1954, his local physician, Dr. H. R. Ransom, Osseo, Minnesota, referred the deceased to the University Hospital for evaluation and treatment of a gastrointestinal condition.

A diagnosis of cancer of the esophagus was made and a gastrostomy was done July 13 at which time metastases to stomach and liver were noted. On July 21, the deceased was transferred to Parkview Hospital for terminal care. He expired there at 12:15 a.m., August 12.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the Evans Funeral Home and viewed the

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body. Death was attributed to neoplasm, metastatic, liver, stomach; and adenocarcinoma of esophagus.

Survivors of the decedent include four brothers, William of Isanti, Fred of Rogers, Julius of Stacy, Henry of Osseo; sisters, Mrs. Anna Green of Anoka, Mrs. Julius Splittslaser of North Branch, and Mrs. Ovid Grant of Spokane, Washington.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LENA LANTTO

Date of Death August 12

Place of Death Swedish Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 5152 Aldrich Ave. N.

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge No

Birthdate 7-30-1874 Age 80

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife Abraham Lantto

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural

Accident Pneumonia, bronchial, bilateral, hypostatic; arteriosclerosis, generalized; senility; fracture, intertrochanteric, right femur.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Annandale, Minn.

Effects Released to

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Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 11:55 a. m., August 12, 1954

On July 21, 1954, the deceased fell in her home sustaining a fracture of the right hip. She was removed to Swedish Hospital, being admitted the same day. An open reduction and internal fixation of the right hip was done on July 22. On August 1, she was transferred to a rest home for convalescent care; however, her physical condition deteriorated to the extent that it was necessary to readmit the deceased to Swedish Hospital on August 6. She expired at 4:53 a.m., August 12.

According to Dr. Lawrence Carlson, the deceased was senile, wouldn't eat, etc. and developed terminal febrile illness which he interpreted as terminal pneumonia.

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Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to bilateral, hypostatic, bronchial pneumonia; arteriosclerosis, generalized; senility; the fracture of the right hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES E. HENDRICKSON

Date of Death August 12

Place of Death	Eastwood Nursing Home 1307 Sixth St. S. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Rush City, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-9-1882 Age 71		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Farmer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mary Anderson		
Names of Parents	Carl John & Gertrude Hendrickson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Rush City, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Albin Chapel	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. J. Mills, University Hospitals, at 11:45 a.m., August 12, 1954.

The deceased was referred to the University Hospitals by Dr. A. K. Stratte of Pine City, Minnesota. He arrived at the hospital on August 11, 1954 and had a general examination during which history of a heart attack in December 1953, history of hypertension and blood pressure of 180/90 plus some edema of the ankles was noted. The deceased was taking digitalis.

Because of the lack of beds, deceased was sent to Nursing Home for the night and was scheduled for colon x-rays and visits to specialty clinics on the following day. Castor oil was given according to Nursing Home operator, and the deceased was up to the bathroom off and on all night. About 6:20, August 12, deceased went into bathroom again and when he did not return in a few minutes or answer when spoken to, the attendant broke into bathroom and found deceased slumped down, cyanotic, gasping and unresponsive. He was re-

CHARLES E. HENDRICKSON (continued)

moved to his bed and artificial respiration was instituted. A physician was summoned, however, the deceased expired at 6:45 a.m., shortly after the arrival of Dr. J. C. Hutchinson.

It was stated, the deceased had come to the hospital for treatment of a prostate condition.

Death was attributed to hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease, and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HENRY MELVIN HALLDIN

Date of Death Ed. August 12

Place of Death	Route 2, Box 486 Hopkins, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. C. M. Van Prooyen
Residence	4133 45th Ave. S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-26-1895 Age 59		
Birthplace	Pennock, Minn.		
Occupation	Warehouseman		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Teckla O. Halldin		
Names of Parents	August Halldin & Mary Erickson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director The Albin Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. 469-09-6723

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by The Albin Chapel at 8:35 p.m., August 12, 1954.

About 6:15 p.m., August 12, 1954, Mrs. Henry Halldin arrived home from her place of employment and found her husband, it was stated, sitting in a lawn chair in the garage, apparently expired. The car motor was not running and the keys for the car were in the deceased's pocket. It was assumed that the deceased had perhaps died from a heart attack as he had been a patient for several years at the Glen Lake Sanatorium. Recently he had suffered a back injury at the National Tea Company where he was employed and at present was not working.

Body of deceased was removed to the Albin Chapel where an autopsy was performed on the morning of August 13. There were no gross findings, therefore, specimens of the organs

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were released for microscopic study and chemical analyses. A subsequent report from the toxicological chemist revealed 70% carbon monoxide saturation upon analysis of the blood.

In view of the above findings, Deputy Stanley P. Hurley went to the Halldin residence to interview Mrs. Halldin. Not finding her at home, he entered the garage and examined it. He stated the gas fumes that still lingered in the garage made him dizzy. While waiting for Mrs. Halldin to return home, he talked with several neighbors living nearby but they had seen no one around the residence on August 12th and stated they were not well acquainted with the Halldins as the Halldins had only recently moved to this address.

According to a statement taken from Mrs. Halldin by Deputy Hurley, they had moved to their present address about eight months ago and formerly lived at 4133-45th Avenue South, Minneapolis. The deceased's wife states she prepared breakfast for the deceased on the morning of August 12th and then he took her to Glen Lake to catch a bus, approximately one mile from their home. She remembers seeing the deceased drive the car back towards their home. When she returned home that evening, she found the deceased in the garage as stated above. She does not recall whether she entered the house first or went directly to the garage, however, she states the deceased was seated in a lawn chair about two feet from the exhaust pipe of the car, all doors were closed, and the car was not running. She states the mortician found the car keys in the deceased's pocket. The officer asked if she had taken the keys from the car and she replied that she did not. After finding the deceased dead, Mrs. Halldin states she entered the house and noted the deceased had not eaten the eggs and other food she had prepared for him before leaving for work that morning.

Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Teckla; mother, Mrs. Mary Kretz; three brothers, Rudolph, Rueben and Elmer.

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Veterans Hospital at 8:45 a.m., August 13, 1954.

On July 26, 1954, the deceased was lighting the gas stove in his home (city gas) when suddenly there was an explosion, and the deceased sustained burns of the head, arms and chest. He was admitted to Anchor Hospital, St. Paul. Later, on August 2, the deceased was transferred to Veterans Hospital, being admitted at 11:35 a.m. The man expired at 10:40 p.m., August 12.

Lobar pneumonia developed two days before death. A contributing factor was staphylococcus bacteremia, which was indicated about three days preceding death.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN G. GILLERT

Date of Death August 12

Place of Death	Veterans Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Donald Gleason
Residence	5315-34th Ave. S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-19-1914 Age 39		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Molder - Plastic factory		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Emil Charles Gillbert & Vera Peterson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Lobar pneumonia, right lower lobe; staphylococcus bacteremia; 1st, 2d and 3d degree burns, head, arms and chest.	
	Suicide		
	XHomicideX		
	XUndeterminedX		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

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HISTORY:

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Lobar pneumonia developed two days before death. A contributing factor was staphylococcus bacteremia, which was indicated about three days preceding death.

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An autopsy was performed at the Veterans Hospital on August 13. This revealed that death resulted from lobar pneumonia of the right lower lobe.

Survivors of the decedent include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Gilbert, Stacy, Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. Chris Nygaard, Minneapolis, Mrs. Edward Theis, West Allis, Wisconsin; one brother, Emil Gilbert, Jr., Stacy, Minn.

According to a statement given by the decedent's mother, Mrs. Emil C. Gilbert, the decedent was born on August 13, 1924, at Stacy, Minnesota. He was the second of three children. His father, Emil C. Gilbert, was a farmer and his mother, Mrs. Emil C. Gilbert, was a homemaker. The decedent was educated in the public schools of Stacy, Minnesota, and graduated from Stacy High School in 1942. He then attended the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, where he studied for two years. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society. He was also a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was employed as a clerk in the Stacy Post Office from 1944 to 1946. He then worked for the Stacy Telephone Company from 1946 to 1948. He was married to Mrs. Chris Nygaard on August 13, 1948. They have two children, a son and a daughter. The decedent was a devout Catholic and attended Mass regularly. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Stacy, Minnesota. He was a very kind and gentle man and was well liked by all who knew him. He was a very hard worker and was very dedicated to his job. He was a very loyal friend and was always ready to help others in need. He was a very good father and was very involved in his children's lives. He was a very good husband and was always supportive of his wife. He was a very good son and was always respectful of his parents. He was a very good citizen and was always obedient to the law. He was a very good neighbor and was always helpful to his neighbors. He was a very good friend and was always loyal to his friends. He was a very good person and was always kind to everyone. He was a very good man and was always respected by all who knew him.

Death was attributed to lobar pneumonia of the right lower lobe. The autopsy revealed that the decedent had been suffering from lobar pneumonia for several days before he died. The pneumonia was caused by a bacterial infection. The infection spread from the lungs to the pleural cavity, causing a pleural effusion. The effusion was composed of pus and blood. The pneumonia was complicated by a septicemia. The septicemia was caused by a bacterial infection that spread from the lungs to the bloodstream. The septicemia was fatal. The decedent was found dead in his bed. He had been lying in bed for several days before he died. He was found by his mother, Mrs. Emil C. Gilbert. She called the police and the coroner. The coroner arrived at the house and examined the body. He found that the decedent had died of natural causes. He issued a certificate of death. The body was then taken to the Veterans Hospital for an autopsy. The autopsy revealed that the decedent had died of lobar pneumonia of the right lower lobe. The pneumonia was caused by a bacterial infection. The infection spread from the lungs to the pleural cavity, causing a pleural effusion. The effusion was composed of pus and blood. The pneumonia was complicated by a septicemia. The septicemia was caused by a bacterial infection that spread from the lungs to the bloodstream. The septicemia was fatal.

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Veterans Hospital at 11:40 a.m., August 13, 1954. On July 26, 1954, the decedent was admitted to the Veterans Hospital at 11:30 a.m. He was found dead in his bed. He had been lying in bed for several days before he died. He was found by his mother, Mrs. Emil C. Gilbert. She called the police and the coroner. The coroner arrived at the house and examined the body. He found that the decedent had died of natural causes. He issued a certificate of death. The body was then taken to the Veterans Hospital for an autopsy. The autopsy revealed that the decedent had died of lobar pneumonia of the right lower lobe. The pneumonia was caused by a bacterial infection. The infection spread from the lungs to the pleural cavity, causing a pleural effusion. The effusion was composed of pus and blood. The pneumonia was complicated by a septicemia. The septicemia was caused by a bacterial infection that spread from the lungs to the bloodstream. The septicemia was fatal.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HANNAH SATHER

Date of Death Fd. August 13

Place of Death	Ebenezer Home, 2545 Portland Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-7-1870 Age 84		
Birthplace	Trondhjem, Norway		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	John Sather		
Names of Parents	Aage Oie & Gertrude Torseth		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary Sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Sundseth Funeral Home	Address	

E.J.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Ebenezer Home at 11:40 a.m., August 13, 1954.

The deceased has been staying at the Ebenezer Home since 1950 and, it was stated, she has not had any symptoms of illness with the exception of a slight cold. The deceased has been ambulatory, however, because of her cold she was staying in bed today. When the attendant brought her breakfast to her room at 11:30 a.m., she found the woman dead in bed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

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Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Remus, St. Paul; also five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54..

FULL NAME ALBERT GUNDERSON

Date of Death August 14

Place of Death	3118 N. Fourth St.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-20-1886 Age 67		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Retired bookkeeper-Columbia Ribbon Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mabel Gunderson		
Names of Parents	Gunder Gunderson & Julia Olson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Sundseth Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 476-05-9618

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:45 p.m., August 14, 1954.

According to Mrs. Mabel E. Gunderson, wife of the deceased, he had been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital for several years. He was taking digitalis in some form for a heart condition and was said to have high blood pressure. She states that deceased had been getting weaker and in poorer health the past week. He complained of seeing a golden haze and yellow spots; he was unable to eat much because food seemed to "stick in his throat" and he would often be nauseated and vomit some this past week.

Today, August 14, 1954, the deceased was seen by Dr. P. E. Peterson. The physician gave him a shot which he warned might make him jittery and which Mrs. Gunderson was under the impression was a stimulant of some sort. About 15 minutes after the doctor had left, the deceased went to the bathroom and was heard to gag,choke and fall. Apparently, he hit his

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ALBERT GUNDERSON (continued)

head in slumping over in the bathroom. Relatives helped the deceased to bed and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring at about 3:40 p.m.

Dr. Peterson also wrote a prescription for digitoxin, however, the druggist refused to honor this prescription because he knew that the deceased was already taking that medication.

On August 12, the family states a physician from Minneapolis General Hospital, name not known, came to the house at the request of the family and examined the deceased. This physician merely sat and talked to the patient and took his pulse and recommended that deceased take it easy and said if he wasn't feeling better by August 16, at which time he was scheduled to report to the out-patient department, the hospital would send a car for him.

Dr. P. E. Peterson informs our deputy that he merely gave the deceased a penicillin shot because of finding "some congestion of the lungs" and that certainly "that couldn't have had anything to do with his death". He further states that the heart of the deceased was somewhat irregular and cause of death undoubtedly was coronary disease.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased was noted to be warm and somewhat cyanotic. Palpation to maximum reach of gloved finger shows no foreign body in trachea above larynx. Anteriorly able to palpate false vocal cords. Unable to palpate true vocal cords to establish position. A small bruise was noted over left eyebrow. There were no palpable fractures. Small needle mark noted in left biceps region without surrounding erythema. On checking with Minneapolis General Hospital in regard to the possibility of allergy to or reaction from penicillin, the hospital chart failed to indicate that this man had ever had a reaction. In view of the history of chronic heart failure on hypertensive and arteriosclerotic basis, death was attributed to hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Mabel; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Claflin, Ruth and Carol; two sons, Wallace and Harley; also two grandchildren.

Police officers Stirak and Vick of Squad 142 were notified and attended the scene of death.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ERNEST E. WATSON

Date of Death August 16

Place of Death

Veterans Hospital.

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Masonic Home,
Bloomington, Minn.

Pathologist

Dr. Thomas Simba

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

2-25-1877 Age 77

Birthplace

Augusta, Kentucky

Occupation

Retired

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Unknown

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
~~Natural~~
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Bronchitis and bronchopneumonia;
fracture, neck of left femur,
simple; bronchogenic carcinoma,
right upper lobe of lung, with
metastases.

Place of Burial

Hoopston, Ill.

Effects
Released to

Folsom Funeral Director

Welanders-Quist Company
2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Veterans Hospital at 3:00 p.m., August 16, 1954.

On August 9, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell out of bed at the Masonic Home incurring a fracture of the left hip. He was removed by ambulance to Veterans Hospital, being admitted at 10:30 p.m. Due to the man's advanced age and weakened condition, he developed bronchopneumonia expiring at 5:15 a.m., August 16.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed that death resulted from bronchitis and bronchopneumonia; fracture of neck of left femur, simple; bronchogenic carcinoma, right upper lobe of lung with metastases.

ERNEST E. WATSON (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Mrs. John T. (Margaret W), Heinrich, Minnesota and a sister, Mary Johnson, Hoopeston, Illinois.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME PETER F. GERGER

Date of Death Fd. August 17

Place of Death 3208 Grand Avenue S.
Place of Accident
Residence Same
Sex Male
Birthdate 5-23-1915 Age 39
Birthplace North Dakota
Occupation Machine Operator
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Helen Gerger
Names of Parents Carl Gerger & Eva Young
CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Arteriosclerotic heart disease.
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined
Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery
Funeral Director Joe Billman Mortuary

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis
Inquest No
Effects Taken in charge None

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No. 469-18-6422

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:10 a.m., August 17, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, Helen Gerger, the deceased apparently had no unusual symptoms when he retired on the evening of August 16, 1954. About 8:00 a.m. on the morning of August 17, the deceased went to get out of bed and suddenly collapsed, apparently expiring. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead at 8:30 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had been receiving treatment at Minneapolis General Hospital for arthritis.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed. This revealed that death resulted from arteriosclerotic heart disease.

PETER F. GERGER (continued)

Police officer C. Pederson was also notified and investigated this case.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Helen; sons, Lloyd, Wayne, Peter and Allan; daughters, Joyce and Diane; two brothers, Nicholas and Carl; sisters, Anna Furi and Rose Zilke.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CARRIE N. NELSON

Date of Death August 17

Place of Death Deaconess Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 3125-16th Ave. S.

Pathologist Dr. Craig W. Freeman

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-11-1860 Age 94

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Nels Nelson

Names of Parents ? and ? Erickson

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident Bronchopneumonia due to fracture of right hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Layman's Cemetery

Effects Released to

R.G.J.

Funeral Director Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Deaconess Hospital at 11:10 a.m., August 17, 1954.

On July 25, 1954, the deceased slipped on a throw rug on floor at her home and fell incurring a fracture of the right hip. She was removed by ambulance to Deaconess Hospital, being admitted at 5:45 p.m. that day, and placed under the care of Dr. William T. Anderson.

Surgical repair of the hip was performed on July 27. However, due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, she developed bronchopneumonia, expiring at 10:55 a.m., August 17.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed that death resulted from broncho-

CARRIE N. NELSON

pneumonia; the fractured right hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. R. K. Grinden; son, Emery; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME VERNON L. STEVENS

Date of Death Fd. August 17

Place of Death 314 1/2 Hennepin Ave.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$2.50; 1 billfold; 1 Westclox watch; 1 key; 6 1¢ stamps; 1 bankbook-First Hennepin State Bank (account closed)

Birthdate 2-21-1900 Age 54

Birthplace Maiden Rock, Wis.

Occupation Warehouseman-Central Warehouse

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife Florence

Names of Parents John Lundblad & Tilda Peterson

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Maiden Rock Cemetery
Maiden Rock, Wis.

Effects Released to

Henry W. Anderson Mortuary by
Lauren F. Miller, F. D.

Kaplan

Funeral Director Henry W. Anderson Mortuary

Address

Maiden Rock, Wis.

Social Security No. 471-07-9101

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:09 p.m., August 17, 1954.

At 6:00 p.m., August 17, 1954, the deceased was found lying across bed in Room 11 of the St. Regis Hotel by Douglas Warfield, apparently expired. The deceased had last been seen alive on August 16 by Oscar Elmar, manager of the hotel. It was stated the deceased had been ill since December of 1953.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. Deceased was lying on bed with head against wall, fully clothed except for his shoes. Rigor mortis

VERNON L. STEVENS (continued)

was leaving the body. A bloody fluid was noted from nose. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

Police officers Roehl and Kline of squad 117 were notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN P. ANDERSON

Date of Death Fd.
August 18

Place of Death 22 Washington Ave. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$15.55; 1 coin purse; 1 key;
1 knife; misc. papers.

Birthdate 3-12-1879 Age 75

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Laborer - Soo Line Railroad (Ret.)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Johanna Anderson

Names of Parents Andrus Rasmisson & Carn Ronge

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural ☒

Accident ☐

Suicide Strangulation due to hanging.

Homicide ☐

Undetermined ☐

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Arthur A. Anderson, son

E.J. Funeral Director Miller Funeral Home
Columbia Heights, Minn.

Address

3934-Fifth St. N. E.

Social Security No. 475-07-2517A

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:50 a.m., August 18, 1954.

On the morning of August 18, 1954, at approximately 9:45 a.m., the deceased was found hanging by his own belt which was tied to a B-X cable above the wire netting that encloses a small room by Stanley Suknovich, manager of the Park Hotel.

According to other tenants, the deceased had last been seen about 6:00 p.m. on August 17. He had previously threatened to go the river and commit suicide, therefore, when he was not seen for some time, the manager was informed. Suknovich went to the deceased's room and opened his door where he found the deceased hanging. The police were notified immediately, Officers Rhodes and Bauffield responding.

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JOHN P. ANDERSON (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to strangulation due to hanging and was ruled a suicide. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office, with the exception of a son, Arthur A. Anderson.

History: This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:30 a.m., August 18, 1954. On the morning of August 18, 1954, at approximately 7:30 a.m., the deceased was found hanging by her own belt which was tied to a 2x4 beam above the wire ceiling in a small room by Stanley Sundseth, manager of the room. According to other females, the deceased had just been seen about 5:00 p.m., on August 17. She had previously threatened to go to the river and commit suicide. She was not seen for some time. The manager was informed. Sundseth went to the deceased's room and opened his door where he found the deceased hanging. The police were notified immediately. Officers Rhodes and Kautzsch responded.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WALBOR SAKARI JOHNSON

Date of Death August 18

Place of Death	Deaconess Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2731 East 24th Street	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-25-1859 Age 94		
Birthplace	Finland		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Izaak Sakari		
Names of Parents	Erick and Kresta Waisanen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Chapel	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Chapel at 1:50 p.m., August 19, 1954.

On August 13, 1954, the deceased tripped and fell down the basement stairs at her home. She was removed to Deaconess Hospital, being admitted at 1:30 p.m. the same day. She was placed under the care of Dr. M. L. Hovland and later was attended by Dr. L. A. Benesh during Dr. Hovland's absence.

Due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, she did not respond well to hospital treatment. Death occurred at 7:15 p.m., August 18.

A deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to a

WALBOR SAKARI JOHNSON (continued)

cerebral vascular accident; the fractured ribs being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent include four daughters, Mrs. Hilda Lehtola, Mrs. Mary Permatta, Mrs. Ida Adams, and Mrs. Marion Anderson; four sons, John W., Arthur M., Arvid O., and Edwin E.; also 43 grandchildren, 80 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MARY LINDBLOOM

Date of Death August 19

Place of Death Northwestern Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 1934 Oliver Ave. N.

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-5-1868 Age 86

Birthplace Isanti County, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Samuel Lindbloom

Names of Parents John and ? Hertig

~~Natural~~

Accident Coronary sclerosis; fractures of right hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial West St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis Township, Anoka Co.

Effects Released to

E.J. Funeral Director Thurston Funeral Home, Anoka, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Northwestern Hospital at 3:50 a.m., August 19, 1954.

On the evening of August 6, 1954, the deceased got out of bed and fell in some manner in her bedroom incurring a fracture of the right hip. She was removed by ambulance to Northwestern Hospital, being admitted the same day.

An open reduction of the right hip was performed on August 11, 1954. The hospital course was unsatisfactory and the deceased expired at 3:35 a.m., August 19.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis;

MARY LINDBLOOM (continued)

the fracture of the right hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are nine children, however, they are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME DONALD SCHABER

Date of Death August 19

Place of Death Eitel Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Highways No. 55 and 101
Plymouth Township

Pathologist Dr. John I. Coe

Residence Hamel, Minn.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 3-2-1939 Age 15

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Student

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Names of Parents Everett Schaber & Sylvia Bourgeois

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Motor scooter/Auto
Accident Concussion of brain
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Anne's Cemetery,
Hamel, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director Knaeble Company

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Miss Rasmussen, Eitel Hospital, at 10:15 p.m., August 19, 1954.

On the night of July 1, 1954, the deceased, a boy of fifteen, was riding his 1949 Cushman motor scooter north on highway 101 near Hamel, Minnesota. The scooter bore 1954 Minnesota license number MBS 2542. At the intersection of highway 55 with 101 the deceased was struck by a 1950 chevrolet coach bearing 1954 Minnesota license number 905-646. Driver and owner of the vehicle was Carl A. Arneson, age 34, Box 53, Camden Station. Driving east on highway 55, Arneson failed to see the thru stop sign at the intersection until too late to avoid the collision, it was stated. The accident occurred about 10:11 p.m.

The deceased, critically injured, was given first aid at the scene by deputy sheriff's Seawell and Schwartz. An ambulance, summoned from Smith Ambulance Service, removed the injured

DONALD SCHABER (Continued)

boy to General Hospital in Minneapolis, where he was admitted at 10:51 p.m. A diagnosis of basal skull fracture and brain contusions was made. The next day, July 2, bilateral trephine surgery was performed.

During the days and weeks which followed, the deceased remained in a coma. On July 20th the boy was transferred to Eitel hospital by Smith ambulance, being admitted there at 6:10 p.m. Dr. Roy W. Dickman was in attendance. His condition remained precarious. Death occurred at 9:30 p.m., August 19th. The boy had not regained consciousness at any time since the accident.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:00 a.m., August 20th. This revealed death was due to concussion of the brain.

The deceased is survived by his father, Everett Schaber, a brother, Howard, and a sister, Marlys, of Hamel, Minnesota

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME KATHERINE GENEVIEVE GERKE

Date of Death AUGUST 19

Place of Death 1319 East 19th Street

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

4-17-1869 Age 85

Birthplace

Elbie, Minn.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Sam Gerke

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Coronary heart disease due to
generalized arteriosclerosis.

Place of Burial

Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Folsom Funeral Director

Albinson-Peterson Funeral Chapel Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 3:50 p.m., August 20, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, lived at 1319 East 19th Street. She was very obese, it was stated, and walked with a cane. She had been under the care of Dr. Frank W. Larson in the past, it was stated, but had not seen the physician since February, 1954.

On Thursday evening, August 19, 1954, the deceased was preparing for bed about 8:30. She was on her way to the bathroom when she suddenly collapsed to the floor. An ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital by Mrs. Hazel Simpson, another resident of the building who happened to be with the deceased at the time. However, the woman was pronounced dead on arrival of the ambulance physician, death having occurred about 8:45 p.m.

KATHERINE GENEVIEVE GERKE (Continued)

The body was removed directly to the funeral home where the body was viewed by the deputy coroner. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Police officer Meagher was active in the investigation of this death at the scene.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Erickson, Minneapolis; two sons, Harry C. Jones of California, and Raymond F. Gerke, Minneapolis. A sister, Mrs. Mabel Richardson, Miami, Florida, also survives.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MAY COOK

Date of Death August 20

Place of Death 124 East 16th Street

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

11-8-1874 Age 79

Birthplace

Canada

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Roger C. Cook

Names of Parents

Unknown

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling Company

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Washburn-McReavy Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:30 a.m., August 20, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, lived with her husband at 124 East 16th Street in Apt. 4. About 1:30 a.m., August 20, 1954, the woman awakened her husband, complaining of a pain in her shoulder. She appeared to be seriously ill so Mr. Cook summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital. However, she expired before arrival of the ambulance, death occurring at 1:45 a.m. Dr. Dorsey, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced her dead.

The deceased had been under the care of Dr. R. M. Sullivan in the past and had seen him about a month prior to her death, it was stated. However, the physician was out of town for a few days and not available to sign the death certificate.

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CORONER'S RECORD

MAY COOK (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was ascribed to coronary disease by the deputy coroner.

As is customary when an ambulance is summoned from General Hospital, police officers Fort and Kolars arrived at the scene in this case and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LOUIS IGNATIUS SELGER

Date of Death August 20

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. George Nelson

Residence 1815 Elliot Avenue S., Apt. 3

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-27-1883 Age 71

Birthplace Red Wing, Minn.

Occupation Salesman - brewery

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Florence Selger

Names of Parents Charles Selger & Carrie Hegna

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed On Morgue Record

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Thomson Brothers Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 472-10-3308

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Connaughton of Minneapolis General Hospital at 9:40 a.m., August 20, 1954.

On Thursday, August 19, the deceased did not feel well, it was stated. His condition became worse toward evening and an ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. He was admitted there at 7:00 p.m., in a comatose condition. Death occurred the next morning at 9:20 (August 20th).

An autopsy was performed at General Hospital at 1:00 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed death was due to coronary disease. Myocardial fibrosis and coronary sclerosis was noted, also pleural adhesions, left.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to the funeral director.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME PHYLLIS LA PEARL TORRANCE

Date of Death Fd. August 21

Place of Death 4516 Brookside Avenue, Edina

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. G. Aurebeck

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate 5-19-1918 Age 36

Birthplace Fulda, Minn.

None except noted
On Morgue Record

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Raymond Torrance

Names of Parents Tip Peasley & Sybil Woolstencroft

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Carbon Monoxide poisoning

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Protestant Cemetery

Worthington, Minn.

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Park Funeral Home,

Address

St. Louis Park, Minn.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Allan J. Blake at 10:50 a.m., August 21, 1954.

The deceased and her husband, Raymond, lived at 4516 Brookside Avenue in Edina. On Friday, August 20, 1954, they stayed up very late sitting in the living room talking, it was stated. At 1:30 a.m. (Saturday, August 21st) Mr. Torrance went upstairs to bed, leaving the deceased sitting in a chair in the living room.

The deceased's husband awakened shortly after 10:00 o'clock that morning, and, when he did not find his wife about the premises, went in search of her. At 10:30 he entered the garage where he found the deceased lying on the front seat of the car. Dr. Allan J. Blake, who had treated the deceased in the past for gastric ulcers, was summoned to the house. He pronounced the woman dead on arrival.

PHYLIS LA PEARL TORRANCE (Continued)

Upon being notified the coroner went to the scene and made an investigation. The deceased was lying on the front seat of the car, her head turned to the right. Rigor mortis, it was noted, was fully developed. The woman was fully clothed. The garage doors had been closed when the woman was found, it was stated. A check revealed the gas tank was half full of fuel. It was noted the ignition key was in an off position.

Police chief Lloyd McGarry and officer Greenwood of the Edina Police Department were present at the scene and assisted in the investigation of this case.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the date of death. In the opinion of the pathologist death was undoubtedly due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Pulmonary edema and congestion was revealed, also an old gastric resection.

A sample of the blood was sent to the toxicological chemist for analysis. A subsequent report revealed the presence of a lethal amount of carbon monoxide in the blood. Ethyl alcohol in the blood registered 0.20%.

The decedent is survived by her husband, Raymond; two sons, Richard and Robert; her father, Tip Peasley, Fulda, Minnesota; a brother, Dunwreth, Minneapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. Frances Tinker and Mrs. Marjorie Hugler.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLARD CARL OREDSON

Date of Death Fd. August 21

Place of Death	Tallmadge Hotel 1217 Marquette Ave.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$54.85; 6 checks, each \$40.00 or a total of \$240.00, 1 check-\$185.85; 1 billfold; 1 ring; 1 Gruen watch; 11 keys; misc. cards.
Birthdate	5-15-1911 Age 43		
Birthplace	Brook Park, Minn.		
Occupation	Tool and die maker-Honeywell Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Amy		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	James Oredson & Freida Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	Dennis James Oredson, son
Kaplan Funeral Director	The Albin Chapel	Address	3043-37th Ave. S.

Social Security No. 469-10-6209

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:15 p.m., August 21, 1954.

The deceased lived alone in Room #118 at the Tallmadge Hotel, 1217 Marquette Avenue. At 11:30 a.m., Saturday, August 21, Alvina Hitle, maid at the hotel, entered the room to do the cleaning. She found the deceased lying face down across his bed. The man, undoubtedly, was dead.

Upon being notified by the hotel clerk a deputy coroner went to the scene. A check was made with the deceased's physician, Dr. Russell C. Lindgren. This revealed the deceased had last visited the doctor on August 17, 1954.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to congestive heart failure, chronic myocarditis and bronchiectasis.

CORONER'S RECORD

WILLARD CARL OREDSON (Continued)

The deceased is survived by a son, Dennis, 3043 37th Avenue South, Minneapolis, and one brother, Arnold, Hinckley, Minnesota.

Police officers Fox and Haukom, squad #118, were active in the investigation at the scene of this death.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CLARA M. ANDERSON Date of Death August 22

Place of Death	Fairview Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Pinewood, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-24-1904 Age 50		
Birthplace	Maple Bay, Pope County, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anders Anderson		
Names of Parents	Christ Haugen & Mary Bakke		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Generalized carcinomatosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Maple Bay, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 12:45 p.m., August 22, 1954.

The deceased had a history of carcinoma and had been living in Minneapolis recently, at 2632 3rd Avenue South, while undergoing treatment by Dr. J. V. Petit.

Saturday evening, August 21, her condition became very serious and she was admitted to Fairview Hospital at 10:30 p.m. Death occurred at 6:45 the next morning, (August 22nd), and was due to generalized carcinomatosis. No surgery could be attempted.

Due to the fact Dr. Petit was out of town when death occurred and would not be available to sign the death certificate, it was signed by a deputy coroner in this office.

The decedent is survived by five daughters and two sons. Their names, however, are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ALFRED ALEXANDER BACHLER

Date of Death August 22

Place of Death 2727 Pillsbury Avenue

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

5-9-1880 Age 74

Birthplace

Fountain City, Wis.

Occupation

Certified Public Accountant

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Ann H. Bachler

Names of Parents

David Bachler & Rosina Maria Stucke

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Coronary disease; diabetic gan-
grene, right foot; arteriosclero-
sis.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

The Albin Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Arthur R. Bachler, brother of deceased, at 4:44 p.m., August 22, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, had a history of severe diabetes. During the past six months he had been avoiding sugar in his diet, it was stated, and had spent the last month in bed. He was a Christian Scientist and was not receiving any medical attention. He expired in his home at 4:10 p.m., August 22, 1954.

Upon being notified the coroner went to the home to examine the body. He found the body warm, rigor mortis not yet established. The pupils of the eyes were equal. A severe diabetic gangrene of the right foot and ankle was noted, with some discharge just above the ankle.

Death was ascribed to coronary disease, diabetic gangrene of right foot, and arteriosclerosis by the coroner. The body was released directly to the funeral director.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

ALFRED ALEXANDER BACHLER (Continued)

Surviving the decedent are his wife, Ann; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Pelton; a sister, Mrs. Mae Chapin; and a brother, Arthur R., all of Minneapolis.

FULL NAME HILDA CARLQUIST

Date of Death August 23

Place of Death 3301 Oliver Avenue North

Autopsy None

Place of Accident

Pathologist None

Residence Same

Inquest None

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-14-1867 Age 87

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Andrew Carlquist

Names of Parents John Erickson & Christine Wilen

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident x

Suicide x

Homicide x

Undetermined x

Place of Burial Oakland Cemetery, Huntington, Wisconsin

Effects Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director Swanson Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 9:35 a.m., August 23, 1954.

The deceased, an aged woman, lived with her son, Clarence V. Croner, at 3301 Oliver Avenue North. She had not been feeling well during the past week, it was stated, and had been under the care of a Christian Science practitioner, Mrs. Bertha Marquis, 2518 Central Avenue. She expired in her home at 9:40 a.m., August 23, 1954.

The body was viewed by the deputy coroner at the funeral home and death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

In addition to the son mentioned in this history, the decedent is survived by another son, Grant H. Carlquist, Estherville, Iowa; and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Kallgren, Chicago, Illinois, and Mrs. Ethel Dyson, Houston, Texas.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELMER J. ROGERS Date of Death Fd. August 23

Place of Death	3401 18th Avenue South	Autopsy	No	
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No	
Residence	Same	Inquest	No	
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.31; 2 letters; 1 key; 1 coin purse.	
Birthdate	12-14-1881 Age 72			
Birthplace	Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin			
Occupation	Farmer and teamster (retired)			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single			
Name of Husband or Wife				
Names of Parents	David Rogers and Frances Brooks	Other effects listed	Record	
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis		
	Accident			
	Suicide			
	Homicide			
	Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Greenwood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Wisconsin	Effects Released to	Mrs. Gail Doering, sister	
E.J.	Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address	Box 155, Rock Springs, Wis.

Social Security No. None
 Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Charles G. Liedman, the deceased's landlord, at 11:45 a.m., August 23, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, had lived alone for the past eight years in a small basement apartment in a four-plex located at 3401 18th Avenue South. He had always appeared to be in good health, it was stated.

On Monday morning, August 23, 1954, Mrs. A. A. Walima, a tenant on the second floor, noticed an unpleasant odor in her apartment. Becoming apprehensive about the deceased, since she had not seen him about the building over the weekend, she went down in the basement to investigate. The man's radio was playing very loudly, she noted, and his shoes and rubbers were sitting beside the door to his apartment, where he usually left them when he went in. The deceased failed to respond when Mrs. Walima knocked on the door and

ELMER J. ROGERS (Continued)

called his name. She then notified the landlord, Charles G. Liedman, 3532 17th Avenue South, of the circumstances. The latter came over and entered the apartment with his key about 11:40 a.m. He found the deceased lying on his bed. The man had apparently been dead for several days.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene. It was noted the lights were on in the apartment, the radio was playing and the shades were drawn. A later check with tenants on the first floor revealed the radio had been playing quite constantly over the weekend. On Friday afternoon, they stated, the deceased had been listening to a different station than the one which was on when the body was discovered. It is believed the deceased laid down on his bed sometime Friday evening and apparently suffered a fatal cardiac attack.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner.

Police officer Conroy arrived at the scene in this case and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edna Doering, Rock Springs, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Bess William and Sue Rogers, both of Baraboo, Wisconsin.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME RALPH PETER COTEA

Date of Death Fd. August 23

Place of Death 1807 Chicago Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 11-11-1923 Age 30

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Artist - self employed

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Maria Dolores Cotea

None except listed On Morgue Record

Names of Parents David and Clara Cotea

(Clothing destroyed account unsanitary)

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident

Suicide Strangulation due to hanging.

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood (cremation)

Effects Released to

E.J. Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:45 p.m., August 23, 1954.

The deceased's wife, Maria, last saw her husband alive at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 23, 1954, at which time she left the house to go to work. She returned home at 3:30 p.m., and, failing to find her husband on the first floor of the house, went down into the basement. She had mentioned that morning that she would like him to clean the basement that day. As she started down the stairs she saw the body of her husband hanging by a rope which had been thrown over a beam in the ceiling.

Mrs. Cotea summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital and called the Police Department. Dr. Schmidt, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced the man dead on arrival.

CORONER'S RECORD

RALPH PETER COTEA (Continued)

Upon being notified a deputy coroner went to the scene. The rope used was 3/8 inch hemp. Apparently the man had stepped off a box nearby.

A further check with members of the family revealed that Margaret Gibo, 1072 8th Avenue North, sister of the deceased, had received a telephone call from her brother about 1:00 o'clock that afternoon, and that he had asked if his wife had been over to her house that day. He did not sound as though he were depressed at that time, she stated. Mrs. Cotea stated the deceased had threatened to commit suicide at various times during the past year. It was learned that the deceased's father, also an older brother, had both committed suicide in the past.

Police officers Maegher and Parker, squad #131, also detective Melchisedech, of #301, took part in the investigation of this case.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where the death was ruled a suicide by hanging.

In addition to his wife, and the sister mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by five other sisters; namely, Mrs Eleanor Reiter, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Ann Garin, and Mrs. Delvina Scovil, all of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Dorothy Nowak of Salem, Oregon. One brother, Willard, Puente, California, also survives.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MAUDE H. ALLENDORF

Date of Death August 23

Place of Death	3520 Second Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-19-1877 Age 77		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	William Allendorf		
Names of Parents	Harrison Knapp & Ophelia Brundage		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Y. T. Johnson at 6:53 p.m., August 23, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, has had a cardiac condition for many years and had been under the care of Dr. Julien V. Petit.

On Monday evening, August 23, 1954, the deceased suffered a serious cardiac attack. An effort was made to contact Dr. Petit but it was learned the physician was out of town and would not be back until August 30th. Another physician, Dr. Y. T. Johnson, was then summoned to the house, however, he pronounced the woman dead on arrival. Death occurred at 6:50 p.m. Dr. Johnson had never treated the deceased during her lifetime.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner death was attributed to coronary sclerosis. The body was released directly to the funeral director

MAUDE H. ALLENDORF (Continued)

The deceased is survived by her husband, William, a son, Captain John W. Allendorf, French Morocco, and three grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME INGVALD C. MONSEBROTEN

Date of Death Fd. August 24

Place of Death 2 South 11th Street

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 10-12-1904 Age 49

Birthplace Grafton, North Dakota

Occupation Maintenance - real estate

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Rose Monsebroten

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J. Funeral Director Peterson's Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:50 a.m., August 24, 1954.

The deceased and his wife occupied Apt. 26 at the Library Hotel, 2 South 11th Street. He was employed as a maintenance man for the Franklin Realty & Insurance Company. The man had suffered for sometime with a serious cardiac condition and had been a frequent patient at Minneapolis General Hospital in the past. Digitalis had been prescribed.

On Monday evening, August 23, 1954, the deceased and his wife had visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Chelberg, 1218 Ulysses Street Northeast. They left about 10:30 p.m. and the decedent and his wife retired to bed. About 2:30 a.m. (August 24th) the deceased gave a small gasp, his wife stated. She looked at him closely but thought he was dreaming. He appeared to be sleeping soundly when she tried to awaken him at that time. At 5.00 a.m. she again tried to rouse him but he was unresponsive, and appeared to be dead. Mrs. Monsebroten notified the Police Department, officers Fort and Shanahan, squad #118 responding.

INGVALD C. MONSEBROTEN (Continued)

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene to view the body. He attributed death to coronary sclerosis and released the body directly to the funeral director.

In addition to his wife, Rose, who is mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters, also several sisters and one brother. Their names, however, are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54.....

FULL NAME

PRESCILLA J. LINES

Date of Death

August 24

Place of Death

In ambulance en route to Glen-Wood Hills Hospital

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence

3144 West Calhoun Boulevard

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

1 ring (white stone).

Birthdate

1-21-1913 Age 41

Birthplace

Cottonwood, Minnesota

Occupation

Housekeeper

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents

John W. Lines & Elefta Lende

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Barbiturate poisoning.

Place of Burial

Cottonwood City Cemetery, Cottonwood, Minnesota

Effects Released to

William P. Lines, brother

Funeral Director

Billman-Hunt Chapel

Address

Milaca, Minn.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Carlson, Olsen Ambulance driver, at 8:01 p.m., August 24, 1954.

The deceased had been a patient of Dr. John W. Schumacher, a psychiatrist, since 1945. She had threatened to commit suicide many times in the past ten years, it was stated, and had twice been a patient at Glenwood Hills Hospital under the care of Dr. Schumacher. The physician had last seen the woman about two weeks ago in his office.

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 24, 1954 the deceased reportedly swallowed a hundred seconal tablets. When she became seriously ill in her home an ambulance was summoned from the Olsen Ambulance Service and she was removed to the hospital. However, she expired en route, death occurring at 7:50 p.m. Dr. Schumacher pronounced her dead on arrival at the hospital.

CORONER'S RECORD

PRESCILLA J. LINES (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 1:00 p.m., August 25th. There were no gross findings. Specimens of the organs were sent to the toxicological chemist for analysis.

The deceased is survived by her mother, Mrs. J. Lines of Cottonwood, Minnesota, and a brother, William P., Milaca, Minnesota

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES UNGER

Date of Death August 24

Place of Death 4441 33rd Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate

4-7-1892 Age 62

Birthplace

Montgomery, Minnesota

Occupation

Postal clerk, U. S. Government

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Adele Unger

Names of Parents

Charles Unger & Barbara Benesh

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

RGJ.

Funeral Director

Thomson Brothers

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 9:40 a.m., August 27, 1954.

The deceased had been under the care of Dr. Roy A. Hoffman since February 24, 1950 for treatment of a cardiac condition. During the early morning hours of August 24, 1954, the man became critically ill in his home. Dr. Hoffman was summoned, however, death occurred before his arrival, the deceased expiring at 4:00 a.m. Dr. Hoffman signed the death certificate giving cause of death as probable coronary thrombosis, acute; angina pectoris; coronary sclerosis and congestive heart failure. On August 27th it was discovered that Dr. Hoffman had not seen the deceased for over three months prior to his death, his last visit to the doctor's office being January 6, 1954. Therefore it was necessary for this office to issue a new certificate.

The body was viewed at the funeral home by the coroner who signed the death certificate as coronary disease.

CHARLES UNGER (Continued)

The decedent is survived by his wife, Adele; a daughter, Mrs. Frederick C. (Marie) Brinkman; four grandchildren and three sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME DONALD G. FELCHER a/k/a DON G. FELCHER

Date of Death August 25

Place of Death Room 440, Court House

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 5750 Grand Avenue

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$1.95; 1 billfold; 5 keys; 1 box pills.

Birthdate 8-12-1893 Age 61

Birthplace Iowa

Occupation Office engineer, Hennepin County Highway Department

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Martha Felcher

Names of Parents Carl Felcher & Anna Shaffer

Natural Coronary heart disease

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel by James C. Hammer

Folsom

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

3700 Nicollet Ave.

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Logan, Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver at 3.00 p.m., August 25, 1954

The deceased was employed as office engineer for the Hennepin County Highway Department, Room 440 Court House. On Wednesday afternoon, August 25, 1954, Leroy Kopp, 4314 Russell Avenue North, an employee in the same office, heard the deceased suddenly begin to breathe very loudly, and then saw the man leaning back in his chair. An ambulance was quickly summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital, however, death occurred at 2:58 p.m., before arrival of the ambulance. Dr. Woo of General Hospital pronounced the man dead.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene. The deceased was sitting in a chair surrounded by filing cases. A box of pills, prescription issued by Dr. Kenelm J. Lee, was found on his person.

DONALD G. FELCHER (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Martha, and a brother, Carl, Seattle, Washington.

Police officers Short and Godfrey, squad #117, arrived at the scene of this death and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

763

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LYDIA M. SMITH a/k/a SCHMIDT

Date of Death August 25

Place of Death 3657 Fremont Avenue North

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

3-27-1882 Age 72

Birthplace

LeSueur County, Minnesota

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife

Herman W. Smith

Names of Parents

Henry Dettman & Wilhelmina Gentz

Natural

Cerebral vascular accident

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director

Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 1:30 p.m., August 27, 1954.

The deceased made her home with a daughter, Mrs. James D. Blake, 3657 Fremont Avenue North. The elderly woman had been under the care of Dr. Frederick H. Wolter since June 3, 1952, it was stated. When she expired quite suddenly at home on Wednesday, August 25, 1954, Dr. Wolter was called. He released the body directly to the funeral director and signed the death certificate giving cause of death as cerebral vascular accident and hypertensive cardio-vascular heart disease due to arteriosclerosis.

On August 27th it was learned Dr. Wolter had not seen the deceased since January 14, 1953. Therefore the case was referred to this office by the Minneapolis Health Department. A new death certificate was issued with cause of death given as cerebral vascular accident by the deputy coroner. According to Dr. Wolter the deceased had had this condition for the past ten years.

LYDIA M. SMITH (Continued)

In addition to the daughter mentioned in this history, the decedent is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Fabian, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; three sons, Edward, Northbrook, Illinois, and Vernon and Richard, Minneapolis. There are eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Clara Drumater, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Magdalene Sweeney, New Brighton.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MILDRED BONIARCZYK

Date of Death August 26

Place of Death	St. Mary's Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	127 West Broadway	Pathologist	Dr. Allen S. Judd
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-4-1918 Age 36		
Birthplace	Chicago, Illinois		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Frank Boniarczyk		
Names of Parents	Stanley and ? Rollick		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Kapala Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Mary's Hospital at 7:45 a.m., August 26, 1954.

The meager information received by the Coroner's Office was to the effect that about June 12 the deceased had been pushed by a relative of the family, causing the woman to fall, striking her head against the television. The deceased was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital at 3:45 p.m., June 15.

9-1-1954: In checking with the record office of St. Mary's Hospital, the Coroner's Office was informed there was no record of any injury in connection with the deceased's admission. Dr. Leo A. Zaworski was the attending physician. The chart stated the deceased had had severe headaches for the past month, and during the three or four day period preceding hospitalization had experienced difficulty in walking and standing. The admitting diagnosis was possible brain tumor. The deceased became stuporous and incoherent.

On June 16 Dr. Paul S. Blake performed a craniotomy for a subdural hematoma of the left side, and a blood clot was removed. The post-operative course was unsatisfactory. The deceased remained in a comatose condition most of the time. On August 16 a bronchoscopy was done; this revealed atelectasis of the lungs.

Pneumonia developed, and the deceased expired at 3:30 a.m., August 26.

An autopsy performed on the date of death, at 9:30 a.m. revealed bronchopneumonia, as well as a subdural hematoma, left side, and hemorrhage into the brain stem.

9-2-1954: The Coroner's Office discussed this case with Dr. Leo A. Zaworski. This physician stated he was called to the deceased's home by her husband on June 12. At that time the symptoms were difficulty in walking and standing. Doctor Zaworski stated this was the first time he had ever treated the deceased, although he had treated other members of the family previously. The doctor advised Mr. Boniarczyk to call him immediately in the event the deceased's condition became worse. On June 15 Doctor Zaworski was again called to the deceased's home and, finding the woman in a comatose condition, had her removed to St. Mary's Hospital. On this second occasion of the doctor's call he was told by the deceased's daughter that approximately three weeks previously her mother had been "thrown" against the television set by her uncle. The deceased, it was stated, had been drinking at the time. It was also stated the deceased had complained of having headaches shortly after that incident. Doctor Zaworski stated he had intended to notify the police in the event of this decedent's death; on the other hand, he felt that the family should have done so.

9-2-1954: In view of the fact this case had not previously been investigated by the Police Department, the Coroner's Office requested detectives to investigate details pertaining to the injuries sustained by this decedent that had resulted in her death. Detectives Melchisedech and Taplin called at the Bonkarczyk home during the evening of September 2 and interviewed Frank (husband), Helen (daughter) and Stanley (son) Boniarczyk, and found them to be quite evasive as to when the incident in question had occurred. They readily admitted that Benny Boniarczyk (Frank's brother), 2611½ Washington Avenue North, had come to their house on a Sunday night. They stated that when the door was opened at his knock he was standing in the doorway with a length of pipe in his hand. He, supposedly, was looking for a mutual friend whom he thought might be at the Frank Boniarczyk home. The deceased, it was stated, informed Benny Boniarczyk that the man he was seeking was not present, and that he should leave, as he was not wanted in their home. At the conclusion of these remarks, Benny pushed the deceased, knocking her to the floor, at which time her head struck the radio. Mr. Boniarczyk volunteered the information that his wife was arrested for drunkenness on May 4, 1954 at 5:30 p.m. on 26th and Washington. He stated witnesses to the incident had informed him that his wife (the deceased) had offered some resistance, and that the arresting officers had placed her in the patrol wagon with force. Mr. Boniarczyk intimated that his wife's injuries were sustained at that time, rather than when his brother, Benny, pushed her into the radio.

While the information obtained by the detectives is helpful in clearing up certain details regarding this case, on the other hand, undoubtedly a more complete investigation could be made, particularly to prove whether or not the woman actually was injured at the time she was arrested on May 4.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Frank; one son, Stanley; two daughters, Helen and Frances; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Przenioslo of Chicago, Illinois; and one sister, Mrs. Andrew Snapko of Detroit, Michigan.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ANDREW EMANUEL WAXBERG

Date of Death Fd. August 26

Place of Death	In truck, in front of 204 North Sixth Street	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Chetek, Wisconsin	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$37.00; 1 billfold; 1 knife; 1 Hamilton watch; 1 pr. glasses; 6 keys; 1 pencil.
Birthdate	7-30-1878 Age 76		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	General laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Andrew Waxberg & Betsy Norberg		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary sclerosis		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakeview Cemetery, Chetek, Wisconsin	Effects Released to	Martin P. Quist, F. D.
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander Quist Company 2301 Dupont Avenue South	Address	2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Social Security No. 477-22-5552

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:30 a.m., August 26, 1954.

The deceased, a resident of Chetek, Wisconsin, rode to Minneapolis in a truck driven by another Chetek resident, Paul Lundmark. The latter, an employee of the Carlson Poultry farm in Chetek, was to make a delivery at 204 North 6th Street in Minneapolis. The deceased came along just for the ride, it was stated.

The truck was parked in front of 204 North 6th Street early Thursday, August 26, 1954. Mr. Lundmark, after unloading the truck, went inside the building to check the weight of the load. He returned about twenty minutes later, at 8:15 a.m. He found the deceased slumped over in the seat of the cab. He apparently was dead. An ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. However, Dr. Schmidt, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced the man dead on arrival.

ANDREW EMANUEL WAXBERG (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner.

Police officers R. Short and Campbell, arrived at the scene of this death, and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

Names of survivors of the deceased are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOSEPH CHEGIN

Date of Death August 26

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes (Hospital)
Place of Accident	2423 Third Street North	Pathologist	Dr. George Nelson
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-24-1879 Age 75		
Birthplace	Czechoslovakia		
Occupation	Laborer, Wabash Sash & Screen Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mary Timen Chegin		
Names of Parents	John J. and Mary Chegin		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director Kapala Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 468-05-9559

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. George Nelson, Minneapolis General Hospital, at 9:20 a.m., August 27, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, fell while going upstairs in his home at 2423 Third Street North on June 3, 1954, incurring a fractured pelvis. He was removed by ambulance to St. Marys Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. F. B. Mach. On June 7th he was transferred to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted there at 2:11 p.m. A bronchoscopy was performed on July 19th. Due to his advanced age and weakened physical condition the hospital course was unsatisfactory. The deceased expired at 8:00 p.m., August 26th.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital shortly after death. This revealed death was due to bronchopneumonia due to fracture of pelvis.

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JOSEPH CHEGIN (Continued)

The decedent is survived by two sons, Joseph Jr., Springfield, Illinois, and John, Madison, South Dakota; four daughters, Mrs. Walter (Ann) Konkol and Mrs. George (Dorothy) Godfrey, both of Minneapolis, Mrs. Ted (Marion) Smith and Mrs. Sam (Agnes) Stellar, of California. There are also eight grandchildren.

FULL NAME LILLIAN JOSEPHINE PEAKE LEVERING Date of Death Fd. August 27

Place of Death	Minnewashta Road Excelsior Township	Autopsy	No	
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No	
Residence	Route 1, Box 120, Excelsior (Minnewashta Road, Excelsior Twp.)	Inquest	No	
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	1 safety deposit key; 1 wrist watch (no name); 1 pair glasses; 1 lipstick	
Birthdate	3-26-1881 Age 73			
Birthplace	Crookston, Minnesota			
Occupation	Housewife			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married			
Name of Hus- band or Wife	John A. Levering			
Names of Parents	George Peake & Josephine Chadwick			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural			
	Accident			
	Suicide			
	Homicide			
	Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood (cremation)	Effects Released to	J. A. Levering, husband	
E. J.	Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	Route 1, Excelsior, Minnesota

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. H. Seifert at 12:10 p.m., August 27, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, was found lying in the yard at her home on Minnewashta Road in Excelsior Township at 11:30 a.m., August 27, 1954. Dr. M. H. Seifert, who had treated the deceased for coronary disease, was summoned to the scene and pronounced the woman dead on arrival. Dr. L. M. Reid of Excelsior had also treated the woman in the past, it was stated.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene. It was learned the woman had last been seen alive about 6:30 that morning at which time she was observed pushing a lawn mower. D. Hazelton, Eureka, a paper boy in the neighborhood, stated he had passed the house at 6:45 that morning and noticed the woman lying on the ground close beside the house. He had apparently become frightened and confused and did not tell anyone he had seen the deceased

LILLIAN P. LEVERING (Continued)

lying there. The body was found in the same place and position as it had been that morning when Hazelton had noted it. Apparently the woman had suffered a cardiac attack and collapsed.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner.

The decedent is survived by her husband, John; two sons, John Jr., 3427 Grimes North, Robbinsdale, Minnesota, and George, St. Paul; two brothers, Herbert Peake, Minneapolis, and George, Burbank, California. Also surviving are seven grandchildren.

Deputy sheriff Mell was present at the scene and assisted in investigation of this death.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME DORIS SLETTEN

Date of Death Fd. August 27

Place of Death	Lake Minnetonka, Maxwell's Bay, Orono Township	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Route 5, Box 510, Wayzata, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-17-1911 Age 43	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	South St. Paul, Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Joseph Sletten		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide	Suffocation due to drowning	
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Calvary Cemetery, Willmar, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	Welander Quist Company 2301 Dupont Avenue South	Address	

Social Security No. 471-18-6261

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 2:20 p.m., August 27, 1954.

The deceased and her husband operated the Breezy Knoll grocery store just west of Bohn's Point on Crystal Bay. Their home was situated right next to the store. The woman had been somewhat mentally disturbed recently and was under the care of a physician.

About 8:00 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 25, 1954, the deceased's daughter, Doris, said goodbye to her mother as she left the house to baby-sit for a neighbor. The deceased said she thought she would go right to bed, Doris stated. She was wearing only her nightgown and a robe at that time, nothing on her feet. At 9:00 o'clock Mr. Sletten told some customers, who were also neighbors of the family, that he was going to take some coffee to his wife. He returned almost immediately, stating his wife was not in her room. Her money and cigarettes were still there and none of her clothing was gone.

DORIS SLETTEN (Continued)

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office was notified of the woman's disappearance. A search of the area was begun. Crystal Bay, which is just across county highway 51 from the deceased's home, was poled around the docks, also Maxwell Bay which is a short distance to the rear of the house. Boats and empty cottages in the area were searched, also the woods nearby. The search continued through Thursday and Friday, August 26th and 27th.

At 1:30 p.m. Friday, August 27th, Walter Gray, 1125 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, set out in a boat on Maxwells Bay to go fishing. He was approximately 100 feet from shore when, looking back, he saw something floating in the water about 40 feet from shore. Gray rowed back to the object and discovered the body of the deceased.

Deputy sheriffs Mell and Stephens responded to a telephone call and recovered the body from the lake.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where the death was ruled a suicide by drowning.

The decedent is survived by her husband, Joseph, and a daughter, Doris Ann.

LATER:

On September 2, 1954, Mr. Joseph Sletten, husband of the deceased, contacted the deputy coroner and requested that this death be ruled accidental rather than a suicide. The deputy coroner telephoned Dr. C. J. Martinson of Wayzata and obtained the following information:

The deceased came to the office of Dr. Martinson the day of her disappearance. She seemed agitated and said she was ill over a shock she had the night before. She stated she had seen a man walking around the house with a flashlight. She also stated she had seen pink puppies jumping through the window of the house. The woman was a heavy drinker, Dr. Martinson stated, and these hallucinations probably were due to delirium tremens. It was Dr. Martinson's impression that she was mentally disturbed.

In view of the foregoing facts, of course the case could not be changed to accidental death.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.54.....

FULL NAME FLORENCE KATHERINE HURD

Date of Death Fd. August 27

Place of Death	In automobile - Holdridge, Minnetonka Township	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	5008 Belmont Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$17.53; 1 billfold; 2 pairs glasses; 3 keys; 1 ring (white stones); 1 white purse
Birthdate	10-9-1894 Age 59	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mark M. Hurd		
Names of Parents	Frank Sullivan & Margaret Callahan		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Louis J. Moriarty, atty. for Mark M. Hurd, husband
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 2301 Dupont Avenue South	Address	505 Minnesota Federal Building

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 2:30 p.m., August 27, 1954

On Friday afternoon, August 27, 1954, shortly after 2:00 p.m., the deceased was driving her car, a Cadillac Catalina, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #715-853, north on highway #101. About 400 feet north of Gray's Bay bridge, where the road turns east, her car went straight ahead, struck a tree and landed partly submerged in the water. Warren S. Esler another motorist on the highway, hastened to the woman's car to offer assistance. He found her slumped over the steering wheel, apparently dead. The time was approximately 2:15.

The Sheriff's Office was notified and deputy sheriff Mell arrived on the scene. In his opinion the woman undoubtedly was dead. The deputy coroner, who was in the area on another case, arrived at the scene at 2:55 and pronounced the woman dead. The car, it was noted, was standing upright in the water, the two left wheels submerged, the right front headlight under water.

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FLORENCE KATHERINE HURD (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner. A check with the deceased's family revealed she had suffered several cardiac attacks in the past. Examination of the body revealed no injuries.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Mark M; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Andreas, Stamford, Connecticut and Mrs. Ray McCoy, Santa Barbara, California; two sons, Joshua F., Santa Barbara, and Mark M., Jr., serving in the navy. A sister, Mrs. Grace McKeon, and a brother, Chester Sullivan, both of Minneapolis, also survive.

FULL NAME CHARLES SHERMAN OAKES

Date of Death August 27

Place of Death	6415 16th Avenue So., Richfield	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Warren Greenwold
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-21-1953 Age 1 year	None except listed On Morgue Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)	
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Manley Oakes & Betty Kollunki		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Intracerebral hemorrhage due to trauma	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	Joe Billman Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Robert L. Sturges at 7:50 p.m., August 27, 1954.

About 7:15 p.m., August 27, 1954, the deceased's mother went down to the basement of her home for something. She closed a folding gate at the top of the stairs so that the deceased, 13 months old, could not follow her. However, apparently the gate failed to latch, for, moments later, the youngster toppled down the stairs. Critically injured, the baby lay gasping. Dr. Robert L. Sturges was summoned to the house, however, he pronounced the boy dead at 7:30 p.m. Attempts to revive him with oxygen were unsuccessful.

Officers Peterson and Lundquist of the Richfield Police Department were active in the investigation at the scene of this death.

CHARLES SHERMAN OAKES (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on August 28th. This revealed an intracerebral hemorrhage, a result of the fall.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME RAYMOND M. NELSON

Date of Death August 28

Place of Death	Fairview Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Lyndale Avenue South & 95th Street, Bloomington	Pathologist	Dr. R. W. Koucky
Residence	8512 Third Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-7-1906 Age 47		
Birthplace	Worthington, Minnesota		
Occupation	Commercial artist, Coast to Coast Stores		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Helen Nelson		
Names of Parents	Bert Nelson & Mary Olson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Multiple injuries due to automobile accident	
Place of Burial	Oak Hill Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	

Social Security No. 477-16-8401

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 7:15 a.m., August 28, 1954.

On Wednesday evening, August 25, 1954, the deceased and his wife, Helen, age 48, and daughter, Patricia, age 25, were riding in their car travelling west on 95th Street in Bloomington. About 8:45 p.m. they stopped for the stop sign at Lyndale Avenue South. As they proceeded to cross Lyndale a moment later they were struck by another automobile travelling north on Lyndale. Driver of the second vehicle was John D. Reno, 4340 West 110th Street.

The deceased, who had been driving, suffered critical injuries. Mrs. Nelson and the daughter received minor injuries.

The deceased was removed by ambulance to Fairview Hospital where he was admitted at 9:50 p.m. The man was unable to overcome his extensive injuries. Death occurred at 6:45 a.m. August 28th.

RAYMOND N. NELSON (Continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 9:30 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed a left subdural hemorrhage, multiple hemorrhages of the brain stem, and multiple rib fractures. Also noted was a fresh coronary thrombosis, right posterior corner; ruptured spleen and thrombocytopenic purpura.

The State Highway Patrol were summoned to the scene of this accident, officers John Martin-dale and Ernest Flaaen responding.

The decedent is survived by his wife and daughter, mentioned in this history, also a son, Dennis; two brothers, Elmer, Minneapolis, Arthur, Worthington, Minnesota; and three sisters, Mrs. Hilma Zierath, LaMars, Iowa; Mrs. Lydia Moss, Worthington, and Mrs. Ann Schmidt, Fargo, North Dakota.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WINNIFRED TUPA

Date of Death August 28

Place of Death	Mount Sinai Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2318 Second Street Northeast	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None

Birthdate 8-17-1886 Age 68

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minnesota

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Anthony G. Tupa

Names of Parents Anthony Jacobs & Mary Hierholzer

~~Natural~~

Accident Pulmonary embolism due to fracture of right hip

~~Struck~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director Bertch Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. E. Goodman, Mount Sinai Hospital, at 1:09 p.m., August 28, 1954.

On August 9, 1954, the deceased fell in some manner in her home at 2318 Second Street Northeast, incurring a fracture of the right hip. She was removed by ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital. An open reduction of the fracture was performed on August 12th. The hospital course was satisfactory until the morning of August 28th. The woman expired quite suddenly at 10:45 a.m. Death was caused by pulmonary embolism due to fracture of right hip.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Anthony G; one daughter, Mrs. Max (Mildred) Gallus; one son, Ralph Franke; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Rudolph (Eva) Stadelman; a stepson, August Tupa, all of Minneapolis. There are three brothers, Charles Jacobs, Tacoma, Washington; Anthony of Denver, Colorado; Clarence of Minneapolis; also three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Mueller, Mrs. Michael Ignacik and Mrs. James Kotek, all of Minneapolis. Twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954.....

FULL NAME CARL E. FINN

Date of Death Fd. August 28

Place of Death	1409 Stevens Avenue	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Gunnbjorg Aurebeck
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$4.08; 1 billfold; 2 keys, 1 pair glasses
Birthdate	11-14-1892 Age 61	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Halifos, Sweden		
Occupation	Furniture finisher, Gustafson-Wesson Company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	John Finn & Augusta Smahl		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Stroke		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Hilda J. Radke, sister
Kaplan Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address	603 East 14th Street, Apt. 26

Social Security No. 472-01-0720

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:10 p.m., August 28, 1954.

About 6:00 p.m., August 28, 1954, an unidentified man came from the deceased's room, No. 160, and went to the desk. He appeared very drunk and told the hotel owner, E. M. Johnson, that the deceased should be taken care of and that he was probably dead. Mr. Johnson went to investigate and found the deceased lying on the floor of his room, apparently expired. He summoned the police, Officers Roehl and Knickerbocker of Squad 117 responding. During this interval, the man who had reported this case had wandered away.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

Mrs. Walker, a hotel employee, reports she saw the deceased at approximately 11:45 a.m. today

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CARL E. FINN (continued)

at which time he was slumped in a chair, apparently sleeping. She stated there were at least four people in the room drinking at the time. The deceased did considerable drinking according to Mrs. Walker and always had several friends in his room.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the deceased. Deceased was lying on floor with head under front window and feet stretched out towards the entrance. There were no visible marks of violence nor bleeding. Two shot glasses, two water glasses, two bottles of mix and a whiskey bottle were standing on the bureau. The body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

An autopsy was performed at the morgue on August 29. This revealed that death resulted from coronary occlusion.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Mrs. T. F. Radke; brother, Gust; and a nephew, Donald.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19. 54.....

FULL NAME LUCY C. HOMMES

Date of Death August 28

Place of Death	St. Mary's Hospital Church (?) Robbinsdale, Minnesota	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Robbinsdale, Minnesota	Pathologist	No
Residence	4075 Hubbard Avenue North Robbinsdale, Minnesota	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-19-1897 Age 57		
Birthplace	Dayton, Minnesota		
Occupation	Cake decorator - bakery		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Peter Hommes		
Names of Parents	George Groteau & Caroline Chouinard		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Nonatural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Metastatic carcinoma due to carcinoma of breast; fracture of left hip	
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery New Hope Township, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Knaeble Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. 468-01-5861

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 5:05 p.m., August 30, 1954.

According to the history on this case the deceased fell from a stepladder on April 7, 1954, while helping to clean a church in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, incurring an injury to her left hip. The next day, April 8, she was admitted to St. Mary's hospital under the care of Dr. J. N. Giebenhain. An open reduction and fixation of a left hip fracture was performed. The hospital course was satisfactory and the woman was discharged to her home on April 26th.

On July 10, 1954 the deceased was again admitted to St. Mary's Hospital. Admitting diagnosis was carcinoma of the breast, attending physician, Dr. E. Harvey O'Phelan. Metastatic carcinoma developed and death occurred at 9:45 a.m., August 28, 1954. The hip fracture was a contributing factor.

LUCY C. HOMMES (Continued)

The decedent is survived by a daughter, Mrs. F. E. (Estelle) Plante; two grandchildren, Helen and Tom. There are five sisters and one brother who also survive.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME CARL EMIL SWANSON

Date of Death Fd. August 29

Place of Death Minnehaha Police Station

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 2604 13th Avenue South

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$60.00; 1 billfold

Birthdate 12-19-1903 Age 50

Birthplace Sweden

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Occupation Crane operator - Northwestern Marble Corp.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Olga Swanson

Names of Parents Sven Svenson & Augusta Anderson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident

Suicide Strangulation due to hanging

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Marilyn A. Swanson, daughter

Kaplan

Funeral Director Anderson-Peterson Mortuary

Address

2604 13th Avenue South

Social Security No. 468-01-3810

Veteran Yesx No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:15 a.m., August 29, 1954.

On the morning of August 29, 1954, the deceased was brought to the Minnehaha Police Station where he was booked on a drunk charge at 5:20 a.m. and placed in cell No. 1. According to Sgt. M. A. Johnson, he had talked to the deceased at 7:00 a.m. and stated he was still very drunk at that time. At about 8:15 a.m., the deceased asked to be taken down town so that he could bail out. When car #164 came into the station at 8:40 a.m., Officers Hansen and Al Rasing were instructed to take the deceased down town. They went to the cell block to get the prisoner, and found him hanging from cell bars by his leather belt and a handkerchief. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and the rescue squad were summoned. Artificial respiration was applied, however, the deceased failed to respond.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was

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CARL EMIL SWANSON (continued)

later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to strangulation due to hanging and was ruled a suicide.

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Marilyn; one son, Maynard; one sisters, Mrs. Helmer Rostberg, all of Minneapolis; two brothers, Axel of Litchfield and John of Minneapolis.

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Year 1954.....

FULL NAME HERMAN LEROY JOHNSON

Date of Death August 29

Place of Death	2510 Riverside Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-4-1899 Age 55	None except listed On Minnesota Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)	
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Mechanic		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Helen Johnson		
Names of Parents	Axel & Augusta Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Acacia Park Cemetery, Mendota, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:18 a.m., August 29, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, Helen Johnson, the deceased complained of heartburn and pain in his left arm on the morning of August 29, 1954. He went to the bathroom where he became very nauseated and vomited. A few minutes after returning to his bed, the deceased apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death, death occurring at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Examination of the body revealed that death resulted from coronary thrombosis.

HERMAN LEROY JOHNSON (continued)

Officers Arnold and Heinrichs of squad 132 were also notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are two sisters, Miss Hilda V. Johnson and Mrs. E. Pederson; his wife, Helen; and one brother, Arthur.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954.....

FULL NAME EUGENE F. QUAAS

Date of Death Fd. August 29

Place of Death	1202 South Sixth Street	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-3-1908 Age 46		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Truck driver - Pioneer Plating Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Evelyn Quaas		
Names of Parents	Herman Quaas & Gertrude Means		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	XXXXXX		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 470-14-8070

Veteran ~~Yes~~ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:00 a.m., August 29, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, Evelyn, the deceased had been on a picnic on August 28th and had played ball. He had also been drinking some. The deceased arrived home at about 1:30 a.m., August 29 and retired. Mrs. Quaas states the deceased had no unusual complaints at this time. When she went to awaken him at 9:30 a.m. in the morning, she found him dead in bed and summoned the police, Officers Short and Johnson of Squad 117 responding. An ambulance was dispatched to the residence. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was ascribed to coronary disease.

EUGENE F. QUAAS (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Evelyn; three sons, Eugene, Jr., James L., and Richard L.; two brothers, Robert & Louis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOSEPH C. CHEVALIER

Date of Death August 29

Place of Death	In automobile - rear of 618 Van Buren St. Northeast	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1473 East Alisal, Salinas, Calif.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$198.00; 1 Rima wrist watch and band; 1 billfold; 9 keys; 1 fountain pen; 1 38 caliber revolver (Smith & Wesson #S 851566); 1 holster
Birthdate	8-1-1899 Age 55	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Waverly, Minnesota		
Occupation	Employee, Salinas Police Dept.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Hazel Irene Chevalier		
Names of Parents	Eugene Chevalier & Mary LaPaige	Effects Released to	Mrs. Hazel Chevalier, widow
Natural	Coronary disease		
Accident			
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. Hazel Chevalier, widow
Funeral Director	Rainville Funeral Chapel	Address	1473 E. Alisal, Salinas, California

Kaplan

Social Security No. 383-03-3202

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☒ WW I ☒ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:45 p.m., August 29, 1954.

The deceased, a resident of Salinas, California, was visiting his brother, Lloyd Chevalier, 618 Van Buren Street Northeast. On the afternoon of August 29, 1954, they planned to drive to Maple Lake to visit another brother. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chevalier and the deceased had driven just a short distance (Lloyd driving) when the deceased experienced difficult breathing; therefore, they returned home and phoned Dr. Benish who advised them to summon a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance. Upon arrival, the ambulance doctor pronounced the deceased dead, death occurring at approximately 2:30 p.m.

A deputy coroner viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME NORA V. CONKEY

Date of Death August 30

Place of Death Island Park, Minnesota

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence Same

Inquest None

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge 1 wedding band, 7 small stones; 1 engagement ring, 3 stones.

Birthdate 5-6-1898 Age 56

Birthplace Parkersburg, Iowa

Occupation Housewife

(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Henry F. Conkey

Names of Parents John Anderson & Hannah Nelson

Natural Gastric hemorrhage (source undetermined).

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hutchinson, Minnesota

Effects Released to H. F. Conkey, husband

Folsom Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address Island Park, Mound, Minnesota

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. W. I. Davis' office at 4:40 p.m., August 30, 1954.

The deceased had not had any medical care during the past three months but had been a patient of Dr. M. Nordland in the past. He last saw the woman in March, 1954.

For the past week the deceased had been ill with symptoms of cold and diarrhea. During the early morning hours of August 30, 1954, Mr. Conkey telephone Dr. Nordland stating he was worried about his wife, who had gradually become weakened. The physician prescribed a sedative, and the woman slept soundly then until approximately 3:00 o'clock that afternoon, when, it was noted, she began breathing very heavily. Dr. W. I. Davis, a nearby physician, was called but could not be contacted. Dr. Charles Carlson was then summoned but he arrived after death had occurred. The woman expired at 3:00 p.m.

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The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 11:00 a.m., August 31st. This revealed hepatic cirrhosis and esophageal varices. Approximately 700 ccs. of blood was found in the stomach. In the opinion of the pathologist death was probably due to ruptured esophageal varices. However, a sample of the blood was sent to the toxicological chemist for analysis and specimens of the organs were sent to University of Minnesota laboratory for microscopic study.

The deceased is survived by her husband, H. Frank, and a son, Robert F. Conkey, both of Island Park. There are three sisters, Mrs. Amelia Cripps, Hutchinson; Mrs. Frank E. Charles, Fullerton, California; and Mrs. Judd L. Crouse, Minneapolis. One brother also survives, Harvey Anderson of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JOHN EDWARD ANDERSON

Date of Death August 30

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. John I. Coe
Residence	5249 11th Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-29-1888 Age 65		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Painter and decorator		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Eleanor Anderson		
Names of Parents	John P. Anderson & Christine Peterson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Intracerebral hemorrhage (massive)	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Washburn-McReavy Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. J. W. Conklin of Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:15 p.m., August 30.

On August 30, 1954, the deceased was found lying on the floor of a beer tavern at 56th and Cedar Avenue; no bruises or abrasions evident. The deceased was noted to be cyanotic and was completely unresponsive. There was evidence of emesis on floor. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and while the deceased was being placed in the ambulance at 4:16 p.m., he had another emesis. Deceased was comatose on admission to receiving and a tracheotomy was done. The man expired at 6:25 p.m. that day.

According to the deceased's sons, there was history of severe headaches, more marked during the past few months. Vomiting had been present over this same period; also hypertension. Blood pressure on admission to hospital was 260/140.

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An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed a massive intra-cerebral hemorrhage; gastric ulcer; left ventricular hypertrophy; and hepatomegaly.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Eleanor; two sons, James W. and Gordon D.; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Wallin, Mrs. Sidney Olin; two brothers, Charles and William.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JAMES DOUGHERTY

Date of Death August 30

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	2602 Lyndale Avenue South	Pathologist	Dr. George Nelson
Residence	2440 Lyndale Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-16-1880 Age 74		
Birthplace	Faribault, Minneosta		
Occupation	Farmer (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anna Wickland Dougherty		
Names of Parents	Dennis Dougherty & Johanna Dugan		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx		
	Accident	Basal skull fracture; fractures 1st to 11th ribs, left.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Bertch Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:15 p.m., August 30, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had visited the C. C. Tavern, 2600 Lyndale Avenue South, on August 2, 1954 and had been drinking with three men, Bob McGee, Swen Swanson, and Steve Tragerer, addresses unknown; however, the owner of tavern states that he knows all three of them.

Later in the evening, about 9:50 p.m., the deceased was found lying at the foot of a stairway leading to an apartment on the second floor above tavern. Stairway was lighted. There is a possibility that the deceased fell down the stairs incurring an accidental injury; however, there were no witnesses to substantiate this theory. A priest, name unknown, visited the deceased but left very hurriedly. According to the deceased's brother,

JAMES DOUGHERTY (continued)

Wm. C. Dougherty, the priest told him that his brother, the deceased, had fallen downstairs. No one seems to know where he got this information. The police were summoned, Officers Wilson and Gurber of squad 153 responding.

Upon arrival of the officers, they found the deceased in critical condition, bleeding profusely from ears, nose and mouth. A LeRoy Kiley, 2711 Lyndale Avenue South, a personal friend of deceased, was administering first aid. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene and the deceased was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 10:03 p.m. Deceased was unable to recover from his injuries. Death occurred at 10:25 p.m., August 30.

Upon questioning the people in the apartment above, a Mrs. Millie Grimes, said she thought she heard voices and then a thud. She looked out and saw deceased lying at the foot of the stairs. She is sure he did not fall down the stairs from above. While in the hospital, deceased remained unresponsive and it was impossible to get a coherent explanation from him.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on August 31. This revealed a basal skull fracture; subdural abscess, right temporal region; fractures of the ribs, 1st to 11th on the left; bilateral pulmonary edema; and empyema of the left lung.

Detectives Mattice and Mealey as well as Melchisedech and Mahnke also investigated this case. To date, the investigation has not been closed.

Survivors of the decedent are one daughter, Mrs. William McDonough of Fairbault; one brother, William C. of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME WALLACE BRYAN ALLEN

Date of Death Fd. August 31

Place of Death	In trailer, 4th Ave. No. and Mississippi River (Omaha RR tracks)	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Unknown	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$.13
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 61		
Birthplace	Unknown		
Occupation	Laborer - odd jobs		(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Unknown		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Cardiac decompensation	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	University of Minnesota	Effects Released to	Unclaimed cash deposited with County Treasurer
E. J.	Funeral Director	Address	

Social Security No. 479-09-8827

Veteran Yes No Unknown WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:30 a.m., August 31, 1954.

At 8:15 a.m., August 31, 1954, the deceased was found lying in the rear of trailer Y-27918 which is the property of Pratt's Express, apparently expired. He was discovered by John T. Hanson, 1114-24th Avenue North, an employee of Pratt's Express, when he went to move the truck. Apparently the deceased had crawled into the trailer to sleep. An evening paper dated August 30 was found in his back pocket. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated the deceased had been treated at Minneapolis General Hospital and also in Chicago for cardiac decompensation.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the

WALLACE BRYAN ALLEN (continued)

Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to cardiac decompensation.

Since the efforts of the Coroner's Office to contact relatives were ineffective; it was, therefore, necessary to release the body to the Anatomical Department of the University of Minnesota.

Police officers Short and R. Johnson of Squad 117 also received a call to investigate this case.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JEFFERY FISHER

Date of Death August 31

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	628 Chicago Avenue	Pathologist	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-11-1953 Age 1 year		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Harvey Fisher & LuVerne Ostlund		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Bacteremia due to meningococcus; fracture of skull (not contributory)	
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Joe Billman Mortuary	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 3:30 p.m., August 31, 1954.

According to Minneapolis General Hospital records, the deceased fell from his crib at home about three weeks ago and incurred a contusion on the left side of head. The infant was not unconscious at that time and behaved as a normal healthy infant until mid-afternoon of August 30 when he awoke from his nap and vomited, became listless and lethargic. At 5:45 p.m., August 30, the infant had a generalized convulsion, and the mother rushed him to Minneapolis General Hospital where the deceased was found to have a stiff neck, temperature registered 105° F. by rectum and he was semi-conscious. X-rays of the skull revealed a skull fracture. Because of development of purpuric rash and increasing symptoms, sulfadiazine therapy was started, however, the infant expired at 7:40 a.m., August 31.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed bilateral

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ROY TAYLOR

Date of Death August 31

Place of Death Eitel Hospital
Place of Accident New Hope Township (Near Bass Lake Road)
Residence 3640 Noble Avenue Robbinsdale, Minnesota
Sex Male
Birthdate 4-30-1889 Age 65
Birthplace Minnesota
Occupation General labor - construction
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Agnes Taylor
Names of Parents James Taylor & Mary Bunker

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. John I. Coe
Inquest No
Effects Taken in charge None

None except listed On Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident Crushing injury of chest and fracture of pelvis
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Orono Cemetery, Elk River, Minnesota

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Dare's Inc., Elk River, Minn.

Address

Social Security No. 476-26-2317

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Eitel Hospital at 3:30 p.m., August 31, 1954.

The deceased was working on a sewer construction project in New Hope Township near Bass Lake Road, approximately one mile from business section of Crystal Village for the R. A. Carlson Construction Company. About 11:30 a.m., August 30, 1954, the ditch in which he was working caved in and buried the deceased to level of his face. Deceased had stopped breathing and was cyanotic when dug out but stimulants administered by Doctor B. H. McLaughlin restored vital functions. He was removed to Eitel Hospital, being admitted at 1:00 p.m., August 30, 1954, where a tracheotomy was done. Deceased did fairly well for awhile, but at 2:20 p.m., August 31, he suddenly expired.

Doctors McLaughlin and Schmidt feel that the anoxia while buried was contributory to brain damage and this led to death. They diagnosed multiple rib injuries.

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hemorrhage into adrenal glands (Waterhouse-Friderichsen Syndrome); fracture of skull with subgaleal hemorrhage. Blood cultures disclosed meningococcus post mortem.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fisher.

ROY TAYLOR (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 8:30 a.m., September 1. This revealed fractures of ribs, 1st to 11th on the right; fractures of ribs, 1st to 5th on the left (1st to 5th posteriorly and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anteriorly also); fracture of sternum; hemorrhage in pleural cavities, bilateral; fracture of symphysis pubis; pancreatitis, mild (fat necrosis); and retroperitoneal hemorrhage of the pelvic region.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of his wife, Agnes Taylor.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME FRANK R. ANDERSON

Date of Death September 1

Place of Death 3616 26th Ave. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 2-1-1885 Age 69

Birthplace Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Occupation Jeweler (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Mary D. Anderson

Names of Parents Jens Peter and ? Anderson

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

E. J. Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:35 p.m., September 1, 1954.

On September 1, 1954, at approximately 11:45 a.m., the deceased came into the house and complained to his wife, Mary, of a tightness in his chest. According to wife, the deceased appeared very ill and was perspiring profusely. She attempted to summon a doctor but was unsuccessful; therefore, she called the police who dispatched a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance to the residence. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician found the man dead, death occurring at approximately 1:30 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased had received no medical attention over a long period of time.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the Anderson residence and viewed the

Frank R. Anderson (continued)

body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Police officers K. O. Thompson and Witt of Squad 164 were summoned to the home and remained until arrival of a deputy coroner.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Mary D.; one son, Richard W.; one daughter, Mrs. John C. Doran, Minneapolis; one brother, Chas. R.; one sister, Mrs. Peder Engh.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LEONARD K. PETERSON

Date of Death Fd, September 1

Place of Death	Mississippi River - east end of Franklin Avenue bridge.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	102-27th Avenue S. E.	Inquest Effects Taken in charge	No None
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	12-19-1939 Age 14 years		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Leonard Kenneth Peterson & Gertrude Schuckert		None except listed On Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:25 p.m., September 1, 1954.

About 3:30 p.m., August 31, 1954, the deceased and four companions, Allen Porter, 17, 618 1/2 S. E. Huron Street; Don Machovsky, 15, 2705 S. E. Essex Street, Wayne Bock, 14, 130 Twenty-seventh Avenue S. E., and Frank Sturgeon, 13, 2704 S. E. Essex Street, went swimming in the Mississippi river at the east end of the Franklin Avenue bridge. They swam out to the first bridge pillar and climbed a ladder. Then two of the boys decided to swim all the way across the river. The deceased, Allan and Frank swam out to another pillar about 50 feet farther out where they rested, then decided to swim back to a rock closer to shore. Allan and Frank made it but the deceased went under. According to the boys, the deceased kidded so much that they thought he was joking, however, he went under again and both boys dived after him but were unable to pull him in.

LEONARD K. PETERSON (continued)

The police were notified and a search for the body was made which was halted several hours later by the darkness. On the following day, September 1, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Officer Robert O'Rourke, 1320 Fourth Avenue Northeast, recovered the deceased body about fifty feet from the place he reportedly went under, in about 10 to 15 feet of water.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the deceased, death was attributed to strangulation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

Officers Thernell and Parker responded to the initial police call and Officers Robert O'Rourke and Glenn Rye continued the investigation.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Leonard K. Peterson and Gertrude Peterson; seven brothers and one sister.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELSYE CABOT WOHLRABE

Date of Death Fd. September 1

Place of Death 5304 Hollywood Rd.
Edina, Minn.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 2-27-1893 Age 61

Birthplace Hickson, N. Dak.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Arthur A. Wohlrabe

Names of Parents George Cabot & Henrietta Seymour

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. A. Cabot at 9:06 p.m., September 1, 1954.

The deceased had last been seen alive by her husband, Dr. A. A. Wohlrabe, at about 8:30 a.m. on the morning of September 1, 1954. He arrived home that evening shortly before 9:00 p.m. and found his wife lying on the davenport. She appeared to be sleeping but later he realized she was dead.

According to Dr. A. A. Wohlrabe, he had known for some time that the deceased was suffering from coronary heart disease. Recently, she had been at Rochester for an examination.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which

ELSYE CABOT WOHLRABE (continued)

was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, Dr. Arthur A.; daughter, Mrs. Bryce Woerner; son, Dr. A. Cabot Wohlrabe; four grandchildren; brother, Dr. C. M. Cabot, all of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME DENNIS G. LYNCH

Date of Death September 2

Place of Death	Lake Minnetonka (Maplewood) Minnetonka Township	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	1701 West 26th St.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-2-1938 Age 16		
Birthplace	New York, N. Y.		
Occupation	Student and stable boy		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			None except Noted On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Edward B. Lynch & Louise Granger		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's office at 4:50 a.m., September 2, 1954.

According to Deputy Sheriffs Rohlen and Cysen, the deceased was riding on the bow of a motor boat piloted by Charles W. Cole, Jr. 17, Route 3, Wayzata, about 3:00 p.m., July 18, 1954. The boat was towing Thomas Barry, 18, Northome, on water skis and three other young persons were riding in the boat, it was stated.

When the speedboat struck a "cross wave" caused by another boat, the deceased fell into the water and the boat passed over him. The boat passed over him and he apparently was struck by the propeller. Blood appeared on the water which was approximately 60 feet deep at this point, however, the deceased did not come to the surface. Several of the youths made an unsuccessful attempt to recover the deceased's body.

At 3:15 p.m., Wayzata firemen were summoned and they began dragging operations. The search

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was finally abandoned until September 2, 1954, when the deceased's body was discovered. T. H. Smullen spotted the body from his boat while out on Lake Minnetonka at Robinson's bay at 3:00 a.m. The sheriff's office was notified and they recovered the body about 4:40 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. A bad gash was noted across face, left arm and shoulder. Death was ascribed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his mother, Louise Lynch; a brother, Michael, and also a sister, Mary.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

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FULL NAME CURTIS D. ZAFFKE Date of Death Fd. September 2

Place of Death	(In yard) 9901 Humboldt Avenue S. Bloomington, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Ralph Nelson
Residence	Route #2 Lakeville, Dakota County, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$8.39; 1 billfold; 2 keys; 1 watch (Biltmore).

Birthdate 3-29-1919 Age 35

Birthplace Backus, Minn.

Occupation Plumber's helper

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Donna M. Zaffke
David Zaffke &

Names of Parents Blanche Harrington

CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	
	Accident	Bilateral aspiration of sand into bronchi; bilateral atelectasis of lungs.
	Self	
	Homicide	
Undetermined		

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery Effects Released to Paul M. Stoddard, F. D.
White Funeral Home

Kaplan Funeral Director Ralph White Funeral Home Address 2730 Hennepin Avenue

Social Security No. 476-09-6314

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:40 a.m., September 2, 1954.

While digging a cesspool at 9901 Humboldt Avenue South, Bloomington, the deceased who was at the bottom of the pit was buried under about four feet of earth when the sides suddenly caved in from the top. The pit was approximately 11 feet deep.

John Blaylock of the Blaylock Plumbing Co., 7731 Fourth Ave. South, Richfield, Ancil Campbell, a fellow employee, and several other men working nearby dug the deceased out which took approximately 20 minutes. The Bloomington rescue squad and Dr. Cole of the Oxboro Clinic were summoned; however, the deceased was pronounced dead when brought to the surface at 10:20 a.m., September 2.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Examination

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of the body revealed bruises on right cheek and chin.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on the date of death. This revealed bilateral aspiration of sand into the bronchi and bilateral atelectasis of the lungs.

Sgt. Virgil Pahl of Bloomington Police Department was notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Donna; daughters, Sharon, Lynn and Susan; sons, Rand and David; mother, Mrs. Blanche Zaffke, Hackensack, Minn.; brothers, Morris A. and Jerry L., Bloomington and Oral D. of Ely; sister, Mrs. W. J. Wood, McGregor, Minn.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

EDWARD STUCKE

Date of Death

September 2

Place of Death	On sidewalk - in front of 320 East Hennepin Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	429 Second Avenue S. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.19; 1 pair glasses; 1 billfold; 1 key; 3 tokens
Birthdate	5-4-1894 Age 60		
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Custodian - Machine and tool plant		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary disease. Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Albin Funeral Home by Dale A. Shelley
Kaplan Funeral Director	Albin Chapel	Address	2200 Nicollet Avenue S.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:35 p.m., September 2, 1954.

On the afternoon of September 2, 1954, the deceased was walking down East Hennepin Avenue. Donald Kilian, 1817 Georgia Ave., St. Louis Park, a clerk at the Josid Hardware, 316 East Hennepin Avenue, saw the deceased suddenly collapse in front of the store and summoned the police, Officers Slimak and O. Christensen responding.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene immediately. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was

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later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PATRICK C. KING

Date of Death September 3

Place of Death Swedish Hospital
Highways 100 and 152
Place of Accident Brooklyn Center
Residence 1143 Nauman Cartway,
Medicine Lake, Plymouth Twp.
Sex Male
Birthdate 5-14-1913 Age 41
Birthplace Yates City, Ill.
Occupation Drill Operator
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Maxine King
Names of Parents Ambrose King & Irene Clesson

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Inquest No
Effects Taken in charge None

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Auto
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Yates City Cemetery
Yates City, Ill.

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Gearty-Davis Funeral Chapel,

Address

Social Security No. 345-01-0850

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. A. N. Russeth of Swedish Hospital at 8:45 a.m., September 3, 1954.

On Saturday, August 28, 1954, the deceased incurred serious injury in a car collision at the intersection of Highways 100 and 152. At approximately 2:48 a.m., the deceased was traveling west on Highway 100, driving a 1952 Nash, four door, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #609-905. Simultaneously, Ernest C. Suronen, 36, 341 East 15th Street, was approaching the intersection on Highway 152 proceeding in a southerly direction and driving a 1941 Buick, four door, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 130-909.

According to witnesses, the deceased's vehicle was struck on the right side and the impact rolled the car over several times.

In critical condition, the deceased was removed by ambulance to Swedish Hospital, being

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admitted at 3:00 a.m., August 28. He expired at 8:30 a.m., September 3.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 2:00 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed a right pulmonary embolus; peritonitis; perforation of the small bowel; mesenteric thrombosis; also an embolism of the femoral vein, right. A fractured pelvis was also noted.

Officer Robert Cahlander of the Brooklyn Center Police Department and Hennepin County deputy sheriff Lundberg were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Maxine; three daughters, Mrs. Dean Hahn, Patricia and Jeannie King; two sons, Everett and Michael; one granddaughter, Dianna Lee Hahn.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME FRANCIS WARREN DUNBAR

Date of Death September 3

Place of Death	533 Hennepin Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3923 Brunswick Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$49.00; 1 check - Paine Webber- \$40.40; 1 billfold; 5 keys; 1 glasses; 1 knife; 1 ring (white stone); 1 Girard wrist watch; 1 pill container.
Birthdate	5-16-1884 Age 70		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Dentist		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Hazel D. Dunbar Frederich Peter Dunbar		
Names of Parents	Josephine E. Harp		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. F. W. Dunbar, wife
Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	3923 Brunswick Ave., St. Louis Park

Other effects listed
on morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:25 p.m., September 3, 1954.

On the afternoon of September 3, 1954, the deceased walked into the Walgreen Drug Store, 533 Hennepin Avenue, and suddenly collapsed to the floor. He was assisted to a booth and seated, then Mrs. Fehling, the bookkeeper, 5439 Girard Avenue South, summoned an ambulance. It was stated, the deceased made a gurgling sound as he was being helped to the booth.

Upon arrival of the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance, Dr. Dorsey, the physician in attendance, pronounced the man dead, death occurring at approximately 1:00 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the

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Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

In the deceased's billfold, there was a prescription for medication for the treatment of coronary disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Knickerbocker and Carlson of squad 117 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Hazel D.; two cousins, Mrs. J. T. Dithmar, Madison, Wis. and Mrs. J. F. Dettman, Manitowoc, Wis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME OTTO A. SCHEINS

Date of Death September 3

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Seventh St. & Third Avenue S.

Pathologist Dr. George Nelson

Residence Webster, Mass.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate August 1889 Age 65

Birthplace Webster, Mass.

Occupation Minister

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

None except listed On Morgue Record

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Auto
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Multiple injuries due to automobile accident.

Place of Burial Webster, Mass.

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:20 p.m., September 3, 1954.

On Friday, September 3, 1954, at 9:55 p.m., the deceased sustained serious injuries when struck by a northbound car at Seventh Street and Third Avenue South while crossing Third Avenue (from east to west). The vehicle, a 1948 Chevrolet, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 133-052, was driven by Lloyd L. Olson, 29, 638 Jackson Street Northeast.

It was stated, the deceased was wedged in the front end of the vehicle and dragged about 80 feet. A fire department rescue squad and police jacked up the car and freed him. He was still conscious at this time.

The deceased was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital in critical condition, being admitted at 10:08 p.m. Shortly thereafter, he became comatose and expired,

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death occurring at 10:30 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:15 a.m., September 4. This revealed fractures of the ribs, 3rd to 12th, right; hemothorax, right (800 cc. blood); laceration of the lower lobe of the right lung; complete severance of aorta, 3 cm. distal to junction of the left subclavian region; fractures of the right tibia and fibula; fractures of the right humerus and also fractures of all four pubic rami.

Police officers M. Gunderson and F. Clayton were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

The deceased is survived by a sister, a Mrs. Boyd, living at 68 Moffet, Brooklyn, New York.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

RUDOLPH JOHN TURNSTRAND

Date of Death

September 4

Place of Death

4337-12th Avenue South

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Same

Pathologist

None

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

10-24-1894 Age 59

Birthplace

Cambridge, Mass.

Occupation

Salesman - General Trading Company

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Amy H. Turnstrand

Names of Parents

Henning A. Turnstrand & Marie Blomgren

Natural

Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

O. E. Larson Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

469-01-5598

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:45 a.m., September 4, 1954.

The deceased had been out in the garage during the evening of September 3, 1954. When he came in, he complained of not feeling well and went to bed. Mrs. Turnstrand slept in an adjoining room when she retired, however, she was awakened by the thunder and lightening at approximately 1:30 a.m. and noted that her husband was up. At this time, he complained of chest pain and indigestion; therefore, she gave him an enema. Later, when it was apparent that the condition had not been relieved, she repeated the enema.

About 5:30 a.m., September 4, Mrs. Turnstrand heard her husband gasping and rushed into his bedroom. The deceased was unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, the physician in attendance pronounced the man dead.

RUDOLPH JOHN TURNSTRAND (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased lying in bed in first floor bedroom clothed in pajamas. There were no marks and no rigor. Body noted to be warm. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and body was released directly to a mortuary.

Police officer C. Hanson of Squad 165 was notified and also investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Amy H.; daughters, Mrs. W. W. Beehler, Owatonna, Minn., Mrs. G. E. Bullis, Minneapolis; brothers, David H. and Herbert J., both of Minneapolis; four grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME SARAH K. LUND

Date of Death September 4

Place of Death St. Barnabas Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 1611 South Fifth St.

Pathologist Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-6-1872 Age 82

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Homemaker

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Victor Lund

Names of Parents Lars and ? Forsman

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Accident Cirrhosis of liver; intertrochanteric fracture of left hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Anderson-Peterson Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Barnabas Hospital at 7:35 a.m., September 4, 1954.

On the morning of July 31, 1954, the deceased fell in her home incurring an injury to the left hip. She was removed by ambulance to the hospital that day, being admitted at 11:28 a.m., and placed under the care of Dr. W. T. Walsh. An open reduction was performed on August 1 and the fractured left hip pinned.

Due to the woman's advanced age and other physical complications, she was unable to recover. Death occurred at 12:20 a.m., September 4.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to cirrhosis of the liver; the intertrochanteric fracture of the left hip being

SARAH K. LUND (continued)

a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent include one daughter, Mrs. Sadura Booth; four brothers; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19... 54

FULL NAME ANGELO CINCOTTA

Date of Death September 4

Place of Death 301 Dupont Avenue N.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 9-4-1866 Age 88

Birthplace Sicily, Italy

Occupation Fruit handler - Gamble-Robinson Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Santa Cincotta

Names of Parents Frank Cincotta & Josephine Casamento

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Arteriosclerotic heart disease;
mitral valvular heart disease (inactive);
bronchial asthma (chronic).
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 470-18-9120A

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:45 a.m., September 4, 1954.

According to Mrs. Katherine Pederson, 422 North Bryant Avenue, a daughter of the deceased, the deceased had been a patient of Dr. Arthur N. Russeth receiving treatment for Asthma and a heart condition for many years.

On the morning of September 4, 1954, at about 7:15 a.m., the deceased was found sitting slumped forward onto the kitchen table, apparently expired, by Miss Sally Cincotta, a daughter. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the home. Upon arrival, the attending physician pronounced the man dead.

Dr. Russeth stated the deceased had bronchial asthma for many years, a coronary attack in 1946, and also mitral heart disease with chronic auricular fibrillation.

ANGELO CINCOTTA (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Body of deceased noted to be warm. Death was attributed to arteriosclerotic heart disease; mitral valvular heart disease and bronchial asthma. The body was released directly to a mortuary.

Police officers Akenson and Blosberg of squad 119 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Santa; four daughters, Mrs. Lewis Ostrin, Mrs. Orville Pederson, Sally Cincotta, all of Minneapolis and Mrs. Robert Turk of Gardena, California; three sons, Frank, Michael and Charles, all of Minneapolis; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one brother in Italy; one sister, New York City.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES JULIUS SEGNER

Date of Death SEPTEMBER 4

Place of Death	St. Bonifacius, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-22-1875 Age 78		
Birthplace	Germany		
Occupation	Farmer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Rose Wheley Segner		
Names of Parents	Julius Segner & Ositha Hanna		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Bonifacius Catholic Cemetery St. Bonifacius, Minn.	Effects Released to	
R.G.J. Funeral Director	Yetzer Funeral Home, Waconia, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Yetzer Funeral Home, Waconia, Minnesota, at 11:45 a.m., September 4, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had both legs amputated several years ago and has history of a cardiac condition. He had been receiving treatment from Dr. Frank B. Rice until about one year ago.

Today, September 4, 1954, the deceased awakened and his wife prepared breakfast. After eating, he went to the bathroom and then complained he felt very weak and asked her to help him to his bed where he suddenly collapsed and expired, death occurring at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

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CHARLES JULIUS SEGNER (continued)

was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, six sons, three daughters and one brother.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ANDREW M. DAHL

Date of Death Fd. September 4

Place of Death 1021 Washington Ave. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$31.00; misc. papers; 1 billfold.

Birthdate 5-17-1887 Age 67

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Carl M. Dahl & Martha Johanson

Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Strife

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to J. E. Dahl, brother

R.G.J. Funeral Director Anderson-Peterson Funeral Home

Address 2624-10th Avenue S.

Social Security No. 473-10-0808

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:00 o'clock noon, September 4, 1954.

On the morning of September 4, 1954, the deceased was found dead in bed by the landlord, Pete Swanson, same address, when he went in to the deceased's room to awaken him. It was stated, the deceased had last been seen alive by Mr. Swanson at 1:15 a.m. at which time he arrived home. Shortly thereafter, he was heard snoring loudly.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Rigor mortis was developing. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

ANDREW M. DAHL (continued)

According to Mr. Swanson, the deceased had been receiving treatment from Veterans Hospital and had been living at the Old Soldier's Home until three months ago at which time he moved to his present address.

Police officers Thompson and L. Kline of squad 132 received a call to investigate this death and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include one brother, Edward, Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME EARL HAROLD DU MOND

Date of Death September 4

Place of Death	Golden Valley Golf Course Golden Valley, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	3321 Huntington Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 ring with diamond; 1 Hamline wrist watch.
Birthdate	9-22-1902 Age 51	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Jeweler and Engraver		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Ruth M. Du Mond		
Names of Parents	Joseph and ? Du Mond	Effects Released to	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel by R. E. Wing, F. D.
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Address	3700 Nicollet Avenue
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Glen Haven Memorial Gardens		
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel		

Wright

Social Security No. 470-36-1624

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:15 p.m., September 4, 1954.

On September 4, 1954, the deceased was playing with his usual foursome which included a Mr. Harold Ellsworth at the Golden Valley Golf Course. When they reached the 15th Tee, the deceased suddenly collapsed. Dr. Stanley Roberts who was in the clubhouse was summoned. Deceased was still alive when the physician arrived but expired shortly thereafter, death occurring at 12:30 p.m.

It was stated the deceased had been taking nitroglycerine tablets for chest pain for approximately five years and was under the care of Dr. O.L.N. Nelson for a cardiac condition.

EARL HAROLD DU MOND (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 4:30 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed coronary occlusion; myocardial fibrosis; and edema of the lungs.

Chief McGinnis of the Golden Valley Police Department was notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Ruth M.; sister, Mrs. Evelyn Wooten, Los Angeles; brother, Ernest Fielding, Sioux City, Iowa.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19...54...

FULL NAME MICHAEL DOUGLAS WARD

Date of Death Fd. September 4

Place of Death	Mississippi River - east end of Franklin Avenue bridge.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	895 Clayland, St. Paul, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-16-1941 Age 12 years		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			None except Noted On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Phillip Ward & Marie Yaritz		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☒ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	John Adam & Son, St. Paul, Minn.	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:35 p.m., September 4, 1954.

On the morning of September 4, 1954, at approximately 11:00 a.m., the deceased and a friend, Richard Haselman, 12, 1857 Englewood Avenue, St. Paul, rode their bicycles to the Mississippi river to swim.

According to Richard, they spotted some pigeons at the base of a pillar about 100 feet out in the river while swimming near the east end of the Franklin avenue bridge and decided to swim out and catch them. Richard reached a pillar and started to climb a wooden ladder when he heard the deceased call for help. He went to the deceased's aid and attempted to pull him to a rock jutting up nearby, however, about five feet from the rock, he was forced to let go and swim to shore. The deceased's body was recovered about 4:30 p.m., September 4.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS WARD (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County and upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

Officers Goodsell and Dahlen as well as Detectives Manke and Melchisedech were notified and investigated this death.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JOAN T. GROSS

Date of Death Fd. September 4

Place of Death	30th Ave. S. & Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis
Residence	556 East 6th St., South Boston, Mass.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	1 Timex wrist watch; 1 broken wrist watch case; 1 glasses; 1 comb.
Birthdate	5-29-1930 Age 24		
Birthplace	Massachusetts		
Occupation	Clerk-Public Relations-Force		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Anthony G. & Mary Ann Gross		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	South Boston, Mass.	Effects Released to	Milton Thomason, Fun. Dir.
Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	Minneapolis, Minn.

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐ Active Duty

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 5:45 p.m., September 4, 1954.

On Saturday, September 4, 1954, at approximately 5:04 p.m., the deceased was a passenger in a car driven by a fellow Airman (WAF) Elizabeth M. Schomisch, Hillbert, Wis., also of the air force at Wold Chamberlain field, which failed to make a curve on the Old Shakopee road (County road #1) near 30th Avenue South. The vehicle, a 1946 Chevrolet sedan, bearing 1954 Wisconsin license #J72-502, was traveling west at the time the accident occurred, apparently at a high rate of speed as skid marks were noted for approximately 110 feet. Both occupants were thrown from the car which rolled over three times. Deceased found lying underneath car, dead.

Driver of the car, Elizabeth M. Schomisch, was found draped over a power line support in critical condition, approximately 75 feet southwest of the car, and was removed via James

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ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital.

Body of the deceased was removed to Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on September 5. This revealed a depressed skull fracture of left frontal bone; severe cerebral concussion; skull fracture of right frontal bone and both temporal bones; fracture through the left orbit; destruction of left eye; fracture of left maxilla and mandible; fracture of 3d and 4th cervical vertebrae; also multiple contusions of face, both shoulders, right arm and wrist.

Police officers Paul and James Pixley of the Bloomington Police Department were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME FRANK JOKELA a/k/a FRANK YOKELA AND
FRANK JAKELA

Date of Death Fd. September 5

Place of Death	Standard Hotel 1114 Hennepin Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$1.12; 1 Waltham watch; 1 Master- craft watch; 1 cigar box full of papers; 1 tie clasp; 1 bankbook #16671-\$1276.76- First Nat'l. Bank; 5 \$500.00 Postal Savings Bonds #63514 to 63517 incl. and #66133.
Birthdate	9-17-1891 Age 62		
Birthplace	Finland		
Occupation	Laborer - railroad		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower (unknown)		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Unknown		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Acute alcoholic intoxication. Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Neil McGraw, spec. adm.
Folsom Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	1414 Laurel Ave

Social Security No. 516-07-5393

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:35 p.m., September 5, 1954.

On the evening of September 5, 1954, the deceased was found lying, face down, outside his room, fully clothed, by another roomer, Albert Johnson, Room 42. The man appeared to be dead, however, a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased has been drinking heavily during the past two to three weeks.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Examination of the body revealed that death resulted from acute alcoholic intoxication.

FRANK JOKELA (continued)

Officers Wallace and G. Johnson were notified and they investigated this death also.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

803

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19...54...

FULL NAME IDELLA M. FRAZIER Date of Death Fd. September 5

Place of Death	In front of 6100 Auto Club Road Bloomington, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Gunnbjorg Aurebeck
Residence	1829 Aldrich Avenue North	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	1 Parker wrist watch; 1 necklace; 1 wedding ring.
Birthdate	3-6-1926 Age 28		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Robert Frazier		Other effects listed on Morgue Record (clothing destroyed)
Names of Parents	Joseph E. Rancour & Delores M. Potvin		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Joseph E. Rancour, father
F Funeral Director	Malone-Heinrichs Funeral Home	Address	1829 Aldrich Ave. N.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 9:20 p.m., September 5, 1954.

According to Bloomington police officers Joseph Doulhitt and James Pixley, Leo F. LeVitre, 2722 Washington Avenue North, states the deceased was a passenger in his automobile, a 1950 Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #977-053, on the evening of September 5, 1954. At approximately 8:50 p.m., the deceased apparently opened the door of the car and jumped out. She was found lying on the highway in front of the Frank Chellis home at 6100 Auto Club road by Richard Borden, 7112 Oak Grove Boulevard, Richfield, a passing motorist. He notified Chellis who summoned the Bloomington police.

LeVitre was found sitting in his car which was parked on the wrong side of the road nearby.

IDELLA M. FRAZIER (continued)

Upon arrival of the officers, the deceased was found to be alive and an Allen ambulance from Savage, Minnesota was summoned immediately. Within a few minutes, however, the deceased expired and the Coroner's Office was notified.

Deputies were unable to get a detailed story from LeVitre, however, he admitted having been drinking but refused to take a drunkometer test. A partially filled pint of what appeared to be whisky was found in the glove compartment of his car and two empty beer bottles were also found on floor of car. Blood was found on the right rear bumper of the car, blood smears on the back rest of the right front seat and on the top edge of the back rest on the driver's seat. There were blood stains on both of LeVitre's shoes, the right leg of his trousers and on the palm of the right hand. It was also reported that the deceased and LeVitre had been fighting in Long Lake, Minnesota earlier in the evening.

Body of deceased was found lying about 30 feet in back of the car in the other lane approximately 10 feet from the side of the road. She was lying on her back with head pointing west. Beside the deceased was a twisted blue bandana type handkerchief with white polka dots. There were no skid marks on the highway.

A laceration of the deceased's scalp was noted. Bruises noted over the lateral portion of the right eye, over left shoulder blade in the upper portion and two similar bruises over the right shoulder blade. Contusion marks noted over the left lateral elbow and also over the right lateral elbow. There is a small ecchymotic area in the midportion of the right upper arm.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on September 6. This revealed multiple basal skull fractures; subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhages of the brain; contusion-laceration of the scalp; and blood aspiration. Analysis of the deceased's blood by the toxicological chemist revealed 0.39% alcohol indicating the woman had been very intoxicated at the time of her death.

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, Robert; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rancour; five sisters and two brothers.

CORONER'S RECORD

804

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELLEN LARSON Date of Death September 6

Place of Death 3000 Johnson St. N. E.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 11-23-1884 Age 69

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Seamstress-Hennepin Cleaning Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Edgar L. Larson

Names of Parents Nels & Mary Bakken

Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Peter Kozlak Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Peter Kozlak Funeral Home at 6:15 a.m., September 6, 1954.

On September 6, 1954, at approximately 6:00 a.m., the deceased's daughter, Mrs. Ellen Motyl, with whom the deceased lives, was awakened by sounds of difficult breathing emanating from her mother's room. Dr. R. P. Neary was summoned, however, the deceased expired before the physician's arrival, death occurring at 6:00 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had had numerous attacks of dyspnea and chest pain during the past seven or eight months. She had been under the care of Dr. A. E. Johnson, however, he had not seen her for about four months.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later released directly

ELLEN LARSON (continued)

to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Clarence; daughters, Mrs. Earl Coveney and Mrs. Ellen Motyl; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Harold (Margaret) Davis; brothers, Andrew and Adolph Bakken.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HARRY A. BROWN

Date of Death Fd. September 6

Place of Death 102 Washington Ave. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 624 Chicago Avenue

Inquest 1 glasses; 1 knife; 6 keys;

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge 1 glasses; 1 knife; 6 keys; 1 Pawn ticket; misc. letters.

Birthdate 10-6-1896 Age 57

Birthplace Chicago, Ill.

Occupation Chef

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Mamie Brown

Names of Parents George & Mary Brown

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to H. G. Brown, Jr., son

E.J. Funeral Director Welander- Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.

Address 4447 N. Beacon St., Chicago, Ill.

Social Security No. 468-16-7304

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:45 p.m., September 6, 1954.

At approximately 3:10 p.m., September 6, 1954, the deceased was found dead in his bed, clothed in pajamas, by John W. Nelson, 104 S. Washington, the bedmaker. He immediately summoned the police, Officers Nelson and Kline responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene and the attending physician pronounced the man dead.

According to John Nelson, the deceased was alive when the bedmaker made up his bed at noon that day.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Examination of the body by a deputy coroner revealed that death resulted from coronary sclerosis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

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Year 19 54

FULL NAME HARRY DAVID WEAVER

Date of Death September 6

Place of Death 2426 Fourth Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-15-1895 Age 59

Birthplace White Earth Indian Reservation

Occupation Tailor

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Ethel A. Weaver

Names of Parents David Weaver & Elizabeth Williams

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

E/J. Funeral Director Albin Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 470-18-1988

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Albin Chapel at 4:30 p.m., September 6, 1954.

The deceased has been an out-patient at Minneapolis General Hospital and has also been under the care of Dr. George L. Merkert. He was receiving treatment for diabetes and a cardiac condition. On the morning of September 6, 1954, at approximately 11:00 a.m., the man expired suddenly.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

HARRY DAVID WEAVER (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Ethel; two sons, Elmer and Vern Clarence; four grandchildren; and a brother, George.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME KARL JOHN HAERLE

Date of Death September 6

Place of Death Swedish Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 3446 Benjamin St. N. E.

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 9-24-1871 Age 82

Birthplace Germany

Occupation Lutheran Minister (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Clara Haerle

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Bronchopneumonia due to fractures of right humerus and ulna.

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director Buchinger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 6:12 p.m., September 6, 1954.

On August 15, 1954, the deceased fell to the floor in his home sustaining fractures of the right ulna and right humerus. He was removed by ambulance to Swedish Hospital, being admitted at 10:55 p.m., and placed under the care of Doctors Linner and Kovack.

The deceased has history of diabetes and a mass was noted in the mediastinum. No surgery was attempted. The hospital course was uneventful until the day preceding death when the deceased's temperature began to rise and pneumonia developed. The man expired at 5:45 p.m., September 6.

Death was attributed to bronchopneumonia; the fractures of the right humerus and ulna being contributing factors.

KARL JOHN HAERLE (continued)

Survivors of the decedent include six sons, eight daughters, thirteen grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

808

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDWARD HOWE

Date of Death September 6

Place of Death 1115 West 28th St.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate 1-21-1888 Age 66

Birthplace Faribault, Minn.

Occupation

Painter

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Marie O. Howe

Names of Parents

John Howe & Sophia Olson

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Address

Social Security No. 469-18-1194

Veteran Yes ☒
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. G. L. Merkert at 12:20 a.m., September 7, 1954.

On September 6, 1954, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the deceased was found in bed, apparently expired. Dr. G. L. Merkert was summoned to the home and upon arrival, the physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased has complained of chest pain over a long period of time and has been under the care of Dr. Henry Peterson. The family of deceased attempted to call Dr. Peterson but were unable to reach him.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

EDWARD HOWE (continued)

was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Marie O.; four daughters, M/Sgt. Eleanor Howe, Leavenworth, Kansas, Mrs. Sol Landsman, Petersburg, Va., Mrs. Tony Bohnert, Mankato, Mrs. Violet Barry, Rochester, Minn.; step-daughter, Mrs. James Angelos, Minneapolis; six grandchildren; three step grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Al Odegard, Mrs. Inez Stendell, both of Rockford, Ill.; two brothers, Albert, Chicago, and Arthur of Faribault.

CORONER'S RECORD

809

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ANNA LAMBERT

Date of Death Fd. September 7

Place of Death	On street - 26th and Pierce St. N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	2614 Pierce St. N. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$1.70; 2 purses; 1 billfold; 4 keys; 1 spectacles.
Birthdate	4-26-1878 Age 75		
Birthplace	Ishpeming, Michigan		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Gustav Lambert		
Names of Parents	Oscar and Charlotte A. Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	Harold C. Lambert, son
Kaplan	Funeral Director Swanson Mortuary, Inc.	Address	3541 Stevens

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No. 474-24-8633

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:51 p.m., September 7, 1954.

Mrs. J. W. Coleman, 1221-26th Avenue Northeast, states she saw the deceased walking north on Pierce Street about 6:30 p.m., September 7. When she reached the corner, she leaned against the fire hydrant. A moment later, she was seen lying on the ground. The police were summoned and they, in turn, dispatched an ambulance to the scene. The physician, aboard the ambulance, pronounced the woman dead on arrival at 6:35 p.m.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the deceased by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary disease.

ANNA LAMBERT (continued)

Police officers Jaroscak and O. Christensen of Squad 124 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are three sons, Carl G. of Slayton, Minn., Harold C. of Minneapolis and Arvid H., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother, Oscar C. Johnson of Milwaukee, Wis.; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

CORONER'S RECORD

810

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MARION E. CROSBY

Date of Death September 7,

Place of Death 2512 Humboldt Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 5-29-1875 Age 79

Birthplace Hastings, Minn.

Occupation Librarian (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Francis Marion Crosby

Sophia Bates

Natural Cerebral vascular disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakeside Cemetery,

Effects Released to

Hastings, Minn.

Funeral Director Davies Mortuary

Address

Kaplan

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes

No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Dean Rizer at 7:55 p.m., September 7, 1954.

On the evening of September 7, 1954, the deceased did not come downstairs for her dinner, therefore, Edith Gardner who lives at the same address went up to the deceased's room to investigate and found the deceased lying on floor on her back, apparently expired. It was noted, the deceased had been sewing when she collapsed.

Dr. Dean Rizer was summoned to the home. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the woman dead. Deceased's body was discovered at 7:05 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later removed directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to cerebral vascular disease.

MARION E. CROSBY (continued)

Survivors of the decedent include a nephew, D. Clinton Prescott, Spokane, Washington; niece, Mrs. W. Hilding Lindberg, Tacoma, Wash.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME RAY T. PETERSON a/k/a REYNOLD THEODORE PETERSON Date of Death September 8

Place of Death	In yard, rear of 4211-20th Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4211-20th Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-5-1902 Age 51		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Auto body repairman		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Ellen Peterson		
Names of Parents	Louis Peterson & Marie Gustad		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary heart disease.		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Barney Anderson & Son	Address	

Social Security No. 477-09-1216

Veteran ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:15 p.m., September 8, 1954.

On the afternoon of September 8, 1954, the deceased was working on a cement driveway in the rear of his home. Marvin Biros, living at 4211-20th Avenue South, noted the deceased pulling on a stake. Suddenly the man collapsed to the ground, moved several times, and then lay still. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead, death occurring at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Examination of the body by a deputy coroner revealed that death resulted from coronary heart disease. The body was released directly to a mortuary.

RAY T. PETERSON (continued)

Police officers Hartley and Maus were also notified and investigated this case.

Survivors of the dececent include his wife, Ellen; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Anderson; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Phelps, Mrs. Harry C. Friedmann, Mrs. Arnold J. Pearson; and one brother, Stanley Pearson.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLIAM E. TEETZEL

Date of Death September 9

Place of Death 319 Washington Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

117 Washington Avenue S.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$0.83; 1 glasses; misc. papers.

Birthdate

3-6-1898 Age 56

Birthplace

Michigan

Occupation

Salesman - auction company

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife

Gladys

Names of Parents

Edward and Martha Teetzel

Natural

Coronary sclerosis.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

Norben Teetzel, son

E.J.

Funeral Director

Anderson-Peterson Mortuary

Address

1601 8th St. S.

Social Security No. 470-14-2639

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:15 p.m., September 9, 1954.

On the afternoon of September 9, 1954, at approximately 1:10 p.m., the deceased was standing at the bar at 319 South Washington when he suddenly collapsed to the floor. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned, however, the deceased expired before its arrival and was pronounced dead by the physician aboard.

Police officers Carlson and Knickerbocker of Squad 117 arrived on the scene and remained until arrival of the deputy coroner. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

WILLIAM E. TEETZEL (continued)

Survivors of the decedent include one daughter, Mrs. Betty Lou San of Richfield; six sons, Norben, Gail, William, Eugene, James of Minneapolis, Leslie of St. Paul.

CORONER'S RECORD

813

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WALTER ANDREW THOMPSON

Date of Death September 9

Place of Death	4132-20th Avenue S.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Lee Wattenberg
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-30-1912 Age 41		
Birthplace	Columbia Heights, Minn.		
Occupation	Assistant purchasing agent-Publishing Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Gladys M. Thompson		
Names of Parents	Emil A. Thomspen & Anna Christianson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director	O. E. Larson Mortuary	Address

Social Security No. 469-16-6441

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:20 p.m., September 9, 1954.

On September 9, 1954, the deceased came into the kitchen shortly before 7:00 p.m. complaining that he felt faint, then he suddenly collapsed striking his head on the drain board of the sink and incurring a head injury. Deceased was unresponsive and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 7:00 p.m.

According to the deceased's wife, the deceased has history of a bleeding gastric ulcer and a cardiac condition. He was a patient of Dr. L. B. Clay and was hospitalized about four months ago for treatment of a heart condition. It was stated, the deceased suffered a stroke about a year ago and never fully recovered.

WALTER ANDREW THOMPSON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on September 10. This revealed that death resulted from cardiac failure due to mitral stenosis due to rheumatic fever.

Police officers Hartley and Maus of Squad 165 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Gladys M.; a daughter, Nancy M., Minneapolis; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Thompson, Columbia Heights; two sisters, Mrs. Victor Nelson, Minneapolis and Anita Thompson, Columbia Heights; also a brother, Henry W. of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ETHEL LAVINA SWEENEY

Date of Death September 10

Place of Death 1420 Chicago Avenue

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

\$27.69; 4 keys; 1 black leather purse.

Birthdate

4-2-1908 Age 46

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Cook - Hannah's Cafe

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife

Larry Sweeney

Names of Parents

Nels P. Nelson & Ada L. Rosa

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary sclerosis

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

F. T. Nelson, brother

E.J. Funeral Director

Buchinger Funeral Home

Address

2330 Hendon Ave., St. Paul

Social Security No. 334-12-5473

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:35 a.m., September 10, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had recently been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital for the treatment of diabetes and a cardiac condition, being released from the hospital on September 9, 1954. She has been ill for a long time.

Mrs. L. Bowman, who lives at the same address as the deceased, found the deceased in the bathroom about 5:30 a.m., apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance physician confirmed the woman's death.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

ETHEL LAVINA SWEENEY (continued)

Police officers Benson and Fox of Squad 118 were notified and also investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent include three sisters, Miss Irene Nelson, Mrs. Lucille Schleith of Minneapolis, Mrs. Nina Ostrom of Manasses, Va.; and three brothers, Edmund, Francis and Orville, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54...

FULL NAME JOHN CONWAY

Date of Death Fd. September 10

Place of Death	3758 Dupont Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-3-1892 Age 62		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Stationary Engineer-Gas Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mayme Conway		
Names of Parents	Thomas J. Conway & Rosemary Aitken		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Richard M. Gill	Address	

Social Security No. 469-01-4606

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:10 a.m., September 10, 1954.

On the morning of September 10, 1954, at 6:30 a.m., Richard Conway, the deceased's son, found his father lying face down in the bathroom, apparently expired. He immediately summoned the rescue squad and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased had been moved to the living room floor before the deputy coroner's arrival. Upon examination, the deceased was noted to be somewhat cyanotic. There was no rigor and no edema. Death was attributed to coronary disease, and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

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Officers Kormanik and Hyvere of Squad 143 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mayme; two sons, Richard T. and Daniel J.; two grandchildren; three brothers, Thomas J., Excelsior, William O. and Robert E., St. Paul; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Swearingen, St. Paul and Mrs. Henry Neitge, Spooner, Wisconsin.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54.....

FULL NAME GEORGE KRAJCA

Date of Death Fd. September 11

Place of Death	Mission Farm, Medicine Lake, Plymouth Twp.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	* \$24.55; 2 knives; 1 scissor; 1 coin purse; 1 notebook; 2 keys; 1 lock.
Birthdate	9-24-1864 Age 89		
Birthplace	Czechoslovakia		*destroyed account of no value.
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Unknown		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Joseph and Thresa Krajca		(Clothing destroyed account unsanitary)
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	University of Minnesota	Effects Released to	Unclaimed cash deposited with County Treasurer
Funeral Director		Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:12 a.m., September 11, 1954.

At approximately 12:55 a.m., September 11, 1954, the deceased was found lying at foot of stairs in front of latrine door with head in pool of blood and vomitus by employees of the Mission Farm and Mrs. Evola Barron, R. N. According to Reverend Paul, the deceased has been a resident at farms since 1950 and got along well with everyone. Apparently deceased had gotten up to go to the bathroom from his bed on the main floor which is located about 20 feet from an open but gate-guarded flight of stairs leading to latrine situated on a lower level and fell down the stairs striking head on concrete floor of lower level. It is also possible that the deceased had a cerebrovascular accident or coronary attack which caused him to fall.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the body

GEORGE KRAJCA (continued)

by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary disease; arteriosclerosis, generalized; a laceration of scalp and fracture of nose being contributing factors.

Since the deceased had no funds for burial nor were there any relatives known to the Coroner's Office who could arrange for the burial of the deceased, it was necessary to release his body to the Anatomical Department of the University of Minnesota.

Deputy sheriff's Bray and Cyson of Hennepin County were also notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME CHARLES JAKOLSKI

Date of Death September 11

Place of Death 106 Hennepin Avenue

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge 1 Key; misc. papers.

Birthdate 3-4-1890 Age 64

Birthplace Poland

Occupation Laborer - hotels

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife Unknown

Names of Parents John and Pauline Jakolski

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed
Mortgage Record

Place of Burial Rosedale Lutheran Cemetery

Effects Released to Hanson Nugent Funeral Home by Frank E. Nugent, F. D.

Funeral Director Kaplan Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home

Address 2116 Nicollet Ave. S.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:22 a.m., September 11, 1954.

On September 11, 1954, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the deceased was found lying on floor in his room by Albert Elvebakke of the same address as the deceased and he helped the deceased back into his bed. A short while later, the man again rolled off the bed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death, death occurring at about 7:15 a.m.

It was stated the deceased had been ill for several days with diarrhea and that he had also been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital Out-patient Clinic recently.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Examination of the deceased

CHARLES JAKOLSKI (continued)

by a deputy coroner revealed that death was due to coronary disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Knickerbocker and Roehl responding.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HAROLD F. LESLIE

Date of Death Fd. September 11

Place of Death 2510 East 33rd Street

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 8-23-1911 Age 43

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Automobile mechanic

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Dorothy Leslie

Names of Parents Frank Leslie & Florence Kind

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 473-07-2400

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:35 p.m., September 11, 1954.

Dorothy Leslie, wife of deceased, was downstairs hanging up clothes about noon on September 11, 1954. When she came upstairs at approximately 12:15 p.m., she found the deceased slumped in a chair, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, the physician aboard confirmed the man's death.

Deceased was a patient in Minneapolis General Hospital from April 21, 1954 to June 15, 1954, at which time a diagnoses of rheumatic mitral insufficiency, with stenotic heart block; there was also noted complete and impartial pulmonary edema.

HAROLD F. LESLIE (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Dorothy; son, Richard; daughter, Eleanor; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Getnis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME GLADYS EVELYN BETZOLD

Date of Death September 11

Place of Death 3440 Colfax Avenue South

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. S. T. Nerenberg

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 5-14-1911 Age 43

Birthplace Maiden Rock, Wis.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife J. Fred Betzold

Names of Parents August and Julia Breberg

CAUSE OF DEATH ☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined

Chloral hydrate poisoning, chronic;

Chronic passive congestion of

liver; pulmonary emphysema.

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home

Address

Kaplan

Social Security No. 417-14-0941

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:20 p.m., September 11, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had undergone an operation for the removal of her gall bladder on August 5, 1954 at Asbury Hospital. She had been attended by Dr. Hugo Miller. The hospital course was satisfactory and the deceased was subsequently discharged to her home.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., September 11, 1954, the deceased suddenly fainted in her home. She was helped to her bed where she apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician in attendance confirmed the woman's death.

An autopsy was performed at the Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. on the date of

GLADYS EVELYN BETZOLD (continued)

death. In the opinion of the pathologist, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination and the chemical analyses before determining the cause of this woman's death.

Police officers Kunde and Olson of Squad 151 received a call to investigate this death also and attended the scene.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, J. Fred; mother, Mrs. Julia Breberg, Minneapolis; three daughters, Mrs. Marie Bernhardt, Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Dorothy Kruger, St. Paul, Mrs. Verna Marke, Minneapolis; two sons, Donald and Leonard, Minneapolis; eleven grandchildren.

It was later learned by the Coroner's Office that the deceased was habitually taking large doses of chloral hydrate - as much as 80 grains nightly. In view of the lethal amount of chloral hydrate found in the organs, it is believed this drug has been accumulative.

CORONER'S RECORD

820

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LLOYD CHARLES FUNK, JR.

Date of Death September 11

Place of Death In automobile en route to
Kenny Institute

Place of Accident

Residence Buffalo Lake, Minn.

Sex Male

Birthdate 6-15-1948 Age 6 years

Birthplace Renville County, Minn.

Occupation None

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents Lloyd C. Funk, Sr. & Barbara Gertie

Natural Poliomyelitis.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. John's Cemetery,
Hector, Minn.

Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Home,
Hopkins, Minn.

Autopsy No

Pathologist No

Inquest No

Effects Taken
in charge None

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Effects
Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. P. Elwood of the Kenny Institute at 3:07 p.m., September 11, 1954.

According to Lloyd C. Funk, father of deceased, the child felt ill on September 8, 1954 but did not appear very ill. On September 9, 1954, deceased vomited once and felt ill. On September 10, 1954, deceased was taken to Dr. C. A. Anderson of Hector, Minnesota, who prescribed a white liquid to be taken in divided doses. Mrs. Barbara Funk states the deceased complained of throat this morning, therefore, they took him to the doctor a second time where the nurse noted cyanosis and administered oxygen until the physician arrived. Upon examination, Dr. Anderson sent deceased to Kenney Institute providing the parents with oxygen to administer en route. Deceased stopped breathing about 15 to 20 minutes prior to arrival while on outskirts of city at approximately 2:30 p.m., Sept. 11.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. A deputy coroner discussed

Lloyd C. Funk, Jr. (continued)

this case with Dr. Anderson via phone. Dr. Anderson stated he saw nothing in the deceased's throat and inasmuch as the deceased could not talk, he felt that laryngeal nerve paralysis was probable and that child had bulbar polio.

In view of the above information plus the objections of the deceased's father, post mortem examination consisted only of spinal puncture and nose and throat cultures which were released to the Kenney Institute for analyses.

9-21-54: The following laboratory findings were received from Paul M. Ellwood, M.D., Director of Inpatient Service, Elizabeth Kenney Institute:

"Cerebrospinal fluid: Cell count, 288 of which 37% were polys and 63% were lymphs.
Protein, 62 mg.%.
Sugar, 84 mg.%.

The culture showed a growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* which were non-hemolytic and coagulase negative and probably were contaminants.

The nose culture also showed a non-hemolytic, coagulase negative *Staph.* The blood culture was negative as of this date, but the specimen will be kept for three weeks."

In view of the foregoing report, the Coroner diagnosed this decedent's death as having been due to poliomyelitis.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME SIDNEY G. FOSSUM

Date of Death September 11

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. George Nelson

Residence 2932-12th Avenue S.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 12-25-1894 Age 59

Birthplace Zumbrota, Minn.

Occupation Barber

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

None except listed On Morgue Record

Name of Husband or Wife Cora Fossum

Names of Parents Severt Fossum & Gina Ovik

Natural Cerebral hemorrhage

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 474-01-8949

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II Mexican border

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 10:20 p.m., September 11, 1954.

In the past three months, according to the deceased's wife, the deceased underwent quite noticeable personality changes, became irritable, brooded and complained of ill health with no gastro-intestinal or remarkable cardio-respiratory symptoms. He complained of severe headaches, drank alcoholic beverages rather heavily and steadily. In the past week, he has lost consciousness and fallen several times - on the street, in the bathroom, etc.

It was stated, the deceased frequently went to Powderhorn Park, which was near his home. On September 11, 1954, the deceased, as was his custom, went to the park. He had a bottle of liquor with him, the contents of which he apparently drank during the afternoon. A neighbor noticed the deceased lying on the ground. He apparently had fallen from the bench

SIDNEY G. FOSSUM (continued)

on which he had been sitting. The neighbor assisted deceased back onto the bench, then telephoned Mrs. Fossum, stating her husband had been drinking and was unconscious. He was removed to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted in a semi-conscious condition at 8:38 p.m., where he expired at 9:42 p.m. that night without regaining consciousness.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on September 12. This revealed that death resulted from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Cora; daughter, Mrs. Charles Fabbrine; a son, and six sisters, Mrs. Wm. Park, Mrs. Walter Scherer, Mrs. Hannah Parkhursts, Mrs. Clara Marshall, Mrs. Harold Cochrance, Mrs. John Birkholz.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALEXANDER J. ROWAN

Date of Death September 11

Place of Death	Homewood Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	3342 Edmund Blvd.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-7-1868 Age 86		
Birthplace	Quebec, Canada		
Occupation	Roofing and real estate (own business)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Unknown Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Cerebral thrombosis; terminal pneumonia; arteriosclerosis, generalized; fracture of left hip.	
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. J. Rosenberg at 3:30 p.m., September 12, 1954.

The deceased was senile and had been a patient at Homewood under the care of Doctors Noran, Daggett et al and Dr. Rosenberg for about five months. On August 6, 1954, at 7:45 a.m., a commotion was heard in the corridor in the unit where deceased was assigned and a nurse found deceased lying on floor of corridor with inability to stand and pain in left hip. There were no witnesses who observed deceased's fall. Deceased was transferred to Fairview Hospital where Dr. Carlander performed an open reduction and internal fixation of fracture of left hip on August 7, 1954.

Dr. Rosenberg states the deceased developed a urinary tract infection and pneumonia. On September 10, he had a cardio vascular accident and deteriorated slowly, expiring at 3:20 p.m., September 11.

ALEXANDER J. ROWAN (continued)

Dr. Rosenberg also stated the deceased had a lesion of the left upper lobe of lung of unknown etiology, tuberculosis was suspected and there was generalized arteriosclerosis. Fracture of the left hip was also a contributing cause of death.

Survivors of the decedent are two nieces, Rowan McHugh Brown, Wilmington, Delaware, Gladys McLaughlin, Camarillo, Calif.; three nephews, Robert A. Rowan, Omaha, David J. Rowan, Hollywood, Calif. and Martin W. McHugh, Wilmington, Del.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19.....54.....

FULL NAME JOHN RAYMOND PERRY

Date of Death September 12

Place of Death	Oak Ridge Hospital, 725 Fremont Ave. N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	4152 Browndale Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn.	Pathologist	No
Residence	4152 Browndale Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-9-1869 Age 84		
Birthplace	Illinois		
Occupation	Pipe maker - (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Vivian Perry		
Names of Parents	John and ? Seeley		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Glen Haven Memorial Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director Park Funeral Home, St. Louis Park, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Oak Ridge Hospital at 1:20 a.m., September 12, 1954.

At about 5:00 p.m., June 3, 1954, the deceased fell in some manner in his bedroom at the home of his son, 4152 Browndale Avenue, St. Louis Park, incurring an injury to his right hip. It was also stated the deceased had been suffering from cardiac decompensation and generalized arteriosclerosis for approximately six months before fall.

He was removed to the Swedish Hospital and placed under the care of Doctors John Galloway and R. G. Johnson. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right hip and an open reduction was performed on June 14, 1954. Later, the deceased was transferred to Oak Ridge Hospital for convalescent care.

On September 11, 1954, about 7:00 a.m., the deceased suffered a stroke with paralysis of

JOHN RAYMOND PERRY (continued)

right arm and leg. The man expired at 12:45 a.m., September 12, 1954.

Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage and cardiac decompensation; the fractured right hip and generalized arteriosclerosis being contributing factors.

The decedent is survived by a son, John, St. Louis Park.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLARD JOSEPH BEACOM

Date of Death Fd. September 12

Place of Death Swedish Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Same

Pathologist Dr. Ralph Nelson

Residence 623 East 17th Street

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$0.32; 1 ring.

Birthdate 3-13-1932 Age 22

Birthplace Cottonwood, Minn.

Occupation Orderly-Swedish Hospital

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Timothy A. Beacom & Mary Elizabeth Willis

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Cyclopropane Poisoning.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to Gleason Mortuary by John P. Becker, jr.

Kaplan Funeral Director Gleason Mortuary

Address 2644 Nicollet Ave.

Social Security No. 468-32-2463

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 6:37 a.m., September 12, 1954.

At 6:25 a.m., September 12, 1954, the deceased, an orderly at Swedish Hospital, was found slumped over an operating table on the fifth floor of the hospital. He was lying face down and his right hand held a breathing mask up against his face. The valves of the cylinders of cyclopropane gas were found open. Dr. Richard Ellingson was summoned and the physician pronounced deceased dead.

According to deceased's brother, John, he had taken the deceased to the hospital and left him at 10:00 p.m. on the evening of September 11, and stated he appeared to be in his usual good health at that time. He further stated that the deceased had mentioned he

WILLARD JOSEPH BEACOM (continued)

often fooled around with the anesthetic machines and took enough anesthesia to fall.

Gloria O'Dell, 3424 Colfax Avenue South, assistant head nurse, 4th floor surgery, saw the deceased at 10:45 p.m. that evening. He informed her that he felt very tired but he appeared very cheerful. Other fellow employees stated deceased had no history of depression. Miss Adley Hall, night supervisor, also states she saw the deceased between 11 and 11:15 p.m., however, he apparently was not seen later by anyone.

Les Johnson, manager at Swedish Hospital, said some of the nurses had teased him about his hiccups when he came on duty.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the date of death. This revealed hyperemia and acute, extensive, congestion of the lungs, liver and kidneys. Aspiration of stomach contents into smaller bronchi was noted. There was hyperemia and congestion in body and tail of pancreas, brain, stomach and duodenum. There was also hyperemia of the larynx but no laryngeal edema.

Death was attributed to cyclopropane poisoning, an anesthesia inhalant.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Beacom, Minneapolis; three brothers, Robert A., Fort Bragg, N. C., John, Minneapolis, Harold, Hill, Iceland; a sister, Margaret, Minneapolis.

Detectives Nordland and Dahlen of 308 were notified and also investigated this death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME WILLIAM BALLENTINE SCOTT

Date of Death September 12

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen
Residence	693 Orleans St., St. Paul, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$2.72; 1 billfold (misc. cards); 1 Lord Elgin wrist watch; 9 keys.
Birthdate	1-14-1919 Age 35		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Machine operator-Minnesota Mining Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Leonabelle Scott		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Robert & Mary Scott		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary sclerosis.		
	Accident		
	Struck		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Forest Lawn Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.	Effects Released to	John Paganski, brother-in-law
Funeral Director	Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home, St. Paul, Minn.	Address	Sauk Rapids, Minn.

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:42 p.m., September 12, 1954.

On the evening of September 12, 1954, the deceased was going on duty as bartender at 313 West Lake Street when he suddenly collapsed, vomited and apparently expired. The Fire Department rescue squad applied a resuscitator until a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance with Dr. Dorsey aboard arrived. The physician stated he heard heart sounds when he arrived on the scene, therefore, the deceased was removed to the ambulance but he died en route to the hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival in receiving at 7:40 p.m.

It was stated the deceased had been a patient in Miller Hospital, St. Paul, several weeks ago for a neck injury incurred while playing with his children. Dr. Malcolm Pierson, St. Paul, has taken care of this decedent for some time and saw him only a few days prior to his death.

WILLIAM BALLENTINE SCOTT (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on September 13. There were no gross pathological findings, other than a small amount of coronary sclerosis, therefore, specimens of the organs were released for microscopic examination and chemical analyses.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME GARNAT RASMUSSEN

Date of Death September 13

Place of Death University Hospitals

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Near Newell, Iowa

Pathologist Dr. Ralph Nelson

Residence Newell, Iowa

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-21-1922 Age 32

Birthplace Iowa

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Harry Rasmussen

Names of Parents William Wedeking & Ruth Luft

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Tractor Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Atelectasis of lungs, bilateral, severe; renal insufficiency; crushing injury of abdomen, with laceration of spleen, liver; contusion of colon, small intestine and kidneys.

Place of Burial Sac City, Iowa

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
1825 Chicago Ave.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the University Hospitals at 3:55 a.m., September 13, 1954.

According to records available at the University Hospital, the deceased was a farm wife and she was driving a tractor on September 6, 1954, when the cuff of her trousers caught in the power takeoff and she was pulled under the wheels. She got up and walked to the car and was driven to a hospital at Storm Lake, Iowa. About six hours later, a laparotomy was performed by Dr. R. R. Hanson and ruptured spleen was removed, also a laceration of the liver was packed and sutured. Postoperatively renal insufficiency developed; deceased was in and out of shock and was transferred to University Hospital on September 11, 1954 for Urological care and possible use of artificial kidney.

While having some x-rays taken on September 11 (day of admission at University Hospitals) the deceased's heart stopped. An immediate thoracotomy and cardiac massage was done with restora-

GARNAT RASMUSSEN (continued)

tion of cardiac functions. Deceased had a great deal of respiratory distress throughout hospital course and required considerable deep suction. At 12:40 a.m., September 13, 1954, the woman expired.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed absence of spleen; laceration of liver with hematoma of diaphragmatic surface; subcapsular hematomas of both kidneys; multiple areas of early gangrene of the colon and small intestine; also bilateral pulmonary atelectasis, severe with bilateral hydrothorax.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JESSE R. BARTON

Date of Death September 13

Place of Death Deaconess Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Hopkins, Minn.

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 8-17-1880 Age 74

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Secretary-Treas.-Insurance Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Angel Barton & Celestia Wilkinson

Natural Diabetic coma; uremia.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood (cremation)

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. C. A. Witham at 10:50 a.m., September 13, 1954.

The deceased was brought to Deaconess Hospital, being admitted at 12:05 a.m., September 13, 1954, on the advice of Dr. C. A. Witham. The deceased is a Christian Scientist and had never had any previous medical attention. After admittance, the deceased was examined by a staff doctor, Dr. Berg, and found to be comatose, cyanotic, and dehydrated. Blood-urea-nitrogen and blood sugar tests which were taken on admittance were found to be elevated. The man expired at 6:20 a.m., September 13.

Dr. C. A. Witham states he had never seen the deceased before admittance to the hospital and neither did he see the man before death, however, he had known the practitioner who was caring for the deceased.

JESSE R. BARTON (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body which was released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to diabetic coma; uremia being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME FRED W. BOUTELLE

Date of Death September 13

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Field Hotel, 518 South 8th Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 62		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Mortimer H. Boutelle Alice Sessions		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Terminal epileptic seizure. Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:30 a.m., September 13, 1954.

On September 13, 1954, the patient was first seen on an ambulance run by the attending physician. He was lying crumpled up on the floor of a shower. Before examining him, it was necessary to move deceased from shower. According to nurse on duty at above address, the deceased had a seizure and there is history of four previous admissions to receiving at Minneapolis General Hospital because of seizures.

After moving deceased, he again became unconscious, his color was poor and respiration failed. Oxygen and artificial respiration was attempted, however, the deceased expired in ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:25 a.m.

FRED W. BOUTELLE (continued)

Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to a terminal epileptic seizure and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOSEPH CLIFFORD HOIDAL

Date of Death September 13

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Sixth St. & Second Avenue South

Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence 2435 Portland Avenue

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 5-27-1874 Age 80

Birthplace Albert Lea, Minn.

Occupation Real estate (self)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Karoline Hoidal

John Peter Hoidal

Names of Parents Emma Dorthea Mickelson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Skull fracture

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Davies Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 4:15 p.m., September 13, 1954.

According to Minneapolis General Hospital records, the deceased was picked up at 6th street and 2nd Avenue South by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and taken to the hospital, being admitted at 2:55 a.m., August 28, 1954, in a comatose condition.

Admitting diagnosis was coronary occlusion. The man was noted to be pulseless. Further examination revealed a head injury, and on the date of admittance bilateral trephining and evacuation of a subdural hematoma was done.

On September 2, due to a recurrence of the subdural hematoma, it was necessary to re-open the burr holes and do further evacuation. However, the deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 1:32 p.m., September 13.

CORONER'S RECORD

JOSEPH CLIFFORD HOIDAL (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from a skull fracture.

Bureau of Records, Minneapolis Police Department, was contacted for information as to how this man's injuries occurred. The officer on duty could not furnish us with a report which is customary and stated that this was merely a "sick call". We do not have the name of the officer who summoned the emergency ambulance. The only history obtained by the hospital was from bystanders who stated the deceased was seen to fall on the sidewalk about 2:45 a.m., August 28. There was evidence that the man had been drinking.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Karoline; three daughters, Mrs. Charles S. Zonne, Miami, Mrs. Clarence O. Hanson, Minneapolis, and Mrs. C. D. Harrington, Stockton, California.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HARRY LESTER KEENEN a/k/a HARRY W. ROBERTS Date of Death Fd. September 13

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Pioneer Hotel, 8 South Second St.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$14.65
Birthdate	12-31-1881 Age 72	Less: 9.25 (Telegram & phone charges)	
Birthplace	West Chester, Pa.	Balance-\$35.40	
Occupation	Hotel Clerk, Pioneer Hotel	1 purse; 1 Savings book #21872-Henn. State bank-\$793.75; 1 savings book #482-First National Bank-\$1275.78.	
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Laura Hefelfinger Keenen		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	William S. & M. Ella Keenen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Diabetic coma.		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Goggins Funeral Home Thomas Goggins, Spec. Adm.
Folsom Funeral Director	Goggins Funeral Home	Address	2700 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis

Social Security No. 468-12-5518-A

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:58 p.m., September 13, 1954.

The deceased has been ill for about a week, it was stated, and the hotel management and other tenants felt that the deceased had suffered a stroke, however, he refused medical aid. Today, September 12, 1954, the deceased was found unresponsive and apparently in critical condition and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Deceased was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 1:49 p.m., September 12.

Blood-urea-nitrogen and blood sugar tests were found to be elevated. Deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 3:30 p.m., September 13.

HARRY LESTER KEENEN (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. It was noted deceased had had one leg amputated at some time. Death was attributed to diabetic coma.

Deceased is survived by several sisters and children living in West Chester, Pa.

9-16-54: The Coroner's Office contacted a brother and sister-in-law of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Keenen, R. D. #4, West Chester, Pennsylvania, and they were requested to furnish a list of the survivors of this decedent. A letter, dated September 20, was subsequently received from Mr. and Mrs. Keenen, reading as follows:

"At your request, I am sending the family names of Harry Roberts as known to you. His birth name is Harry Lester Keenen, born December 31, 1881 - son of the late William S. and M. Ella Keenen of Marshallton, Pa.

Harry Lester Keenen deserted his family several years ago about the year of 1914 - they lived at Philadelphia, Pa. Many years had passed and the family knew nothing of his whereabouts until about the past ten or twelve years. He wrote occasionally to his brother, Edwin Keenen. Harry's address to us then was General Delivery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The past three or four years he wrote a letter to Alberta and Edwin Keenen. His address then was 455 Saint Peter St., Claude Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota - c/o Joe Walsh. His last letter, with no return address given, was received June 9, 1951.

Harry Lester Keenen's wife - Laura Hefelfinger Keenen is deceased. His living children and their addresses are as follows:

Stella Keenen Clarke (Mrs. Raymond Clarke)
5154 Ogden St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Harry R. Keenen
5154 Ogden St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Francis Roy Keenen
5154 Ogden St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Alberta Keenen Bryson (Mrs. William Bryson)
341 Velde Ave.,
Delair, New Jersey

His living sisters and brother are as follows:

Nora Keenen Donaldson (Mrs. Archie) Edwin James Keenen
Devereaux Greenlea School R. D. #4
R. D. #1 West Chester, Pa.
West Chester, Pa.

Elizabeth Keenen Ryan (Mrs. Oscar)
Montpelier Station, Virginia. "

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JANE L. GOFF

Date of Death September 14

Place of Death W. 50th St. & Lyndale Ave. S.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Same

Pathologist Dr. Ralph Nelson

Residence 645 North Waiola Ave.,
LaGrange, Ill.

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken
in charge \$10.00; 1 billfold; 1 wrist watch-
Hamilton; 1 engagement ring; 1 wedding
ring; 1 star; 1 pencil; 1 charge-a-plate;
1 handbag.

Birthdate 5-4-1905 Age 49

Birthplace St. Louis, Missouri

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife David C. Goff
Harry K. Lange

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Names of Parents Lucy Morton

CAUSE OF DEATH
~~Natural~~
Auto-Truck
Accident
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
Undetermined

Multiple skull fractures and
multiple brain lacerations due
to automobile-truck accident.

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to D. C. Goff, husband

Kaplan Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:12 a.m., September 14, 1954.

At approximately 6:00 a.m., September 14, 1954, the deceased was driving her car, a 1953 Lincoln convertible, hard top, bearing 1954 Illinois license No. 1490-114 east on W. 50th Street. She was en route to the airport to meet her husband on his return trip from Alaska.

According to Ernest Lohi, 1519 Girard Avenue North, a witness, the deceased went through a red flasher signal during the rain at the intersection of West 50th Street and Lyndale Avenue South striking the right side of a truck pulling an open top trailer which was loaded with 20,030 pounds of roofing materials. The truck, a 1950 GMC 450, bearing

JANE L. GOFF (continued)

1954 Minnesota license No. Y109-768 was driven by Ivan Paul Paskewitz, age 20, 3346 Pleasant Avenue, Minneapolis, who was traveling south on Lyndale Avenue South at the time of the crash. The impact caused deceased to be thrown from her car and under the wheels of trailer. A wheel crushed her head. Body of deceased was found 51 feet south of the point of impact which was 26 feet south of north curb line on Lyndale Avenue and 11 feet east of curb line on 50th Street. Her car came to stop over curb on left side of Lyndale Avenue., about 81 feet from point of impact. Paskewitz continued on Lyndale Avenue South about 249 feet and parked at the curb. He was not injured.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 1:00 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from multiple skull fractures and multiple brain lacerations. Deceased heart and coronaries were found to be in good condition.

Police officers Noble, Robinson and Soule of traffic squad 555 and 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, David Charles; mother, Mrs. Lucy Lange; sister, Miss Marion Lange, Minneapolis; brother, Morton Lange of Munich, Germany.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JENNIE C. WHITE

Date of Death September 14

Place of Death	Vocational hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2333 Newton Ave. S.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-27-1863 Age 91		
Birthplace	Iowa		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Emery White		
Names of Parents	Thomas Ellis & Susan Buss		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined	Coronary disease; arteriosclerosis; generalized; fracture of left hip.	
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
R.G.J. Funeral Director	White Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Vocational Hospital at 6:28 p.m., September 14, 1954.

On June 14, 1954, the deceased fell in some manner in her home sustaining a fracture of the left hip. She was removed to Vocational Hospital, being admitted on June 25, 1954, and placed under the care of Dr. T. L. Althausen, Jr. Due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, no surgery was attempted. Death occurred at 5:45 p.m., September 14.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease; arteriosclerosis, generalized; and the fracture of the left hip was considered a contributing factor. The body was released directly to a mortuary.

JENNIE C. WHITE (continued)

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. Rene Christensen, grandchildren, Emery W. Christensen, Minneapolis and Mrs. V. I. Mora, Los Angeles; also seven great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

833

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME SUSANN HUGHES

Date of Death Fd. September 15

Place of Death 1707 - 10th Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-17-1880 Age 74

Birthplace Germany

Occupation Homemaker

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Edward Hughes

Names of Parents ? and Johannes Miller

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Albinson-Peterson Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:38 a.m., September 15, 1954.

At 3:30 a.m., September 15, 1954, the deceased was found lying in bed, apparently expired, by her son, Peter, upon his return from work. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and upon arrival, the physician aboard confirmed the woman's death.

According to the son, deceased had not appeared ill but she had complained of shortness of breath recently. She had not been under the care of a physician.

Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary disease. The body was released directly to a mortuary.

SUSANN HUGHES (continued)

Police officers Heinrichs and Arnold of Squad 132 also received a call to investigate this death.

Survivors of the decedent include two sons, Roy and Peter of Minneapolis; two grandsons, Dennis and Gary.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19...54.....

FULL NAME RALPH R. WILTGEN

Date of Death Fd. September 15

Place of Death 104 Hennepin Ave.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. George Nelson

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-31-1908 Age 46

Birthplace Hopkins, Minn.

Occupation Unknown

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

None except listed
On Morgue Record
(destroyed account no value)

Names of Parents William Wiltgen & Carrie Erickson

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Mound Cemetery, Brooklyn Center,

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Gleason Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 473-09-6675

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:45 p.m., September 15, 1954.

The deceased had lived at this address for more than a year and, it was stated, he had spent several months this year in Minneapolis General Hospital, being discharged from the hospital on July 2, 1954.

Today, September 15, 1954, the deceased was seen on the street at approximately 8:30 a.m. and apparently had breakfast on the avenue. At 9:30 a.m., the deceased asked Ernest Burhite, the night clerk, to get him a quart of milk. While Burhite was on his way to the Gateway Cafe to get the milk, he saw Officer Whisney and mentioned that the deceased wasn't feeling very well and complained of chills. At this time, he stated he intended to attempt to get deceased to go to General Hospital. Later in the day, about 12:30 p.m., Burhite went to

RALPH R. WILTGEN (continued)

check on the deceased and found him lying in bed, apparently expired. Officer Whisney was notified and an ambulance was summoned immediately. The physician aboard the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance confirmed the man's death.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Deceased was examined by a deputy coroner and death was attributed to coronary sclerosis. An autopsy was performed at the morgue at 10:00 a.m. on the date of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of a brother, Elmer Wiltgen, Hopkins, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

835

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PATRICK J. CONWAY

Date of Death September 16

Place of Death	7th floor (in elevator) Radisson Hotel	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	805 East River Road	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$97.39; 1 billfold; 1 check book- 1st Produce Bank; 1 pen & pencil set; 1 Diamond ring - 3 stones; 1 Bulova wrist watch; 1 cigar holder; 1 tie clasp; 1 Tel Co. pin; 1 coin purse; 1 glasses.
Birthdate	7-12-1892 Age 62		
Birthplace	Des Moines, Iowa		
Occupation	P.B.X. Installer -N. W. Telephone Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Violet D. Conway		
Names of Parents	Patrick Conway & Mary Haviland		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary thrombosis. Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. P. J. Conway, widow
Kaplan Funeral Director	Billman-Hunt Chapel	Address	805 E. River Road

Social Security No. 468-09-3121

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:04 a.m., September 16, 1954.

The deceased had attended a meeting on the tenth floor of the Radisson Hotel on the morning of September 16, 1954. About 8:40 a.m., the deceased got on elevator operated by Goldie Zuck, 225 West 15th Street, and shortly thereafter he suddenly collapsed. Elevator was stopped at the 7th floor and Nurse Muriel Gorman, 1082-13th Ave. S. E., was summoned. She arrived at 8:45 a.m. and the deceased was still breathing. He expired a few minutes later, death occurring at 8:48 a.m.

There is history of heart disease and deceased was checked recently by Dr. J. C. Miller. He had also been treated by Dr. C. N. Hensel, Lowry Medical Arts Building, St. Paul. Deceased carried nitroglycerine tablets on his person.

PATRICK J. CONWAY (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. A small amount of blood noted from right nostril. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officer Troswick responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Violet D.; two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Lindamood and Phyllis; three sons, Elden John T., Washington, D. C., Walter J. and Kenneth K.; and a brother, Edward.

CORONER'S RECORD

836

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ADOLF LUNDQUIST

Date of Death September 17

Place of Death	Deaconess Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	35 Groveland Terrace	Pathologist	Dr. Craig W. Freeman
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-21-1871 Age 82		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Storekeeper - retail hardware		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Gustav Lundquist & Charlotte Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural x		
Accident	Hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency; rheumatic (inactive) valvular heart disease (calcific mitral stenosis; encephalomalacia, right occipital lobe of brain; cerebral arteriosclerosis and arteriosclerosis, generalized; fracture, compound, left humerus.		
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Tabor Lutheran Church Cemetery, Strandburg, S. Dak.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Deaconess Hospital at 7:20 p.m., September 17, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased has history of two cardio vascular episodes. On September 11, 1954, the deceased apparently experienced an episode of faintness, resulting in a fall down the stairs. The injured woman was removed by ambulance to Deaconess Hospital, being admitted at 3:30 p.m., September 11, 1954, and placed under the care of Dr. Elmer E. Dady. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left humerus. The hospital course was unsatisfactory and the deceased's condition became progressively critical, death occurring at 6:47 p.m., September 17.

An autopsy was performed at the Welander-Quist mortuary at 9:00 a.m., September 18. This

ADOLPH LUNDQUIST (continued)

revealed a compound fracture of the left arm; multiple contusions; pleural effusion; congestion and atelectasis of the lungs; myocardial hypertrophy; calcific mitral stenosis; arteriosclerosis, generalized; and encelphalomalacia of the right occipital lobe of the brain, not recent.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME OWEN W. PARKER

Date of Death September 17

Place of Death	Fairview Hospital
Place of Accident	3013 Boone Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn.
Residence	Same
Sex	Male
Birthdate	12-1-1873 Age 80
Birthplace	Beaver Dam, Wis.
Occupation	Physician & Surgeon
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mabel Parker
Names of Parents	Charles Parker & Frances Owen
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☒ Undetermined
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery
Funeral Director	E. J. Enger Funeral Home

Autopsy	No
Pathologist	No
Inquest	No
Effects Taken in charge	None

Effects Released to	
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Address	
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Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 8:30 p.m., September 19, 1954.

On September 10, 1954, the deceased fell in his bedroom in some manner sustaining a fracture of the right tibia. He was removed to Fairview Hospital being admitted at 3:00 a.m., September 10, where he was placed under the care of Dr. C. G. Watson.

Due to the man's advanced age and weakened condition, he developed bronchopneumonia, expiring at 3:45 p.m., September 17.

An autopsy was performed at Fairview Hospital. Death was attributed to bronchopneumonia,

OWEN W. PARKER (continued)

the fractured right tibia being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent include two sons, Addison M. and Owen W., Jr.; three grandchildren; two brothers, Roy and Alonzo.

CORONER'S RECORD

838

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN W. FLYNN

Date of Death Fd. September 18

Place of Death 105 Washington Ave. N.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

1-9-1902 Age 52

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Laborer - City of Mpls.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Joseph P. Flynn
Elizabeth Egan

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Cirrhosis of liver due to chronic
alcoholism.

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Flynn & Son Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 470-24-9993

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:30 a.m., September 18, 1954.

According to caretaker of hotel at above address, William P. O'Brien, the deceased was last seen alive by him on September 15, 1954. However, he states the deceased's sister and brother-in-law visited the deceased on September 16 and he thought he heard deceased go to the bathroom on September 17.

About 8:15 a.m., on the morning of September 17, O'Brien went downstairs to inquire about deceased because he had not seen him for three days. Obtaining no information, he went to the deceased's room and entered by passkey whereupon he found the deceased dead in a chair near the wash basin.

Mr. R. T. Flynn, brother of deceased, states deceased was an alcoholic since his youth. Dr. Thomas Flynn of St. Louis, Mo., Nephew of deceased and son of informant, examined

JOHN W. FLYNN (continued)

deceased several weeks ago and found an enlarged liver and considerable chest congestion.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found sitting in chair with head slumped on shoulder in 4+ rigor. Shirt and clothes generally sticky with partially dried emesis. There was no evidence of other than natural death. Death was attributed to cirrhosis of liver due to chronic alcoholism.

Police officer Earl Anderson was also notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of R. T. Flynn, a brother, and a nephew, Dr. Thomas Flynn, St. Louis, Mo., previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

839

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ARTHUR W. GROBE

Date of Death September 18

Place of Death	2nd floor (mezzanine) Metropolitan Life Building	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	927 Chicago Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$68.00; 1 billfold; 1 card case; 1 bankbook #2997 \$3,896.76-Farmers & Mechanics Bank; 1 coin purse; 5 keys.
Birthdate	7-8-1901 Age 53		
Birthplace	Ackley, Iowa		
Occupation	Shipping Clerk - Record Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	William O. Grobe Leba Tulp		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	O. F. Grobe, brother
Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	4932-33rd Avenue S.

Wright

Social Security No. 469-22-6949

Veteran ☒ Yes
No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:30 p.m., September 18, 1954.

Statements taken from Walter Marotzke, building engineer, 5229 Park Avenue, and Rose Marie Dahlke, 517 E. 28th Street, indicate the deceased was seen loitering on the 8th and 12th floors since approximately 9:30 a.m. on the morning of September 18, 1954. Marotzke asked the deceased about noontime if he were waiting for someone and was told that he was. Shortly thereafter, Marotzke came out of an office he had been cleaning and saw deceased falling through the air.

Rose Marie Dahlke was on 12th floor and saw the deceased climb over the rail and hang by one hand about that same time. She rushed over and grabbed other hand of deceased and tried to hold him but deceased let go of rail and slipped from her grasp, screaming as he fell. His body came to rest on roof over the ground floor, 11 floors below, where

ARTHUR W. GROBE (continued)

the deceased struck an iron railing.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body of deceased which was found lying on edge of mezzanine balcony with left foot and lower third of left leg dangling broken over the edge. He was lying on face. Point of impact with floor indicated by broken glass tile approximately 3 feet from head. Bits of brain and bone from leg with some blood noted on stairway below. Metal railing was completely shattered by impact of fall. Death apparently was instantaneous.

Inspection of remains revealed a crushing injury of chest with multiple fractures of all anterior ribs and sternum and palpable subcutaneous emphysema; fractures, multiple cervical spine, thoracic spine; fractures, compound, right femur, right tibia and fibula middle third, left tibia and fibula below knee; also fracture of the pelvis. Avulsion of the left hip and ilium with tearing wound of the left inguinal region from scrotum to anterior iliac spine; also laceration of the right forearm.

General Hospital records show the deceased had slashed his wrists in a suicide attempt on March 7, 1954. Oscar Grobe, 4932-33rd Avenue South, a brother of deceased, states the deceased has been despondent and in ill health for a year and half.

Detectives Carlson and Knickerbocker of Squad 117, Captain Bernath, and also Melchisedech and Lutzey of 301 investigated this death.

With the exception of Oscar F. Grobe, previously mentioned, the survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

ERICK (ERIC) A. ERICKSON

Date of Death

Fd. September 18

Place of Death	Economy Hotel 110 Hennepin Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$237.03
Birthdate	5-29-1871 Age 83	Less: 2.65 (Telegram to Florida(Lakeland) Balance \$234.38	
Birthplace	Pelican Rapids, Minn.	1 Elgin watch hunting case; 1 Westclox watch; 1 billfold; 3 keys; 10 coins; 1 Trust certi- ficate-Marquette Trust Co. #10714; 1 bankbook #4329-First Nat'l. Bank \$277.79; misc. cards.	
Occupation			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Andreas Erickson & Bergette Holts		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident xxxxxx Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	E. L. Swandby, Spec. Adm.
Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	5124 Juanita Ave., Edina

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:47 p.m., September 18, 1954.

When the deceased did not come down today, September 18, 1954, Olaf Nelson, clerk at the Economy Hotel, entered the deceased's room with a passkey and found deceased lying in bed, apparently expired, at 12:15 p.m.

The deceased had told Nelson he had resided in this hotel since 1932. Nelson states he had seen the deceased on September 17 and he appeared to be in his usual health and had no complaints. Clyde Clearwater, janitor at the hotel, also seen the deceased at approximately 10:00 p.m., September 17, and apparently the deceased had no symptoms of illness at that time.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. Deceased

ERICK (Eric) A. ERICKSON (continued)

found lying on back on bed in extreme rigor with suit coat over his chest and trunk, right leg dangling over side of bed. There were no marks of violence or other indication of other than natural death. Deceased was fully clothed and a card found on his person indicated he had been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Police officers H. Thompson and E. T. Anderson were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include a sister, Mrs. Sophie Erickson George; and a niece, Mrs. Guerry Dobbins, both of Lakeland, Florida.

CORONER'S RECORD

841

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME GUY C. FRENCH

Date of Death September 19

Place of Death	4214 Pillsbury Ave.
Place of Accident	
Residence	Same
Sex	Male
Birthdate	7-25-1885 Age 69
Birthplace	Maine
Occupation	Building and roofing maintenance contractor.
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married
Name of Husband or Wife	Clara French
Names of Parents	Fred M. French & Ella Goodrich
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident ☒ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined ☒
Place of Burial	Lakewood (cremation)
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Autopsy	No
Pathologist	No
Inquest Effects Taken in charge	No

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel at 12:35 p.m., September 19, 1954.

The deceased, a Christian scientist, has been ill for a long time and has been under the care of a practitioner, Mrs. Hester Walsh. He has had no medical attention.

At 5:30 a.m., September 19, 1954, the deceased expired in his bed while the practitioner was present.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

GUY C. FRENCH (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Clara; three daughters, Mrs. John S. Myers of Japan, Mrs. Lloyd A. Strege of Minneapolis, Mrs. Richard H. Loomis of Stanford, California; sons, Richard E. of St. Louis Park, John E. of Wayzata, Clifton E. of Minneapolis; and 14 grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

842

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN AUGUST SMITH

Date of Death September 20

Place of Death 4827 Girard Avenue North

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-8-1897 Age 57

Birthplace Kansas

Occupation Locomotive engineer- G. N. RR.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Gladys V. Smith

Names of Parents August Napieck & Mary Zeigler

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Vincent's Cemetery
Osseo, Minn.

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Malone-Heinrichs Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 701-14-4724

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Malone Heinrichs Funeral Home at 4:30 p.m., September 21, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased complained of pain in chest and arm while at work on Friday, September 17, 1954. Saturday and Sunday the deceased was confined to his home with severe and constant pain. Shortly after midnight on Sunday, September 20, the deceased went to the bathroom where he suddenly collapsed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death, death occurring at approximately 12:35 a.m.

Deceased has history of stomach ulcers and has been under the care of Dr. G. L. Rudell, however, it is some time since the deceased has consulted the doctor. According to wife, deceased also had an electrocardiogram this spring.

John August Smith (continued)

Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Gladys V. Smith.

CORONER'S RECORD

843

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MARY T. KELLETT

Date of Death September 21

Place of Death Deaconess Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 1676 Hennepin Avenue

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-4-1873 Age 81

Birthplace Maple Plain, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Everett Kellett

Names of Parents Calvin and Christine Wasson

Natural ☒

Accident ☒ Arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency; fracture of left hip.

Suicide ☒

Homicide ☒

Undetermined ☒

Place of Burial Lake wood (cremation)

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Albinson-Peterson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Albinson-Peterson Funeral Home at 11:20 a.m., September 21, 1954.

About September 2nd, 1954, the deceased fell to the floor in some manner at her home sustaining a fracture of the left hip. Dr. C. A. Witham was summoned immediately, however, the deceased did not want to enter the hospital for surgery. About a week later, the deceased became unconscious and Dr. Witham ordered deceased removed to the hospital, where she was admitted on September 11, 1954 at 5:10 p.m. No surgery was attempted. The woman expired at 4:10 a.m., September 21 without regaining consciousness.

Death was attributed to arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor. Body was released directly to a

MARY T. KELLETT (continued)

mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are three daughters, Mrs. Reba Rickert of Arcadia, California and Lois R. Griswold, Laguna Beach, California, Madge Draper, Polson, Montana; son, Fred Turnham, Long Lake, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

844

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19...54.....

FULL NAME EZRA KEMPTON PAINE

Date of Death Fd. September 21

Place of Death 4213 West 42nd St.,
Morningside

Place of Accident

Residence

Sex

Birthdate

Birthplace

Occupation

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents

~~Natural~~

Accident

Suicide

~~Homicide~~

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Funeral Director

Welanders-Quist Co.
2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Autopsy

Pathologist

Inquest

Effects Taken
in charge

Other effects listed
M- the Record

Effects
Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

Yes

Dr. G. Aurebeck

No

None

Other effects listed
M- the Record

None

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:20 p.m., September 21, 1954.

Mrs. Joan C. Roberts, daughter of deceased, states that the deceased had been seeing many doctors during the past year or so and was hospitalized at Fairview Hospital under the care of Dr. Julian Petit in December 1953. Dr. Petit told the deceased there was nothing wrong with him according to what the deceased told her and rest of family.

On September 21, 1954, Mrs. Roberts arrived home at approximately 3:20 p.m. About 4:00 p.m., Mrs. Paine and she went into the deceased's bedroom to tell him they were going down to get his mail and were unable to rouse the deceased. Dr. Joseph Taylor and the police were summoned immediately, Officers Greenwood and Butler of the Edina Police and Deputy McMullin responding. Dr. Taylor pronounced the man dead.

EZRA KEMPTON PAINE (continued)

Mrs. Paine states the deceased has been very depressed recently. Yesterday, the deceased was up and around but felt like a "ball of fire" according to wife. Today, however, he did not want any breakfast and returned to bed about 10:30 a.m. and Mrs. Paine did not talk to him thereafter. She has tried to persuade him to see a doctor recently but he refused.

According to Dr. Julian Petit he had not seen the deceased since February 1954 but had talked to him on the phone about ten days ago and ordered about 10 Amytal capsules for him with the understanding that deceased was to place himself under the care of Dr. Robert Meller again and stop using barbiturates. He says the deceased had been alcoholic but was definitely a user of barbiturates.

Dr. Joseph Taylor states he had prescribed nembutal for deceased on basis of not more than 30 per month and that recently he had ordered the drug store not to give the deceased an extra order because the deceased had sounded intoxicated on the phone when he talked to druggist.

Dr. Robert Meller states he had not seen deceased for about a year and that he had never established a firm relationship with the deceased because deceased would not enter hospital for treatment of his addiction to barbiturates.

None of the physicians interviewed had known the deceased to express suicidal tendencies. Dr. Meller said the deceased had called him a couple of months ago and described taking an overdose because he wasn't getting the effect he used to and that he admitted on occasion having taken too many because he couldn't remember how many or when he had last previously taken some.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body of deceased who was found lying in 4+ rigor on left side in position of sleep in a single bed in the southeast bedroom, clothed in pajamas. Beside deceased on bed under the covers was a 1½ gr. nembutal capsule.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:30 a.m., September 22. There were no gross findings, therefore, specimens of the organs were released for microscopic examination and chemical analyses. A subsequent report from the toxicologist revealed the presence of a lethal amount of barbiturates in the blood.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Elizabeth C.; daughter, Mrs. Phillip Charles Roberts, Jr. and a grandson, all of Minneapolis; mother, Mrs. C. S. Paine; sister, Mrs. W. P. Logan, both of Lakeland, Fla.; brother, Clarence S. Paine, Oklahoma City, Okla.

11-15-54: Due to the fact the pathologist was unable to determine the cause of this man's death, and the fact the toxicological chemist's analyses revealed 5.1 milligrams of barbiturate per 100 grams of blood, a diagnoses of barbiturate poisoning (undetermined as to whether accidental or suicidal) was made. (This information was sent to the Health Department 10-7-54).

The autopsy report received 11-15-54 reveals that the pathologist failed to find any gross pathology of the brain; however, the brain was subsequently sent to Neuropathology for further examination. Later the brain report was received by the pathologist, and this revealed cerebral hemorrhage. In view of this, it became necessary to send to the State Health Department this additional information to be added to the death certificate. In the opinion of the coroner, this decedent may have taken large amounts of barbiturates in order to relieve headaches caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PEDER ANDREW AUNE

Date of Death September 21

Place of Death	3235 Colfax Avenue N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-10-1888 Age 66		
Birthplace	Norway		
Occupation	Plaster tender (helper)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Marianne Aune		
Names of Parents	Albert and Anna Aune		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E.J.	Funeral Director	Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Chapel	Address

Social Security No. 473-01-2388

Veteran Yes^x No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 9:30 a.m., September 24, 1954.

According to Dr. Stanley W. Roberts who has attended the decedent from December 2, 1947 to June 6, 1953, the deceased has been in ill health for some time. He has suffered from arteriosclerotic heart disease for a period of three years as well as hypertension and cardio-vascular disease.

On the evening of September 21, 1954, the deceased complained of severe chest pain. Several hours later, he expired suddenly, death occurring at 9:45 p.m.

The initial death certificate was signed by Dr. Stanley W. Roberts, however, since the physician had not seen the deceased since June of 1953, this certificate was not acceptable

PEDER ANDREW AUNE (continued)

to the Health Department and it was, therefore, necessary for this office to sign the certificate. A deputy coroner viewed the body at the mortuary and ascribed death to coronary thrombosis.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Marianne; two daughters, Mrs. Clara Eickholt of Blaye, France and Mrs. Helen Sanfacon, St. Paul; two granddaughters, Janet and Carol Ann of France; four brothers, Alfred, Rolf, Harold and Axel; and a sister, Kristine Aune, all of Norway.

CORONER'S RECORD

846

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME NEAL CHESTER HALL

Date of Death SEPTEMBER 22

Place of Death Minnesota Soldiers Home

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

4624 Arden Avenue S.

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$3.05; 1 billfold; 4 keys; 1 pocket watch-Waltham; 1 glasses; 1 coin.

Birthdate

5-24-1881 Age 73

Birthplace

Wisconsin

Occupation

(State Public
Public Accountant- Examiners Office)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Daisy Hall

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Names of Parents

Frank Hall & Nancy McIntosh

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary disease.

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

(Per authorization of wife, Mrs.N.C.Hall)
Washburn-McReavy Chapel

Funeral Director

Washburn-McReavy Mortuary

Address

405 Central Ave.

Social Security No. 469-10-1598A

Veteran Yes
No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. N. G. Mortensen, physician at the Minnesota Soldiers Home at 10:40 a.m., September 22, 1954.

The deceased was an employee of the State Public Examiners Office and was checking the records at the Minnesota Soldiers Home on the morning of September 22, 1954. He was in the Main Dining Room building and shortly after 10:00 a.m., the deceased went into the butcher shop to check his weight on the scale. Suddenly the deceased collapsed and fell backwards, striking his head on a counter. According to Carl J. Runden, meat cutter, the deceased mumbled something but he was unable to understand him.

Dr. N. G. Mortensen was summoned from the hospital immediately. Upon his arrival, deceased was still breathing but he expired in a few moments, death occurring at 10:30 a.m.

There is history of a cardiac condition and deceased, it was stated, had been hospitalized

NEAL CHESTER HALL (continued)

at Northwestern Hospital several weeks ago, returning to work on September 1.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Daisy; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Swanson of Minneapolis and Mrs. Frances Husband of Rochester, Minnesota; one son, Neal C. Hall, Jr. of St. Paul, Minnesota; also eight grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

847

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LILLY A. MC COLGAN

Date of Death September 22

Place of Death Asbury Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. S. T. Nerenberg

Residence

2871 Irving Avenue South

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

2-4-1878 Age 76

Birthplace

Judy, Wisconsin

Occupation

Apartment owner & housewife.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

John McColgan

Names of Parents

John Krisher & Catherine Kline

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Basilar skull fracture, exten-
sive, with massive subarachnoid
hemorrhage; encephalomalacia,
right frontal lobe of cerebellum.

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Mazeppa Cemetery,
Mazeppa, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Davies Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Asbury Hospital at 5:07 p.m., September 22, 1954.

About 1:30 p.m., September 22, 1954, the deceased was found lying at the foot of a stairway in the building in which she lived by a neighbor, Mrs. Roy J. Graves, same address. She was removed by ambulance to Asbury Hospital, being admitted at 2:00 p.m., and placed under the care of Dr. Richard R. Cranmer. Deceased was unconscious on admittance and expired at 4:45 p.m. the same day without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Myrtle Swift who occupies apartment #15 on third floor of building tells of seeing the deceased about 1:00 p.m., September 22. Mrs. Swift was returning to her apartment and having reached the 2nd floor level, observed deceased attempting to enter apartment #9 which is in the same position as the deceased's apartment on the first floor. She asked

LILLY A. MCCOLGAN (continued)

deceased if she were lost and deceased turned and walked away toward the rear stairway and Mrs. Swift did not see her after this episode. Deceased appeared confused.

According to deceased's son, Clifford McColgan, he had been with his mother during most of the day preceding her death and he was certain she did not fall at that time. At breakfast on the morning of September 22, she appeared normal in her conversation. He felt certain that nothing was wrong with her at that time.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:00 p.m., September 23. This revealed a basilar skull fracture, extensive, with massive subarachnoid hemorrhage; also encelphalomalacia, right frontal lobe of cerebellum.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Clifford, Minneapolis; a sister, Mrs. M. O. Long, Buckley, Washington; a niece, Mrs. Gordon Carlson of Portland, Oregon.

Detectives Mealey and Dufrene were also notified of this case and investigated same.

CORONER'S RECORD

848

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME SANDRA DUNDERI

Date of Death September 22

Place of Death	Oak Ridge Hospital 725 Fremont Ave. N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Annandale, Wright County, Minn.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-24-1866 Age 87		
Birthplace	Finland		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	John Dunderi		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	French Lake, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Oak Ridge Hospital at 10:28 p.m., September 22, 1954.

On June 8, 1954, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the deceased fell in the kitchen of her home in Annandale, Minnesota sustaining a fracture of the left hip. She was removed to Deaconess Hospital the same day and placed under the care of Doctors Merkert and Rosenthal. On July 28, 1954, it was necessary to amputate deceased's left leg due to arteriosclerotic gangrene.

Later, on August 16, 1954, the deceased was transferred to Oak Ridge Hospital for convalescent care. Her condition gradually deteriorated and the woman expired at 10:20 p.m., September 22.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

SANDRA DUNDERI (continued)

Death was attributed to arteriosclerotic heart disease; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor. Body of deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHAUNCEY JEROME MARKLEY

Date of Death SEPTEMBER 22

Place of Death Victory Hospital,
Robbinsdale, Minn.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence 1900 Upton Avenue South

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 12-5-1880 Age 73

Birthplace Spearfish, S. Dakota

Occupation Carman helper - M. & St. L. RR.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Mary Markley
Jerome Markley

Names of Parents Laura Cook

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Fatty cirrhosis of liver (Laennec's
cirrhosis); cholecystitis and
cholelithiasis; congenital cyst of
left kidney; atherosclerosis, with
moderately severe coronary artery
involvement.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed
On Me gus Record

Place of Burial Delta, Colorado

Effects
Released to

Folsom Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Victory Hospital at 11:00 p.m., September 22, 1954.

The deceased had been living with his daughter, Laura, until Friday evening, September 17, at which time the daughter became violent (a nervous condition of long standing) and was sent to St. Peter. Deceased's son, Arthur Markley, saw his father on Saturday when he came to collect his sister's clothing and found the deceased who is a diabetic did not feel well at this time. He appeared weak and was perspiring.

Arthur checked on his father again on Saturday evening and Sunday morning and found him feeling quite well, however, on Sunday night the deceased informed his son that he had been vomiting most of the day. This condition continued during the night and Monday the deceased appeared very weak. He was taken to Victory Hospital, being admitted at 6:30 p.m., September 20.

CHAUNCEY JEROME MARKLEY (continued)

According to hospital records, the deceased continued vomiting. The man expired at 10:45 p.m., September 22.

It was stated, the deceased informed his room mate that he had taken rat poison. Deceased's son states his father showed no previous suicidal tendencies. He had apparently been in good health and was very active.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 12 O'clock noon on September 23, 1954. In the opinion of the pathologist, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination and the chemical analyses before determining the cause of this man's death.

Survivors of the decedent are two sons, Arthur of Minneapolis and Lorenzo of Idaho; also two daughters, Laura Markley and Mrs. Hazel Linn, Delta, Colorado; ten grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

850

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN B. LARSON

Date of Death September 23

Place of Death	Samaritan Nursing Home, 1810 Washington Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	229 Washington Ave. S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-4-1875 Age 79		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Anderson-Peterson Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 473-16-2591

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver at 12:40 a.m., September 23, 1954.

The deceased, a patient at the Samaritan Nursing Home, had been in failing health for some time. He had been seen at Minneapolis General Hospital out-patient department at noon on the day of death and returned to the rest home. Later that day the deceased became critically ill and an ambulance was summoned, however, the man expired at 11:55 p.m., September 22 before arrival of the ambulance.

According to Minneapolis General Hospital records, the deceased was admitted to the hospital on May 30, 1954. There was a diagnoses of arteriosclerotic heart disease; heart block, functional, class 4; Stokes-Adams syndrome; and pneumonia of the right upper lateral lobe. He was discharged June 9, 1954.

JOHN B. LARSON (continued)

Deceased had also been a patient in Northwestern Hospital from August 27, 1952 to August 30, 1952, at which time rectal polyps were surgically removed. These were found to be benign..

A deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent include one brother, Andrew of Miles City, Montana, and also several nieces and nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JACK RAYMOND MC MULLEN

Date of Death September 23

Place of Death	On street - in front of 3630 Johnson Street N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	1508 Lincoln Court N. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-20-54 Age 5 years		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Milan McMullen Hazel Bakken		None except Noted On Marquis Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Truck Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Peterson's Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:45 p.m., September 23, 1954.

At approximately 5:36 p.m., September 23, 1954, the deceased apparently was standing alone at the curb on Johnson Street Northeast in front of a parked pick-up truck, about 200 feet south of 37th Avenue Northeast. William J. Miner, Ogilvie, Minnesota, was traveling north on Johnson Street driving a 1938 Ford dump truck bearing a 1954 Minnesota license #Y57-523. As he was passing the parked vehicle previously mentioned, deceased apparently darted out into street. Miner states he felt a bump, slowed down and parked at the curb, going back to see what had happened and found the deceased had evidently run into rear portion of truck and the rear duals had passed over his body. Death was instantaneous.

W. J. Reynolds, 6001 Dupont Avenue North, driving about 20 feet behind Miner was a

JACK RAYMOND McMULLEN (continued)

witness to the accident.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying about 8 feet from curb on right hand side of street, head pointing north. Miner's truck was parked approximately 10 feet south of the deceased's body. A depressed fracture of skull, 10 x 6 cms., noted covering entire occiput, brain partially protruding. There was a laceration, 4 cm. long, over right frontal area and another laceration, 5 cm. long, noted in front of the left ear extending into the bone.

Police officers A. Beske and B. Everson were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milan McMullen; brothers, Thomas, William, Michael and Vicki Lynn; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Bakken, Milaca, Minnesota and Mrs. Margaret McMullen of St. Paul.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PHILIP WILLIAM WHITE

Date of Death Fd., September 23

Place of Death	7601 Douglas Drive Brooklyn Center	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-7-1876 Age 78		
Birthplace	Montreal, Canada		
Occupation	Millwright		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Anna White		
Names of Parents	Louis White & Mary Anders		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Cerebral hemorrhage (cardio- vascular disease) Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director Rainville Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 472-01-0232

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 5:50 p.m., September 23, 1954.

The deceased has been living with a granddaughter at the above address for the past four years. A year ago, it was stated, the deceased became ill and Dr. Lawrence Carlson was summoned to the home. Illness at that time was diagnosed as an acute gall bladder condition and the physician advised hospital treatment, however, the deceased refused to enter a hospital.

Since that time, the deceased has been in failing health and has spent considerable time in bed. The man expired on September 23, 1954 and was found dead in bed at 4:00 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

PHILLIP WILLIAM WHITE (continued)

was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage and the deceased's body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. James (Violet) Brevig; also two sons, Leo C. and Louis W. of Minneapolis; fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Deputy sheriff McMullan of Hennepin County was notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

853

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HERMAN CHARLES BEHREND

Date of Death Fd. September 23

Place of Death	208 East Hennepin Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$10.00; 1 billfold; 1 key; misc. cardds etc.
Birthdate	10-23-1872Age 81		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Employee of Minneapolis Park Board (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Herman R. Behrend Bertha Brehmer		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	O. E. Larson by Nick Schriver, F. D.
Funeral Director	O. E. Larson Mortuary	Address	

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:32 p.m., September 23, 1954.

On September 23, 1954, the deceased was found lying face down at 8:10 p.m. in a hallway by a neighbor in an adjoining apartment, Margaret Romimura, apartment 18. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, deceased's pulse was still palpable according to the ambulance physician, however, deceased expired a few minutes later.

According to another tenant in the building, the deceased has appeared short of breath most of the summer.

HERMAN CHARLES BEHREND (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Upon examination of body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Police officers Rowels and Christianson of squad 125 were notified and they also investigated this case.

Survivors of the decedent include a brother, Edward R., Minneapolis; also several nieces and nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1951

FULL NAME JOHN S. GUNDERSON

Date of Death September 24

Place of Death 3105 Fourth Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate

12-8-1882 Age 71

Birthplace

Norway

Occupation

Janitor - church

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Gerda Gunderson

Names of Parents

Christian and ? Gunderson

Natural

Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Davies Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐ Spanish-American

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver at 1:35 a.m., September 24, 1951.

The deceased has history of a cardiac condition and, it was stated, had received treatment several months ago at Veterans Hospital.

In the early morning hours of September 24, 1951, the deceased's wife was awakened by a noise from her husband's room and went to investigate. She was unable to rouse him and summoned a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance. Upon arrival of the ambulance, the physician in attendance pronounced the deceased dead, death apparently occurring about 1:20 a.m.

A deputy coroner viewed the body of deceased at the mortuary and attributed death to

JOHN GUNDERSON (continued)

coronary disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Chamberlain and Axell responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Gerda; two sons, John and George; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Kimmer; and two grandchildren, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

855

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME CLAUDE E. MORRILL, JR.

Date of Death Fd. September 24

Place of Death	In garage, rear of 4218-19th Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4218-19th Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-1-1927 Age 27		
Birthplace	New Richland, Minn.		
Occupation	University of Minn. School Student-of Mortuary Science		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			None except listed On Marriage Record
Names of Parents	Claude E. Morrill, Sr. Dorthea E. Kraudy		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders-Quist Company, 2301 Dupont Avenue S.	Address	

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:50 p.m., September 24, 1954.

Mrs. Dorothea Morrill, mother of deceased, arrived home about 4:15 p.m., September 24, 1954, and asked her husband about the whereabouts of her son, the deceased. Mr. Morrill stated he had last seen the deceased about 10:30 a.m., at which time the deceased said he was going shopping. However, on looking out a rear window, Mr. Morrill noted his son's car in the garage and went out to investigate. Upon opening the garage door, the deceased was found lying on a mattress underneath the left front fender of the car, face up. Fender of car had been jacked up apparently for easier access to the under side of the car. Trunk of car was open, hood up, motor warm and ignition key of car turned on. All garage doors were closed.

CLAUDE E. MORRILL, Jr. (continued)

A neighbor, Roger C. Healy, 4223 Longfellow, helped Mr. Morrill remove the deceased from the garage. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and the Fire Department rescue squad were summoned. Resuscitation was attempted without success. Dr. Baken, ambulance physician pronounced the deceased dead.

Evidence indicates that the deceased was working on his car on the afternoon of September 24. Neighbors and several children in the neighborhood had seen the deceased working on his car between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. At that time the car was outside, immediately in front of the garage. Why he backed the car back into the garage is not known.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning and was ruled accidental.

Survivors of the decedent include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Morrill; three sisters, Alice, Mrs. Harry (Marian) Melin, Mrs. Marguerite Olson, all of Minneapolis; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrill of Byron, Minn.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Maus and Mann of squad 165 making the initial investigation which was followed up by Detectives Stenberg and Cronstrom of 301.

CORONER'S RECORD

856

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES LAWRENCE WENSEL

Date of Death September 25

Place of Death	Gasoline station- 27th Ave. & Johnson St. N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3231 Ulysses St. N. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$3.95; 1 billfold; 1 glasses.
Birthdate	9-22-1893 Age 61	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Carpenter		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Maude Wensel		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Names of Parents	William Wensel	
		Frances Anderson	
	Natural	Coronary disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Floyd H. Deeble, son-in-law
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Buchinger Funeral Home	Address 3734 Major N.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:27 p.m., September 25, 1954.

On September 25, 1954, at 12 O'clock noon, the deceased had just purchased twelve gallons of gasoline at the Shell Oil Station, 2651 Johnson Street Northeast, when he suddenly collapsed along the left side of his car, a 1948 Dodge bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 929-865. The station attendant, Russell C. Hanegan, Sr., 2927 Logan Avenue North, summoned a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and the police, Officers Woodruff and Blanchet of Squad 124 responding.

Upon arrival of the ambulance, the physician aboard, Dr. Brazie, pronounced the deceased dead.

CHARLES LAWRENCE WENSEL (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Examination of the deceased by a deputy coroner revealed that death resulted from coronary disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Maude; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Deeble and Arleen; four grandchildren and one great grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Victoria Kozlowski of Chicago, Illinois.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GEORGE E. DERKSEN

Date of Death Fd. September 25

Place of Death 1826-15th Avenue South

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$2.49; 1 billfold; 1 key.

Birthdate 3-17-1894 Age 60

Birthplace Mountain Lake, Minn.

Occupation Roofing salesman

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Jake and ? Derksen

Natural Bilateral pneumonia, lower lobes; pulmonary abscess.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on M. D. Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to Ella Padarese, friend

Kaplan Funeral Director Anderson-Peterson Funeral Home

Address 1826-15th Avenue S.

Social Security No. 475-09-1915

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. Ella Padarese, landlady living at same address as the deceased, at 6:35 p.m., September 25, 1954.

According to the landlady, Mrs. Ella Padarese, she had last seen the deceased on the evening of September 24, 1954 at approximately 7:30 p.m. He had been drinking heavily and had threatened to commit suicide. Because the deceased was not heard moving about his room, she decided to investigate. There was no response after knocking and deceased's door was found to be locked. Herman Doble, another roomer, assisted Mrs. Padarese in removing lock and upon entry, the deceased was found lying on left side near his bed, apparently expired, at 6:00 p.m., September 25.

It was also stated, the deceased had spent 11 days in Minneapolis General Hospital, being discharged last week.

GEORGE E. DERKSON (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Two seconal capsules were found beneath the deceased's body. Rigor mortis was well established. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

An autopsy was performed at 1:30 p.m., September 26. This revealed that death resulted from bilateral pneumonia, lower lobes, and a pulmonary abscess.

Police officers Elmore and Dols of squad 132 were notified and attended the scene of death.

The decedent is survived by a brother, John Derkson, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME OLGA BERTINA JOHNSON

Date of Death September 25

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Fifth Street & Cedar Avenue	Pathologist	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Residence	1904 South 9th Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-17-1887 Age 67		
Birthplace	Fergus Falls, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Axel Johnson		
	John H. Olson		
Names of Parents	Amelia Emerson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Auto ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Anderson-Peterson Mortuary	Address	

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 9:42 p.m., September 25, 1954.

On Saturday, at 6:40 p.m., September 25, 1954, the deceased, a pedestrian, sustained critical injuries when struck by a car driven by Harvey Lyseth, 63, Hinckley, Minnesota, at the intersection of Fifth Street South and Cedar Avenue. The vehicle, a 1953 Chevrolet sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 914-380, was proceeding north on Cedar Avenue at the time the accident occurred. Deceased was crossing intersection diagonally from east to west when struck by the left front of Lyseth's car and, it was stated, the deceased was approximately 15 feet out from the curb.

The injured woman was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital being admitted at 6:45 p.m. in a comatose condition. She expired several hours later, death occurring at 8:30 p.m.

OLGA BERTINA JOHNSON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 8:30 a.m., September 26. This revealed a skull fracture with multiple other fractures; also retroperitoneal hemorrhage.

Police Officer James Redpath attended the scene of the accident and investigated same.

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, Alex; one daughter, Mrs. Louise Yund of Minneapolis; one son, Ernest R., Minneapolis, and two grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOSEPHINE E. MC GEE

Date of Death September 25

Place of Death

In ambulance en route to St. Mary's Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

3348 Grand Avenue South

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

12-8-1880 Age 73

Birthplace

Wausaukee, Wis.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife

Owen Mc Gee

Names of Parents

John L. and ? Sullivan

Natural

Cerebral hemorrhage.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Calvary Cemetery

Effects Released to

Funeral Director

Cresco, Iowa
Flynn & Son Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Lloyd Flynn of the Flynn Mortuary at 9:35 a.m., September 27, 1954.

While the deceased was in the kitchen preparing the evening meal on September 25, 1954, she developed a severe headache and went upstairs to lie down. Shortly thereafter, she became unresponsive and collapsed. The family telephoned Dr. J. C. Mankey who ordered an ambulance to take deceased to St. Mary's Hospital. En route to the hospital, the deceased expired and was pronounced dead by a staff physician upon arrival at the hospital, death occurring at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Mankey had not previously attended this woman, therefore, it was necessary for this office to sign the death certificate. A deputy coroner viewed the body at the mortuary

JOSEPHINE E. MC GEE (continued)

and attributed death to a cerebral hemorrhage. Deceased had previously suffered from hypertension.

Survivors of the decedent are four daughters, Gladys and Irene, Minneapolis; Mrs. John E. Finnegan, Paris, France, and Mrs. Lester B. Schreiner, Lakeville, Minn.; three sons, Eldo J., Cresco, Neal T., West Union, Iowa, and Earl T., Manchester, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Ruddy, Rochester, Minn. There are 17 grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EZRA C. TRIDEN

Date of Death September 26

Place of Death	(DOA in receiving room) Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	415 1/2 Fourth St. Northeast	Pathologist	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$9.65; 1 billfold; 1 Westclox watch; 4 keys.
Birthdate	12-11-1894 Age 59		
Birthplace	Beaver Dam, Wis.		
Occupation	Machinist - Bemis Bag Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Agnes C. Triden		
Names of Parents	William P. Triden Mary Ellen Church		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Billman Hunt Chapel by Robert J. Scherkinbach, F. D.
Funeral Director	Billman-Hunt Chapel	Address	2701 Central Ave. N. E.

Kaplan

Social Security No. 469-09-0450

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 1:35 a.m., September 26, 1954.

On the evening of September 26, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell downstairs at his home sustaining serious injury. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and the deceased was removed to the hospital, however, the deceased was pronounced dead at 1:13 a.m. on arrival in receiving station.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the morning of the date of death. This revealed a basal skull fracture; subdural hematoma; and also a recent occlusion of the

EZRA C. TRIDEN (continued)

anterior descending branch of the left coronary artery.

Police officers Blanche and Deason of Squad 125 also received a call to investigate this case and attended the scene of injury.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Agnes; a son, Ronald; two step-children, Mrs. Theodore Przybylski and John Hamere; three sisters, Mrs. Martin Walstad and Mrs. Arvid Carlson of Minneapolis and Mrs. Nellie Peterson of Stillwater, also seven grandchildren.

10-12-54: According to a statement given to the police by Mrs. Triden, she and her husband arrived home about 12:30 a.m., September 26. She had been to a "Bingo" game at 5th and E. Hennepin and the deceased had spent his time at the Terminal Bar while waiting for her, it was stated. When they arrived home, she went up the stairs to their apartment, entered and turned on the lights; the deceased followed. He fell from the top, probably over the rail to the sidewalk below and was found unconscious, bleeding from a head injury.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HAROLD L. WRAY

Date of Death September 26

Place of Death	Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Groveland & Lyndale Aves. South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4920 Xerxes Ave. So.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$68.32; 2 personal checks \$10.00 and \$1.75; 1 check-Homestake Mining-\$10.00; 1 check Inc. Investors - \$10.00; 7 keys in case; 1 billfold; 1 check book-First Nat'l. Bank; 1 Longines Wrist watch; 1 glasses; 2 keys; 1 knife; 1 ball pen; 1 pencil; 1 Canadian 25¢ bill; 1 notebook; 1 Ring -pink stone; 3 tokens.
Birthdate	10-1-1893 Age 60		
Birthplace	Waverly, Iowa		
Occupation	Bank Examiner		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Winifred C. Wray		
Names of Parents	Ulysses G. Wray Laura Lester		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accidentx Suicidex Homicidex Undeterminedx		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Protestant Cemetery Northwood, Iowa	Effects Released to	R. L. Wray, son
Funeral Director	Welande-Quist Company 2301 Dupont Ave. S.	Address	4920 S. Xerxes Avenue

Kaplan

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:22 a.m., September 26, 1954.

On September 26, 1954, at approximately 11:05 a.m., the deceased was sitting in pew at the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church when he suddenly collapsed and made a gurgling sound. He was carried into the outer vestibule and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and the Fire Department rescue squad were summoned. Upon arrival of the ambulance physician, the deceased was pronounced dead, death apparently occurring at 11:15 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had been treated previously for coronary thrombosis by Doctors L. Raymond Scherer and Richard J. Frey.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and death was attributed to

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

HAROLD L. WRAY (continued)

coronary thrombosis.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Knickerbocker and Carlson of Squad 117 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Winifred; son, Richard, Peru, Illinois; a sister and a brother.

FULL NAME ALBERT ADAM SECORA

Date of Death Fd. September 26

Place of Death	Mississippi River 23rd Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	23rd Avenue North & River North	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 billfold; 3 keys.
Birthdate	4-11-1891 Age 63		
Birthplace	Berlin, Wis.		
Occupation	Laborer - Paint supply company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Winifred Secora		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Knaeble Company
Funeral Director	Knaeble Company	Address	2648 W. Broadway

Social Security No. 473-09-6989

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:53 a.m., September 26, 1954.

At about 9:00 a.m., September 26, 1954, body of deceased was seen in the river by John Moslosky, 23rd Ave. North and Mississippi River. He notified the police, Officers Vick and Bloomquist of Squad 142 responding, and body of deceased was recovered from the water at the above mentioned location at approximately 11:30 a.m. According to the police officers, the deceased's body was found about 50 to 75 feet from shore in only three feet of water.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Examination revealed the deceased was fully clothed and rigor mortis was well established. Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning, however, it was not determined whether this was an

ALBERT ADAM SECORA (continued)

accident or suicide. Analysis of the deceased's blood by the toxicological chemist revealed 0.31% alcohol indicating the man was very intoxicated at the time of his death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Winnefred, and a son, Kenneth.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ROBERT J. BROWN

Date of Death September 26

Place of Death	2616-E. 25th Street	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	2413-26th Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$41.20; 1 billfold; 5 keys; 2 keys; 1 Lord Elgin watch; 1 Ronson lighter.
Birthdate	7-26-1913 Age 41		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Work head - Sears-Roebuck Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Dorothy Brown		
Names of Parents	Arthur Robert Brown Eleanor Lockwood		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	Earl J. Brown, brother
Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	2516-37th Ave. S.

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:51 p.m., September 26, 1954.

On the evening of September 26, 1954, the deceased and his wife, Dorothy, entered Jimmie's Tavern, 2616 E. 25th Street, and were just being seated when the deceased suddenly collapsed to the floor. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately, however, the deceased expired before its arrival and was pronounced dead by Dr. Brown, the ambulance physician, at 9:35 p.m.

The deceased had been a patient in Swedish Hospital from August 10 to August 23, 1954 for treatment of a heart condition under the care of Dr. Michael Danyluk.

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Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

Police officers Swanson and Gottlieb were also notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Dorothy L.; son, Alan Robert; a daughter, Georgene Lila; mother, Eleanor Mary Brown; one brother, Earl J.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GUSTAF A. SMITH

Date of Death September 27

Place of Death	Park Hotel, 22 Washington Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$1.30.
Birthdate	11-14-1902 Age 52	Other effects listed on Morgue Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons.)	
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Bartender-Bowery Tavern		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Anna Smith		
Names of Parents	William L. Smith & Hannah Daily		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Cardiovascular disease; diabetic gangrene of left foot.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Marie A. Smith, sister
Folsom	Funeral Director Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home	Address	3145 Grand Ave. S.

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:35 am., September 27, 1954.

On the morning of September 27, 1954, at approximately 7:20 a.m., the deceased was found dead in bed in his room at the Park Hotel by the clerk, George Jordan.

The deceased has been a patient in Minneapolis General Hospital and, it was stated, deceased had a cardio-vascular accident while in hospital. He was receiving treatment at the present time as an out-patient for diabetic gangrene of the left foot. Due to the gangrenous condition of the deceased's foot, surgeons at Minneapolis General Hospital had planned shortly to amputate the foot.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. Death was

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attributed to cardio vascular disease; diabetic gangrene of the left foot being a contributing factor. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Police officer Baufield was also notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include a sister, Miss Marie Smith and also a brother, William L. Smith, both of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME OLGA MARIE KING

Date of Death September 28

Place of Death Deaconess Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 4419 Thomas Ave. S.

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 4-7-1874 Age 80

Birthplace Winona, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Thomas King

Andrew Anderson

Names of Parents Pauline Frederickson

Natural

Accident Mesenteric thrombosis; uremia; fracture of left hip.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona, Minn.

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Barney Anderson & Son

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Deaconess Hospital at 1:02 a.m., September 28, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased in some manner fell in the back yard at her home and incurred a fracture of the left hip. She was removed by ambulance to Deaconess Hospital, being admitted at 6:45 p.m., August 2, 1954, and placed under the care of Dr. W. A. Sawatzky.

On August 15, 1954, an open reduction was performed on the left hip. Due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, she failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 12:35 a.m., September 28.

The deputy coroner was of the opinion that due to the lengthy period spent in bed by

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the deceased, and because of her physical disability, thrombosis of the mesentery developed, which was actually the terminal cause of death. Uremia, which also developed, as well as the fractured hip, were contributing factors in this woman's death.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Mrs. Clara A. Pierce; also two brothers, Andrew F. and Fred B. Anderson.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19...54.....

FULL NAME

HENRY ANDREW ROSEN

Date of Death

Fd. September 28

Place of Death

97 Spruce Place

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. George Nelson

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

1 Ring; 1 Aetna Life Insurance
Policy.

Birthdate

8-19-1906 Age 48

Birthplace

Flevanceberg, Minn.

Occupation

Kitchen porter - Curtis Hotel

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents

Theodore Rosen & Helen Super

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural X

Accident

XXXXX
Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined X

Paraldehyde poisoning;
alcoholism.

Place of Burial

Foley, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Mrs. Norman Melquist, sister

Wright

Funeral Director

Peter Kozlak Funeral Home

Address

Erskin, Minn.

Social Security No.

701-16-4427

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:06 a.m., September 28, 1954.

Mrs. Joan L. Rosen, otherwise known as Joan L. Pilgrim, states she has been living with the deceased during the past six months. She states the deceased has been drinking continuously since September 21, 1954. She had been with him most of that time, and said the deceased had consumed enormous amounts of alcoholics during this period.

On September 27, 1954, Mrs. Rosen contacted the "AA club" and a man who gave his name as Vince ("but call me Mike") McCarty came to the house and she gave him \$5.00 for medicine and this individual returned with a brown glass bottle labeled paraldehyde and gave her \$3.00 change. She was instructed to give the deceased a couple of teaspoons and to repeat the dose whenever deceased "acted up". She was told that she could go to the drugstore and purchase this medicine without prescription. A drugstore in vicinity of

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5th and Nicollet was specified.

About 4:30 p.m., September 27, the deceased was given a dose of medicine and was repeated about midnight. He slept most of September 27, however, he was awake and talked to her about 5:00 a.m., September 28. At this time he got up and ate some soup and then returned to bed, apparently falling asleep immediately.

Shortly thereafter, he choked several times. Mrs. Rosen rushed over and found the deceased had stopped breathing and noted he felt cold. She called the police for an ambulance. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death at 6:40 a.m.

Mrs. Rosen also volunteered the information that on September 25th she had brought the deceased home from the Congress Bar and at that time he had some red capsules on his person which he obtained from one of his friends at the bar. She took three of these capsules away from him and thinks he had more of these and may have taken some.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body of deceased which was clothed in checked shirt and underwear. He was found lying on back in double bed and there were no marks of external trauma. A gastrectomy type scar was noted in right upper quadrant. Deceased was underweight. Body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

An autopsy was performed at 12:30 p.m., September 28. In the opinion of the pathologist, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination and chemical analyses before determining the cause of this man's death.

Minneapolis General Hospital records revealed numerous admissions since 1947 with various diagnoses including pneumonia, gastrointestinal hemorrhage with gastric resection for this condition and for active duodenal ulcer in February 1953, also numerous contacts with the out-patient clinic for treatment of alcoholism.

Police officers Baker and Reiman as well as Fox, Kaminsky and Detective Mealey were notified and investigated this case.

The decedent is survived by a sister, Mrs. Norman Melquist, Erskine, Minnesota.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME BABY GIRL SANDERS

Date of Death September 28

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence

2112 Riverside Avenue

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

9-28-1954 Age 12 hours

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

None

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Ralph Sylvester Sanders
Arlene Helen Smuck

Names of Parents

Ralph Sylvester Sanders
Arlene Helen Smuck

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhage, extensive, due to multiple fractures of skull.

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

University of Minnesota

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 2:20 p.m., September 28, 1954.

According to information from Adelaide Noffke of the Crime Prevention bureau, their investigation reveals that the deceased's mother, Arlene Sanders, was married in June 1954 and at no time wanted the deceased and apparently completely rejected the idea of pregnancy. She states the mother never told anyone about her pregnancy except her husband.

At approximately 5:30 a.m., September 28, 1954, Arlene Sanders noted onset of pains and thinking they were gas pains went into bathroom where she gave birth to the deceased while seated on commode. Apparently she also delivered the placenta. Her statement to the police indicates that the baby appeared dead when she removed her from the commode so she took and placed the baby on the closet floor. As she turned away from the closet,

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she fainted. Her husband, Ralph, and her mother-in-law assisted her to bed. The only information she volunteered to the mother-in-law was that she had had a miscarriage.

Eventually, the mother-in-law thought she detected sounds from the closet and summoned her son, Ralph, who went to the closet to investigate. He also heard the same sound of heavy breathing and found the deceased on closet floor along with the placenta. The police were notified and an emergency ambulance was dispatched to the home. Both the mother and baby were removed to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 8:45 a.m., September 28. The baby expired the same day, death occurring at 1:45 p.m.

Examination of the deceased by a deputy coroner revealed considerable contusion about the scalp. Deceased apparently was a full term infant.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on September 29. This revealed that death resulted from extensive subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhage due to multiple fractures of skull.

This case has been discussed with Captain Bernath of Detective Bureau, Minneapolis Police Department. In view of the fact that this office has no information to definitely establish a ruling of homicide and in view of the fact that the extensive contusion of left temporal area, the subgaleal hemorrhage in that area as well as the intracranial hemorrhage and fractures are considered due to external force (although the nature of that force is undetermined except that trauma incident to passage through birth canal of this nature is so improbable as to be excluded), this death is ruled undetermined as to whether it is an accident or homicide pending further police investigation.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN RINTALA

Date of Death SEPTEMBER 28

Place of Death Swedish Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 239 Irving Ave. N.

Pathologist Dr. Allan Jay

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-3-1883 Age 71

Birthplace Finland

Occupation Farmer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Mary Rintala

Names of Parents Elias & Maria Rintala

CAUSE OF DEATH
☒ Natural
☐ Accident
☐ Suicide
☐ Homicide
☐ Undetermined
Peritonitis, localized, due to pericholecystitis and empyema of gallbladder; hemorrhage into abdominal cavity, probably secondary to above; pulmonary artery embolism, multiple, due to thrombosis left femoral vein; subdural hematoma, right parieto-occipital and left occipital regions.

Place of Burial North Cokato Finnish Cemetery Cokato, Minn.

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Johnson Funeral Home, Dassel, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Jay of Swedish Hospital at 3:30 p.m., September 28, 1954.

On September 6, 1954, the deceased was admitted to Swedish Hospital under care of Dr. O. A. Peterson because of headache, nausea and vomiting of about three days duration. The deceased was known to have fallen down three porch steps at his home and to have struck his head on August 28, 1954 but there is no history of unconsciousness prior to admission and deceased had continued to perform considerable physical activity. The deceased had become increasingly sleepy during period prior to admission.

On the day of admission to hospital, the deceased complained of epigastric pain and went into a state of circulatory collapse and a short period of coma. He regained consciousness and returned from shock except for residual left hemiparesis.

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On September 8 bilateral trephination of skull was done by Dr. C. Kent Olson. A right subdural hematoma was found and aspirated. The patient's condition gradually deteriorated. He had recurrent episodes of blood pressure fall to shock levels and a febrile course. The man expired at 12:15 p.m., September 28.

An autopsy was performed at Swedish Hospital on the date of death. This revealed atherosclerosis, marked, of the coronary arteries; pericholecystitis with cholelithiasis and localized peritonitis of the upper quadrant of the abdomen, and also empyema of the gallbladder. Hemorrhage into the abdominal cavity was noted. The source of this is unknown pending further examination. Thrombosis of the left femoral vein was revealed and also embolism, multiple, of the pulmonary arteries. There was a subdural hematoma of the right parieto-occipital region of the brain and in the left occipital region.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Mary; son, Earl, Dassel; sister, Mrs. Minnie Eckola, Howard Lake; brother, Fred, Hobard, Washington; and also one sister in Finland.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELMER THELANDER

Date of Death September 29

Place of Death	Doctors Memorial Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	University & East Hennepin Aves.	Pathologist	Dr. John I. Coe Dr. Cornelia Van Frooyen
Residence	219 East Hennepin Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-2-1887 Age 67		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Laborer - Cream of Wheat Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Frank Thelander & Anna Peterson		None except listed On Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx Auto Accident Suicidex Homicide Undetermined	Delirium tremens; chronic alcoholism with fatty metamorphosis of liver; diabetes mellitus; coronary sclerosis; fracture right patella sustained when struck by Yellow Taxicab.	
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Washburn-McReavy Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. Landy of Doctors Memorial Hospital at 1:07 a.m., September 29, 1954.

At approximately 10:35 p.m., September 21, 1954, the deceased was struck by a yellow cab, driven by Duane Lewis, 24, 3133 Louisiana Avenue, St. Louis Park, while in a crosswalk at the intersection of University Avenue and East Hennepin. The impact caused the deceased to be thrown to the pavement and roll about 7 or 8 feet. He incurred abrasions and contusions of his right knee region, about the left knee and also a fracture of the right patella. Deceased was removed from the scene of the accident by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and taken to Doctors Memorial Hospital, being admitted at 11:45 p.m., September 21, 1954.

Upon admission, the deceased was found to have glycosuria and a blood sugar of 245 mg% was noted. A subsequent blood sugar on September 27 is reported to have been 300 mg%.

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CO2 was reported as 29.9 MEq on September 27 which is normal apparently. The patient had a febrile course. Diabetes was controlled to some extent by insulin and diet but upon development of irrational behavior and mental confusion of apparently psychotic type including imbibition of his own urine, spitting at attendants, refusal to take medications et cetera, some intravenous feedings were required. The deceased also was given penicillin therapy. A spinal puncture was done September 28 and the spinal fluid and dynamics were reported normal in all respects. The man expired at 12:30 a.m., September 29.

While in the hospital, the deceased was under the care of Doctors George Eitel and Malcolm D. McCampbell who are said to be surgeons to whom the Yellow Cab Company refer cases.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether the deceased was intoxicated at the time of injury. According to the Police Accident Division, the report of the investigating officer contains no information as to the sobriety or lack of sobriety of the deceased at the accident scene.

Dr. Brazie, who was the intern on the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance who rendered emergency treatment at the scene and care en route in the ambulance to Doctors Memorial Hospital, states the deceased was "alert, coherent, aware of his surroundings and what he was doing, where he was going and how the accident happened" when the physician arrived at scene of accident. Dr. Brazie describes the injuries as stated above and on questioning says that he noted no indication that suggested to him that the deceased was intoxicated at that time.

The record of hospitalization at Doctors Memorial Hospital contained no indication at 8:45 a.m., September 29 that the deceased was under the influence of alcohol or other toxic substance upon admission at 11:45 p.m., September 21. However, Dr. McCampbell states that the deceased was intoxicated and "went into delirium tremens about three days after admission". This is supported by statement from Mrs. Landy, night supervisor at Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 11:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed a fracture of the right patella; abrasions and contusions about both knees; severe congestion and edema of lungs; moderate coronary arteriosclerosis; and cystitis. A benign polyp of the pylorus was noted. There was fatty metamorphosis and early cirrhosis of the liver.

The pathologist deemed it advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination and chemical analyses before determining the terminal cause of this man's death.

In the opinion of the deputy coroner, the fracture of the patella and other injuries are not sufficient to have caused death of themselves in this case but may have been contributory.

He is survived by a cousin, Albert Engnell, Brainerd, Minnesota, care of Deerwood Post Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CARL E. DANIELSON Date of Death September 29

Place of Death	Oak Ridge Hospital, 725 Fremont Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	9th St. & Nicollet Ave.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Minot, North Dakota	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-28-1873 Age 80		
Birthplace	Lake Park, Minn.		
Occupation	Hotel operator		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mildred Danielson		
Names of Parents	Carl O. Danielson Mary Swenson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency and cardiac arrhythmia; fracture, neck of right femur.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lake Park, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Oak Ridge Hospital at 4:30 a.m., September 29, 1954.

While waiting to cross the street at the intersection of 9th Street and Nicollet Avenue, the deceased stepped backward toward the curb to avoid an oncoming car and apparently tripped and fell at approximately 3:20 p.m., August 24, 1954. The deceased was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 3:37 p.m. Examination revealed a simple fracture of neck of right femur and an open reduction and internal fixation was done.

Other conditions noted during the hospital admission were hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with relative mitral insufficiency and abdominal aortic aneurysm. History indicated the deceased had had bilateral cataract operations some twenty years

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ago. On September 21, 1954, the deceased was transferred to Oak Ridge Rest Home for convalescent care where he expired suddenly at 4:20 a.m., September 29, being pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. J. Brazie, a Minneapolis General Hospital intern.

According to Mr. Strum of Oak Ridge, the deceased was well- oriented and feeling fine on September 28 but about 3:30 a.m., September 29, the deceased complained of an "upset stomach". Later, at 3:45 a.m., he complained of nausea but was rational. About 4:00 a.m., the man became cyanotic and began to gasp for breath and his pulse became very irregular although it stayed at a rate of about 70.

A deputy coroner viewed the body and attributed death to hypertensive and arterio-sclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency and cardiac arrhythmia. The fracture of the right femur was not considered a contributing cause of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mildred; sister, Mrs. Emma Johnson, International Falls; brothers, G. C. Danielson, Minneapolis, and J. A. Danielson, Richmond, California.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLIAM DALE WILLIAMSON

Date of Death September 29

Place of Death	100 Third Avenue North	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis
Residence	1211 East 28th Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$6.10; 1 billfold; 1 Illinois watch; 1 knife; 1 Plier; 2 keys; 3 keys; misc. cards etc.; 2 tokens.
Birthdate	12-5-1906 Age 47		
Birthplace	Trade Lake, Wis.		
Occupation	Laborer - Hilltop Farm Feed Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Irene Williamson Axel Williamson		
Names of Parents	Anna Zetterquist		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Apoplexy; chronic gall bladder trouble.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	McDivitt Funeral Home, F. D.
E. J. Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	2825 E. Lake St.

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:25 p.m., September 29, 1954.

The deceased was employed as a laborer for the Hilltop Farm Feed Company, 100 Third Avenue North. Late Wednesday afternoon, September 29, 1954, he and a co-worker, Earl D. McDowell, 3537 Major Avenue, Robbinsdale, Minnesota, were working together loading feed sacks into a Delwin Transfer Company truck. The deceased had just loaded a sack, it was stated, when he suddenly collapsed to the floor of the truck. McDowell summoned another employee, William L. Stasson, 2803 Bryant Avenue North, who thought the deceased appeared to be dead. The foreman of the feed company, Vernal Day, was notified and summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital. The physician aboard the ambulance pronounced the man dead on arrival. Death occurred about 4:00 p.m.

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The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:00 a.m., September 30th. Grossly, the heart was found to be in good condition. A cerebral hemorrhage was noted, also chronic gall bladder trouble.

Police officers Mattson and F. W. Johnson, squad No. 117, were summoned to the scene of this death and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Irene; a son, Dale Eugene; three brothers, Sidney of Brodhead, Wisconsin, Louie, Madison, Wisconsin, and Roy of Seattle, Washington. There are also two sisters, Signey Williamson, Seattle, and Mrs. A. C. Soderquist, Aitkin, Minnesota.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME BERTHA (ALBERTA) JACOBSON

Date of Death Fd. October 2

Place of Death	1517 Spruce Place, Apt. 306	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. G. Aurebeck
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$1.31; 5 keys; 1 T. D. Check; 1 bankbook #1114201-F. & M. Savings bank; 1 black purse.
Birthdate	6-16-1901 Age 53		
Birthplace	St. Joseph, Minn.		
Occupation	Elevator Operator		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Alfred O. Jacobson		
Names of Parents	Joseph Pogatshnik Mary Polland		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Exsanguination due to upper gastro-intestinal bleeding; fatty metamorphosis of liver with early cirrhosis; chronic alcoholism.	Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery Welander-Quist Company	Effects Released to	Mrs. Carol Armstrong, sister
Funeral Director	2301 Dupont Avenue S.	Address	1718 Hennepin Avenue

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:45 p.m., October 2, 1954.

The deceased was a widow who lived alone at the above address. According to Mr. Otto Jacobson, a brother-in-law of deceased, she had recently been at Avon, Minnesota, to visit on her farm for about two weeks and was supposed to have returned to the city last week. He and other relatives attempted to contact the deceased by phone all day Thursday and also on Friday. Finally, when no contact could be established, Mr. Jacobson went to the deceased's apartment to check. He summoned the caretaker and the police, Officer Troswick responding. They found a chain latch on the inside of apartment door and were forced to cut same to gain entry. Deceased was found dead in bed, clothed in a night gown, at approximately 7:22 p.m., October 2.

Mrs. E. B. Armstrong, 1718 Hennepin Avenue, sister of deceased, was also present at the

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time the deceased was discovered. She states the deceased had been under the regular care of Dr. George Dorsey and had been receiving shots.

Dr. George Dorsey states he had not seen the deceased for approximately two months. He further stated that the deceased was a periodic drinker who had a tendency to develop marked anemia during alcoholic periods but she had never to his knowledge had hematuria or melena or any other evidence of gastro-intestinal hemorrhage.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the apartment of deceased and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on bed in right lateral recumbent position. Sheets and pillow were stained with a dried bloody-appearing material which was noted under the deceased's face. Commode bowl was full of cherry colored liquid material. A dried stain, apparently blood, noted on kitchenette floor. A whiskey bottle was found on floor under kitchen table and an opened pint of Cream of Kentucky bourbon whiskey was on table. There was no rear entrance to apartment, however, kitchenette window was partly open from top but the screen was hooked at top and bottom from the inside. The room was warm and body was noted to be somewhat lax in tone. There was edema of the left leg. There was nothing to indicate any evidence of foul play. Newspapers were found on floor in front of entrance to apartment dated September 30th, October 1st, and October 2nd.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on October 3. This revealed exsanguination due to upper gastro-intestinal bleeding; fatty metamorphosis of the liver with early cirrhosis; also aspiration into right lung. The deceased's history indicates chronic alcoholism.

Detectives Stenberg and Lutsey of 301 were also notified and investigated this death.

The decedent is survived by six sisters and three brothers, one of whom has been mentioned herein, Mrs. Coral Armstrong, a sister.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN BERNARD FERRIN

Date of Death October 3

Place of Death	Aboard Northwest Airlines Flight #311, DOA Wold Chamberlain Field, Richfield, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. G. Aurebeck
Residence	1023 Washington Ave., Detroit Lakes, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	* \$228.65; 1 Wallet and papers; 1 plain ring; 1 Bulova wrist watch; 1 key; 1 pipe.
Birthdate	9-5-1905 Age 49		
Birthplace	Red Wing, Minnesota		10-19-54 * Bank cashier's check mailed to Mrs. J.B. Ferrin in the amount of \$228.09.
Occupation	Merchant - retail furniture		\$228.65
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		.26 postage deducted
Name of Husband or Wife	Florence Metzler Ferrin		.30 check fee deducted
Names of Parents	John Ferrin Catherine Duffy Farrell		\$228.09
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Holy Rosary Cemetery Detroit Lakes, Minn.	Effects Released to	Mrs. John B. Ferrin, widow
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	1023 Washington Avenue Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Social Security No. 471-09-8912

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Northwest Airlines at 12:12 a.m., October 3, 1954.

On October 2, 1954, the deceased was returning from the World Series at Cleveland, Ohio with friends including Steve Fliegelman, Howard Myhre and W. C. Dodds, M. D., all of Detroit Lakes. According to Dr. Dodds after passing through some rough air which had made the deceased very apprehensive and anxious, the deceased suddenly gasped and slumped over in his seat. Dr. Dodds stated the deceased became pulseless immediately and although oxygen was given, the deceased expired at 12:08 a.m., October 3.

Miss Phyllis Balk and Miss Betty Zientowski, flight attendants, say they saw three men gathered about the deceased about 12:05 a.m. and went to their aid, providing oxygen by mask. These informants live at 22 Inner Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Captain T. M. Finholt, Route #1, Hopkins, Minnesota, pilot of flight, states that at no time en route was aircraft above 12,500 feet altitude and that cabin pressure was maintained at not over 2,500 feet altitude throughout the flight. The flight made stops at Detroit and Milwaukee after the special stop at Cleveland.

According to Dr. Dodds, the deceased has been seen at intervals for medical care by Dr. R. V. Sherman of Red Wing, Minnesota, the former home of the deceased. Deceased was said to have hypertension and coronary disease and while he was not taking any medication, he had been instructed to restrict his physical activities.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased, a man of medium build and stature, was sitting slumped in seat facing the rear, next to window in forward compartment of Stratocruiser on port side, clothed in shirt, slacks, shoes, underwear and socks. There was some cyanosis noted. There was no indication of trauma on external examination.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on the date of death. This revealed cardiac hypertrophy; marked atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries; and also myocardial fibrosis (scar old myocardial infarction). Possible superimposed fresh myocardial infarction noted.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

JOSEPHINE GERTRUDE HAMM

Date of Death October 3

Place of Death	(Receiving Room) Minneapolis General Hospital University Avenue S. E. near St. Mary's Ave.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. G. Aurebeck
Residence	1049 Edmund Avenue, St. Paul	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$10.98; 3 keys; 1 ring (clear stone); 1 earring; 1 ring (left on finger).
Birthdate	8-13-1886 Age 68		
Birthplace	Caledonia, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Carl Hamm		
Names of Parents	Leopold Palen Mary Hubbard		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Auto ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.	Effects Released to	Lester E. Westcott, son
Funeral Director	O'Brien Funeral Home, St. Paul, Minn.	Address	832 W. Nebraska Ave., St. Paul

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 1:35 a.m., October 3, 1954.

According to information received from Police Officer Petrowski, the deceased was a passenger in a Dodge sedan, bearing Minnesota 1954 license No. 58-436, driven by her husband, Carl P. Hamm, which veered off the street and struck a tree on the north side of University Avenue Southeast approximately 270 feet east of intersection with St. Mary's Avenue at approximately 1:05 a.m., October 3, 1954. The officer states that the vehicle was headed east at the time the accident occurred. A witness, employed at a Clark Super Service Station near the scene, noted the car weaving to the left side of the street, jump the curb and collide with a tree. This witness states there were no other cars moving on the street at the time.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene at 1:11 a.m.. The

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JOSEPHINE GERTRUDE HAMM (continued)

ambulance physician pronounced the woman dead on arrival at 1:25 a.m.

Upon being notified a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Multiple abrasions and contusions were noted about face, hands and knees. There was a compound fracture of the left tibia and fibula at approximate junction of middle and distal thirds.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the date of death. This revealed multiple rib fractures with massive bilateral hemothorax; laceration of right lower lobe of lung; and comminuted fractures of body of 8, 9 and 10 thoracic vertebrae. There was also a compound fracture of left lower leg, a right Colles fracture and bilateral comminuted patella fractures. Contusion of right lobe of liver noted as well as multiple contusions of the face and extremities.

Officer Pudlick of squad 522 also attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALTHA LANGENDORF

Date of Death Fd. October 3

Place of Death 2618 - 27th Avenue South

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 11-21-1900 Age 53

Birthplace Oregon

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Charles Langendorf

Names of Parents Lee and ? Harrington

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Subarachnoid and intraventricular hemorrhage; arteriosclerosis, moderately severe; encephalitic changes, etiology unknown; abdominal hemorrhage of undetermined origin.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 11:05 p.m., October 3, 1954.

The deceased, a widow, lived at 2618 27th Avenue South with her two sons, James and Henry. On the second floor of the house lived her third son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Langendorf.

According to Mrs. Langendorf the deceased had an attack of nausea and vomiting about one week ago. She had improved somewhat since then and had been up and about the last two days, suffering no ill effects except a backache.

The deceased was last seen alive about noon on Sunday, October 3rd, at which time she was ironing. The woman was found dead by her son, James, about 11:00 o'clock Sunday night when he returned to the house after having been out for the afternoon and evening.

The body was released directly to the funeral home where an autopsy was performed at 3:00 p.m., October 4th. This revealed an intraabdominal hemorrhage. However, source of this condition was not discernible. Therefore, specimens of the organs were sent to the laboratory at the University of Minnesota for microscopic study.

In addition to the three sons mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by two grandchildren, Ann Helene and Jan Arthur, and one sister, Mrs. Roy Hall, Washington.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES RUSSELL

Date of Death October 5

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Union City Mission, 12 North Second Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.38 Cash
Birthdate	4-26-1882 Age 72		1 pr. glasses; 1 pkg. cigarettes; 1 pkg. tobacco (destroyed for sanitary reasons)
Birthplace	Michigan		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	John R. and Catherine Russell		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	University of Minnesota	Effects Released to	Unclaimed cash deposited with County Treasurer
Kaplan Funeral Director		Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes X No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:58 a.m., October 5, 1954.

The deceased, an old age assistance recipient, had been a resident of Minneapolis for the past six years. He had a history of carcinoma of the colon and had been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital in the past. He was being cared for at the Groveland Terrace Nursing Home at 15 Groveland Terrace. Early Tuesday morning, October 5, 1954, the deceased began failing rapidly. An ambulance was summoned from General Hospital and the deceased was placed aboard. However, he expired en route to the hospital, death occurring at 7:50 a.m. Dr. J. Brazie was the physician aboard the ambulance.

The body was taken directly to the Hennepin County Morgue by General Hospital ambulance. Examination by the deputy coroner revealed the body was very dehydrated. Death was attributed to carcinoma of the colon.

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CHARLES RUSSELL (Continued)

Since the deceased had no relatives known to the Coroner's Office nor were there any funds available for burial, the body was sent to the Anatomical Department of the University of Minnesota.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME FRANCIS HUMPOLIK

Date of Death Fd. October 5

Place of Death	County Roads 43 and 19 Sandy Beach, Orono Township	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-7-1882 Age 72	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Czechoslovakia		
Occupation	Tailor		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Rose		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lady of the Lake Cemetery Mound, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Rettinger Funeral Home, Lake, Minn	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 1:30 p.m., October 5, 1954.

The deceased lived alone in his home at County Roads 43 and 19 at Sandy Beach, Orono Township. On Tuesday afternoon, October 5, 1954, Clegg Maxwell, Sandy Beach, and Vera Kelsey went to the deceased's home to visit him. They entered the house at 1:10 p.m. and found the man dead on the floor of the living room. Apparently he had been dead for several days.

Mr. Maxwell notified the Sheriff's Office and deputy John Norberg responded. The latter then notified the Coroner's Office.

Upon his arrival the deputy coroner questioned the deceased's two friends. They stated they had last seen the man alive about a week previously at which time he had been working in his garden. The man had suffered a cardiac attack about two years ago, it was stated, but had appeared to be in good health since that time.

FRANCIS HUMPOLIK (Continued)

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary disease.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert Sames, Melrose, Minnesota

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOHN O. BLOOMDALE

Date of Death Fd. October 5

Place of Death	Beaufort Hotel, 112 South Third St.	Autopsy	None
Place of Accident		Pathologist	None
Residence	Same	Inquest	None
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-27-1869 Age 85		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Hotel proprietor		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Anna Bloomdale John Bloomdale		
Names of Parents	Hilda Nielsen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Carcinoma of stomach	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yesx
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:00 p.m., October 5, 1954.

The deceased, an aged man, lived at the Beaufort Hotel, 112 South Third Street, in Apt. 104. About 1:45 p.m., October 5, the maid at the hotel wanted to get in the deceased's room to clean. It was locked. She reported this fact to the hotel clerk, H. Avery. According to Avery the deceased was in the habit of going out in the evening and sleeping during the day. However, he became apprehensive when he recalled he had not seen the old fellow around the hotel for sometime and the maid told him she could not rouse him. Police officers F. Johnson and Keller, squad No. 117, were summoned to the scene and forced entry to the room. The deceased was found lying on the floor. Undoubtedly he had been dead for sometime. The time was 2:00 p.m.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene and examined the body. Death was attributed to carcinoma of the stomach. Coagulated blood was noted in the sink. The body was released directly to the funeral director.

JOHN O. BLOOMDALE (Continued)

Police officer Heinemann was also active in the investigation of this death.

The deceased is survived by one brother, Samuel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CECILIA RIVETT

Date of Death Fd. October 5

Place of Death	Little Sisters of the Poor, 215 East Broadway	Autopsy	None
Place of Accident		Pathologist	None
Residence	5349 First Avenue South	Inquest	None
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-18-1867 Age 87		
Birthplace	Syracuse, N. Y.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Eli J. Rivett John Loranger		
Names of Parents	Natalie Hamel		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Flynn & Son Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 11:20 p.m., October 5, 1954.

The deceased, an aged woman, was a resident of the Little Sisters of the Poor, 215 Broadway Northeast. She had a history of coronary sclerosis, it was stated, but had not seen a physician since approximately two years ago at which time she had broncho-pneumonia.

The deceased was visited by her daughter on the afternoon of October 4th and appeared to be in her usual health. On October 5th the elderly woman retired to bed somewhat earlier than usual. A routine check at bedtime, 10:30 p.m., revealed she was dead.

An examination of the body was made by the deputy coroner. In his opinion death was due to coronary disease.

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CECELIA RIVETT (Continued)

The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lyda Dumas and Mrs. Elsa Collins, both of Minneapolis. A sister, Mrs. Charles Kienzle lives in Syracuse, New York. Ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

FULL NAME MAREO RUSSO

Date of Death October 6

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Railroad crossing - Main Street and Lowry Avenue Northeast	Pathologist	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Residence	619 Green Street Woodbury, New Jersey	Inquest	None
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-8-1916 Age 37	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Pennsylvania		
Occupation	Welder, Butler Company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Joseph Russo & Verna Cantrella		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Auto-Railroad		
	Accident	Fractured skull	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director	Malone-Heinrichs Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No. 146-07-6387

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:16 p.m., October 6, 1954.

The deceased moved to Minneapolis from Woodbury, New Jersey, about one month ago to take a job as welder for a construction company. Early Wednesday morning, October 6, 1954, he was driving to work in his car, a 1949 mercury sedan which bore New Jersey license plates No. 2/H 57 W. He was proceeding east on Lowry Avenue as he approached the Northern Pacific railroad tracks. These tracks cross Lowry at a point between Main and Second Streets northeast, about 350 feet west of Second Street. As he drove onto the tracks he was struck by a south-bound, diesel powered, passenger train, the North Coast Limited. Roy Kernan, age 66, 4541 41st Avenue South, was the operator of the engine. The deceased's car was dragged approximately 125 feet along the tracks, then pushed aside against a shallow bank. The train, the Northern Pacific's #6600, struck the deceased's car at 6:45 a.m.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME LEONA R. BUCHHOLZ

Date of Death October 6

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident
Residence 91 Spruce Place, Apt. 2
Sex Female
Birthdate 4-16-1917 Age 37
Birthplace Tracy, Minnesota
Occupation Mangle operator-
American Linen Supply Company
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Henry L. Buchholz
Names of Parents George C. Drake & Elizabeth Gran

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti
Inquest None
Effects Taken in charge None

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Septicemia due to staphylococcus
with myocardial abscesses; diabetes
mellitus
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Tracy, Minnesota

Effects Released to

Folsom Funeral Director Davies Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. E. Student, Minneapolis General Hospital, at 11:30 p.m., October 6, 1954.

The deceased was admitted to Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:54 a.m., October 3, 1954, by ambulance from her home at 91 Spruce Place. Upon admission she was in a state of acidosis and was mentally confused. It was stated the woman had been a known diabetic for the past three years and was taking fifteen units of NPH insulin daily.

Upon admission the deceased stated she had fallen while at work at the American Linen Supply Company, 47 South Ninth Street, on or about September 30, 1954 and had incurred a bruise on her right hip. Also, she volunteered the information that she had had a difference of opinion with her husband the night before her admission and was greatly upset. She stated she had suddenly gone blind.

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The deceased, critically injured, was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 7:01 a.m. Examination revealed a severe head injury with laceration of the scalp and profuse hemorrhage. A tracheotomy was performed at 8:15 a.m. However, this and all other emergency measures were to no avail. The man expired at 6:07 that evening. He was in an unconscious state when admitted to the hospital and never regained consciousness before death.

An autopsy was performed at the morgue on the afternoon of October 7th. This revealed a skull fracture and a subgaleal hemorrhage of the vertex and occipital regions. There was a small amount of subdural hemorrhage, also a subarachnoid hemorrhage over the surface of the brain. The second to the eighth ribs on the right side were fractured, also the third and fourth ribs on the left side. The coronary arteries were found to be grossly normal.

Police officers Harold Finney and Carl Larson of the traffic division, squad number T-515, arrived at the scene of this accident shortly after it occurred. According to witnesses at the scene the automatic crossing signals were not functioning properly. Though the stop sign had turned to stop position, the red flashers were not on. It was stated the signs were tested by running another engine over the switch shortly after the accident. The flashers, it was stated, failed to operate.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Verna Russo, Woodbury, New Jersey; three sisters, Mrs. Kate Decker and Mrs. Rose Fullerton, both of New Jersey, and Mrs. Anna Noska, Minneapolis. There are also two brothers, Alfred and Harry, New Jersey.

LEONA R. BUCHHOLZ (Continued)

The deceased, who was in marked acidosis on admission, developed signs of possible intraabdominal pathology, therefore an exploratory laparotomy was performed on October 4th. No pathology was revealed. Post-operatively the deceased did poorly. She expired at 11:50 a.m., October 6th.

The deceased had been seen by Dr. Orley W. Foster, physician for the American Linen Supply Company, following her fall at work. An attempt was made by the deputy coroner to contact Dr. Foster but it was found he was out of the city. An examination of the body revealed an apparently old abrasion and contusion of the right side of the forehead and a minimal contusion on the lateral aspect of the right hip area.

An autopsy was performed at General Hospital on the morning of October 7th. This revealed death was due to septicemia due to staphylococcus with myocardial abscesses. Diabetes mellitus was a contributing cause. Other findings included bilateral pleural effusion, pulmonary edema; partial atelectasis of both lungs and a small pulmonary abscess, also chronic passive congestion of the liver. A double left ureter, with cystitis, was noted. A condition resembling probable early arteriosclerosis of the kidneys was also revealed.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

CHRISTINE VERNA GABRIEL

Date of Death October 7

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Maryland Hotel
14th Street and LaSalle Avenue

Pathologist

No

Residence

Maryland Hotel
14th Street and LaSalle Avenue

Inquest

None

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

\$4.64 Cash

Birthdate

2-7-1875 Age 79

Balance

.60 (Telephone charge)

Birthplace

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

\$4.04
1 black purse; 1 coin purse, 5 keys;
1 pencil; 1 reading glass;
1 chargeplate; 1 wedding band

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband
or Wife

Goodward A. Gabriel

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Names of Parents

Anders J. Haugeros & Anna Nelson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural

Accident

Arteriosclerotic heart disease;
adenocarcinoma of stomach;
fracture, simple, superior and
inferior rami right pubic bone.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Rosedale Cemetery

Effects
Released to

F. E. Nugent, funeral director
Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home

Wright

Funeral Director

Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home

Address

2116 Nicollet Avenue

Social Security No. 475-22-6915

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:50 a.m., October 7, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, lived at the Maryland Hotel, 14th Street and LaSalle Avenue. At approximately 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 11, 1954, it was stated, she fell in the bathroom of her apartment. Friends helped her to bed, however, during the day she found she was unable to move without pain in the right pelvic area. At 10:42 that evening she was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital. X-rays upon admission revealed fractures of both the superior and inferior rami of the right pubic bones. Her hemoglobin was found to be 3.0 gram.

During her hospitalization the deceased was found to have arteriosclerotic heart disease. A search to determine cause of her anemia revealed carcinoma of the stomach. On October 2nd a gastric resection was performed. The postoperative course was satisfactory until about

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HERMAN SCHMIDT Date of Death October 7

Place of Death	163 East Island Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	None
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-4-1872 Age 82	None except listed On Morgue Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)	
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Theresa Schmidt		
Names of Parents	Herman and ? Schmidt		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Mound Cemetery Brooklyn Center, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director	Washburn-McReavy Mortuary	Address

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:40 a.m., October 7, 1954.

The deceased, an old age assistance recipient, had lived for many years at 163 East Island Avenue. The elderly man had not been well for sometime, it was stated.

On Thursday morning, October 7, 1954, Lou Smetana, a friend of the deceased, noticed an unpleasant odor in the hallway outside the deceased's room. Finding the door was locked, Smetana went outside and hailed a passing squad car. H. Hunter and W. K. Johnson, squad No. 125, returned to the room with Smetana and forced entry. They found the deceased lying dead on the floor. The time was 10:30 a.m. It was apparent the man had been dead for sometime.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELMER ALBERT HEIMKES

Date of Death October 7

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident U. S. Air Conditioning Company
3300 Como Avenue Southeast
Residence 2410 Central Avenue Northeast
Sex Male
Birthdate 1-18-1911 Age 43
Birthplace Minnesota
Occupation Lead man on line,
U. S. Air Conditioning Company
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Florence Heimkes
Names of Parents Henry Heimkes & Sybilla Kloempken

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. Cornelia VanProoyen
Inquest None
Effects Taken in charge None

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident Comminuted fractures of all left ribs; subcutaneous emphysema left lateral and superior portion of anterior chest wall, left; bilateral hemothorax; laceration of left lateral thigh to iliac crest and into the abdominal cavity.
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Buchinger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 1:45 p.m., October 7, 1954.

At 12:40 p.m., October 7, 1954, Minneapolis General Hospital received a call for an ambulance from the United States Air Conditioning plant at 2564 Como Avenue Southeast, St. Paul. They stated one of their workmen had been critically injured in an accident at one of their plant buildings situated at 3300 Como Avenue Southeast.

Upon arrival of Dr. Brazie, physician aboard the ambulance, the deceased was found lying on the floor of the building. He was lying on his side, groaning and gasping in great pain. Although very cyanotic, the man was conscious. He was immediately removed to General Hospital, being admitted at 1:00 p.m. Admitting diagnosis was crushing injury of chest, possible head injury. He was found to have an extensive laceration of the right side of the scalp and a laceration of the lateral aspect of the left thigh. His respiration was paradoxical. Death occurred at 1:06 p.m. before any definite measures could be taken.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOSEPH A. GINKEL Date of Death October 7

Place of Death 3547 Snelling Avenue Autopsy None
Place of Accident Pathologist None
Residence Same Inquest None
Sex Male Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-11-1902 Age 52
Birthplace Nicollet, Minnesota
Occupation Truck driver - coal company
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Lucy T. Ginkel
Names of Parents Charles Ginkel & Lillian Volk

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Coronary disease
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park Effects Released to
Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home Address

Social Security No. 471-18-1253

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Slattery, Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver, at 8:00 p.m., October 7, 1954.

The deceased had a history of having had poliomyelitis in 1944, since which time it has been necessary for him to use crutches. He had not seen a physician for the past three years or longer and had been unable to work.

On Thursday afternoon, October 7, 1954, the deceased had been doing some painting in his garage. When his wife, Lucy, called him in to dinner he complained of pain in his chest. During the meal he got up from the table stating the pain was very severe. He suddenly became pale and began to perspire. After vomiting once or twice, the deceased took two aspirin tablets. These, however, failed to relieve his distress and he went into the bedroom to lie down. Mrs. Ginkel wanted to summon a physician but the deceased would not permit it. In a few moments the man became unresponsive, gasped and expired. Death occurred at 7:30 p.m.

CORONER'S RECORD

ELMER ALBERT HEIMKES (Continued)

Details of the deceased's accident were obtained from Mr. George W. Ingram of the plant superintendent's office at United States Air Conditioning Company. According to his reports the deceased, lead man on an assembly line, had walked under a travelling crane which was moving a large piece of metal material down the plant. This metal, which was shaped like a kite, weighed approximately 800 pounds. Suddenly a sling apparently slipped and the load fell to the floor, then tipped over onto the deceased.

An autopsy was performed on the body of the deceased at the Hennepin County Morgue on October 7th. The findings were as follows: Comminuted fractures of all the ribs on the left side; subcutaneous emphysema of the left lateral and superior portion of the anterior chest wall, left; bilateral hemothorax; laceration of the left lateral thigh extending to the iliac crest and into the abdominal cavity. There was a laceration of the right side of the scalp, a laceration of the liver and a ruptured spleen. A laceration of the left lobe of the lung was noted, as well as a laceration of the right renal hilus. There were fractures of both the right pubic rami. An intraabdominal hemorrhage was noted.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Florence, one brother and four sisters.

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CORONER'S RECORD

JOSEPH A. GINKEL (Continued)

An ambulance, summoned by Mrs. Ginkel from Minneapolis General Hospital, arrived at the scene. However, Dr. Corser, physician aboard the ambulance, pronounced the deceased dead on arrival.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene to view the body. He attributed death to coronary disease and released the body directly to the funeral director.

Police officers Tovsen and Hitchens, squad No. 163, arrived at the scene of this death and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

In addition to his wife the decedent is survived by three sons, Karl, Herbert and Ronald and one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Gayle) Crawford. There are four grandchildren. Four sisters also survive; namely, Mrs. Christine Beyersdorfer, Mrs. Augusta Johnson, Minneapolis; and Mrs. Sam Lee, Kasota, Minnesota, and Mrs. Fred Baumberger, Traverse, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ANDREW BALOK Date of Death October 8

Place of Death	Room 417B, City Hall	Autopsy	None
Place of Accident		Pathologist	None
Residence	1539 Fifth Street Northeast	Inquest	None
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	Cash \$13.62; 1 billfold, 1 pr. glasses; 1 comb; 1 reading glass, 1 tape measure; 1 shoe horn.
Birthdate	10-28-1896 Age 57		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Occupation	Serviceman - City of Minneapolis		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Alpha Balok		
Names of Parents	Michael Balok & Anna Veliver		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident x		
	Suicide x		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined x		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. Alpha Balok, widow
E. J. Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers	Address	1539 Fifth Street Northeast

Social Security No. None
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Logan, Minneapolis General Hospital, at 2:25 p.m., October 8, 1954.

On Friday afternoon, October 8, 1954, the deceased was in conciliation court, Room 417B, City Hall, where he was a plaintiff in an automobile accident case. A small financial settlement was involved. Gilbert Jordan, 5137 Colfax Avenue North, a friend of the deceased's, was with him at the time. Shortly after 2:00 o'clock his case was called for trial. While the deceased was standing at the bench he suddenly collapsed. An ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. Meanwhile the deceased was moved into the chambers of Judge Lindsay G. Arthur where Jordan made an attempt to revive his friend. However, the man was pronounced dead on arrival by the ambulance physician. Death occurred at 2:12 p.m.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CARL PETER CARLSON Date of Death October 9

Place of Death	4112 Bryant Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-25-1873 Age 80		
Birthplace	Racine, Wisconsin		
Occupation	Salesman of electrical fixtures		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Ida L.		
Names of Parents	Hans O. and ? Carlson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 477-03-0794

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 2:00 p.m., October 9, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly man, had put some storm windows on his home at 4112 Bryant Avenue South on Friday, October 8, 1954. About 4:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 9th, the deceased awoke complaining of weakness and feeling ill. He asked his wife, Ida, to get him a small glass of wine. When Mrs. Carlson returned with the wine she found her husband unresponsive, and hurriedly summoned Dr. Harold B. Kadesky to the house. However, the physician pronounced the man dead on arrival. Death occurred about 5:00 a.m.

Dr. Kadesky, who had treated the deceased two or three months ago for bronchitis, released the body directly to the funeral home.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner checked with Dr. Kadesky who stated the death was

ANDREW BALOK (Continued)

Police officers Mattson and Heller, squad No. 117, arrived at the scene of this death and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Alpha; a sister, Anne Balok; and two brothers, John and George.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME FRANK SPECKMAN

Date of Death October 9

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Hospital
Residence	2020 17th Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-9-1897 Age 57		
Birthplace	Germany		
Occupation	Owner, Electric Repair Shop		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Caroline		
Names of Parents	Phillip Speckman & Dorothy Backman		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Bronchopneumonia	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	Richard M. Gill	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:55 p.m., October 10, 1954.

According to the history on this case the deceased was admitted to Minneapolis General Hospital on June 5, 1953 after having suffered a fall. Admitting diagnosis was a fracture of the skull in the left temporal parietal region with cerebral concussion. No surgery was done at this time and the man was discharged in an improved condition on June 15, 1953.

On July 28, 1954, (more than a year later), the deceased was again admitted to the hospital, admitting time 4:24 p.m. He complained of severe headaches. The spinal findings were abnormal. The man was placed on the neurology service, then transferred to surgery for a bilateral trephine which was performed on July 29th. A further exploration of the right opening was made

CARL PETER CARLSON (Continued)

undoubtedly a natural one. An examination of the body was made at the funeral home, where the deputy coroner attributed death to coronary disease.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Ida; two sons, Hubert O. and Donald C., both of Minneapolis; a brother, Jacob F. of San Diego, California, and two grandchildren.

FRANK SPECKMAN (Continued)

on August 1st. The deceased's hospital course was not satisfactory and he gradually deteriorated. Early in October pneumonia developed and death occurred at 9:10 a.m., October 9th.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed death was due to bilateral bronchopneumonia. Other findings included moderate coronary arteriosclerosis; a necrotic lesion of the upper pole of the right kidney, encephalomalacia of the left temporal and right frontal lobes, and congestion of the liver.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Caroline; one son, Phillip; two daughters, Dorothy and Mrs. Joyce Medvec; and one grandson, all of Minneapolis. There are also three brothers; Alfred, Baltimore, Maryland; and Herman and Adolph in Germany.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CLARA ENGEN

Date of Death October 9

Place of Death	Medical Arts Building 9th and Nicollet	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	2018 South 8th Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$34.21 Cash; 1 black leather handbag; 5 keys; 1 pr. glasses
Birthdate	7-13-1873 Age 81	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Polk County, Wisconsin		
Occupation	Seamstress		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Ingebret Engen & Karen Hawkinson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease; pernicious anemia	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Deer Park, Wisconsin	Effects Released to	Werness Brothers, funeral director
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers	Address	3700 Nicollet Avenue

Wright

Social Security No. 468-09-0334

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. T. D. Wright, deputy coroner, at 10:43 a.m., October 9, 1954.

On Saturday morning, October 9, 1954, the deceased, an elderly woman, had a 9:00 o'clock appointment with her doctor, Dr. Harold E. Miller, in his office in the Medical Arts Building. Dr. Miller had been the deceased's physician for the past fourteen years and had been treating her for sometime for coronary disease and pernicious anemia. The deceased was given a liver injection on this date.

After her treatment the deceased went down to the lobby of the building to wait for friends who were to drive her home. A short time later, Mrs. Frank Finnegan, 1911 St. Anthony Boulevard, noticed the deceased slump over on the bench. She went to the woman's aid after telling an elevator operator to summon a doctor. Mrs. Finnegan was unable to feel the pulse

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of the deceased. The woman, whose breathing was noticeably difficult, suddenly expired. Death occurred at 10:38 a.m.

Dr. Miller and Dr. T. D. Wright, a deputy coroner, were both summoned from their offices in the building. Examination by the deputy coroner revealed an obese, elderly woman, very cyanotic, slumped on a bench near the Ninth street entrance to the Medical Arts Building arcade.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary disease, pernicious anemia being a contributing factor.

The decedent is survived by two sisters, Miss Helga Engen, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Albert Jacobson, Hudson, Wisconsin. There are also seven nieces and eight nephews.

Police officers F. Johnson and Keller, squad No. 117, were active in the investigation of this death at the scene.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HARRY LEROY AAMODT

Date of Death October 9

Place of Death	University Hospitals	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	On Highway near Menomonie, Wisc.	Pathologist	Dr. Lee Wattenberg
Residence	Spring Valley, Minnesota	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-29-1917 Age 36		
Birthplace	Pierce County, Wisconsin		
Occupation	Construction worker		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Otto Aamodt & Julia Ellertson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Peritonitis, regional, due to gangrenous perforation splenic flexure of colon; rupture of spleen and fractures left 8, 9, 10th ribs; intraabdominal & retroperitoneal hemorrhage; crushing injury of abdomen and lower left chest; fractures superior and inferior rami left pubic bone; fracture, comminuted, left acetabulum; fracture neck of left femur.		
Place of Burial	Spring Valley, Wisconsin	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Stieger-Ecker Funeral Home St. Paul, Minnesota	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office from the Elliot Desk, University Hospitals at 5:05 p.m., October 9, 1954.

According to the history on this case, about 8:00 p.m., October 2, 1954, the deceased was driving his car on a highway near Menomonie, Wisconsin, when he was involved in a collision with an oil truck. Critically injured, he was removed by ambulance to Menomonie Memorial Hospital. Admitting examination revealed numerous fractures and lacerations.

During the next few days the deceased's blood pressure was unstable at intervals and he went in and out of shock several times. During the hospital course an increasing renal insufficiency developed. On October 8th the patient was transferred to University Hospitals in Minneapolis where he could be dialyzed on an artificial kidney. Though conscious when admitted, his mental condition was confused. All hospital procedures failed to halt his gradual deterioration and death occurred at 3:15 p.m. the next day (October 9th).

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

THOMAS W. HART

Date of Death October 9

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Beaufort Hotel

Pathologist

No

Residence

112 South Third Street

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

8-10-1885 Age 69

Birthplace

Indiana

Occupation

Miller

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife

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Names of Parents

George W. & Mary Hart

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Monticello, Indiana

Effects Released to

Funeral Director

Barney Anderson & Son

Address

Social Security No. 468-05-1370

Veteran Yes No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Burnett of Minneapolis General Hospital at 4:35 p.m., October 9, 1954.

Late Saturday afternoon, October 9, 1954, the deceased left his room at the Beaufort Hotel, 112 South Third Street, to walk to Hennepin Avenue and Washington Avenue where he was to meet his son, Inspector Elmer T. Hart, 5316 15th Avenue South, of the Minneapolis Police Department. Arrangements had been made for the deceased to ride home with his son. The latter picked up his father at that corner at 4:10 p.m. and began the drive home. The deceased appeared to be short of breath, the son noted, but did not complain of pain and talked normally. However, when they reached the corner of Third Avenue South and Washington, the deceased suddenly slumped over against his son. The latter pulled over to the curb and parked. When the deceased's breathing became increasingly difficult the younger Hart summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital. Upon arrival of the ambulance the deceased, although still breathing, was found to be unresponsive. No pulse was apparent. Oxygen was administered en route to the hospital, however, he was pronounced dead when he reached the receiving ward. Death occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Elmer, mentioned in this history, and Wayne. There are also two daughters, Mrs. N. M. Peterson and Mrs. Lewis E. Jones; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Bretzinger and Mrs. Sam Simmemaker; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene where he met police officers D. Vick and C. Berg, squad No. 144, who had also answered the ambulance call in their squad car. An examination of the body revealed the deceased to be an elderly, obese woman lying on a davenport bed. The bed was open and was made up with the usual bed linen. The woman was nude, her body still warm to the touch. Vomitus had trickled from her mouth onto the bedclothes. Hypostasis of her back and the posterior portion of the flanks was fairly well marked. A few small

ANN FARRELL (Continued)

bruises, somewhat greenish about the edges, were noted on the left shoulder. Other small bruises were scattered about the body, the only large one being on the left buttocks. Position of the vomitus on the deceased's face and the bedclothes indicated the body had not been moved after death.

An examination of the apartment revealed dried and semi-dried vomitus on the floor at both sides of the bed. A number of empty whiskey bottles and beer cans were found about the place, in a closet, under the sink and in the cupboard. A whiskey bottle, nearly full, was standing on the kitchen counter. The entire premises were in disarray and apparently had not been cleaned for sometime.

Upon questioning Mr. Farrell it was learned that he and his wife had been drinking heavily for the past two weeks. He stated the deceased had been unable to eat for several days and had been ill and vomiting for the last three days, the vomitus often resembling "tobacco juice". He did not know whether she had had any bowel movements during the last six or seven days. He stated he, himself, had not eaten any food since October 8th.

About 9:00 p.m., October 9th, (Mr. Farrell continued), he awakened from sleep. His wife did not wake up at this time, and about 11:45 he became apprehensive when he was unable to rouse her. He then called his sister-in-law, Mrs. James W. Farrell, who lives nearby at 1624 Girard Avenue. Mrs. Farrell came over immediately, accompanied by Mr. R. J. Holton, another tenant at the Girard Avenue address. After looking at the deceased they advised Mr. Farrell to summon an ambulance.

James W. Farrell, Jr., a nephew of the deceased, was later questioned. He stated his aunt and uncle were chronic alcoholics. Periodically they drank heavily, however, their sober periods usually stretched into several months.

According to officer Berg there had never been any police complaints about the couple. His personal knowledge of the family indicated the couple had never been involved in any altercations. There was no known bad blood between them.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the date of death. This revealed aspiration of vomitus, fatty metamorphosis of the liver, congestion of the lungs and cholelithiasis.

In addition to her husband the deceased is survived by one brother, William Carlin of Minneapolis, and numerous nieces and nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME KATHLEEN ANN HAVERTY

Date of Death October 10

Place of Death 4138 Zenith Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

7-28-1954 Age 2 mos., 12 days

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minnesota

None except listed On Morgue Record

Occupation

Child

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents

Patrick J. Haverty & Donna J. Carey

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Gun shot wound, penetrating head

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Welander Quist Company
1825 Chicago Avenue

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:55 a.m., October 10, 1954.

It was stated that Patrick J. Haverty, age 25, 4138 Zenith Avenue South, and his wife, Donna, and Patrick's brother, Ben, 82 Lyndale Avenue North, had had several bottles of strong beer during the evening of October 9. Ben, it was stated, left the house about 11:30 p.m., after which Patrick Haverty and his wife were said to have had a slight argument. Mrs. Haverty then laid down on the couch in the living room with her daughter, Candice, and slept. (Candice, age 5, and another child, Rebecca, 4, are Mrs. Haverty's children by a previous marriage). The Haverty's daughter, Kathleen Ann (the deceased), age two months, was asleep in her stroller, or carriage, in the bedroom. Haverty, it was stated, continued drinking. During this time, according to information later obtained by police officers, Haverty "in order to have something to do while he was drinking," sawed off the barrel and stock of a .22 caliber rifle so

as to make a hand gun of the weapon. Later, he heard the baby crying, and took a bottle in to her, however, she refused to take it, according to Haverty. He then opened a dresser drawer, took out a shell, returned to the kitchen, picked up the gun and loaded it. He then returned to the bedroom and shot the baby. This occurred about 3:00 a.m. (October 10). He then went into the living room and awakened his wife, telling her what he had done. Mrs. Haverty attempted to enter the bedroom, however, her husband restrained her. He then called a cab and sent her to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Haverty, 82 Lyndale Avenue North.

Shortly before 4:00 a.m. Haverty summoned police by telephone, and then notified his employer, Earl Robbins, of what he had done. Officers Richard Nelson and C. B. Peterson, squad 152, arrived at the scene, and, upon being told by Haverty that he had shot his baby, and after they had verified the fact, promptly contacted headquarters, requesting that 301 men be sent to the Haverty home. Detectives Mahnke and Taplin responded, arriving at the scene at 4:08 a.m. Milton E. Winslow of the Bureau of Identification was called, as was the Coroner's office.

Detectives and the deputy coroner, upon entering the bedroom, which was on the first floor level, saw the baby lying on its back in a four-wheeled baby carriage or stroller. The baby, identified as Kathleen Ann Haverty by her father, was clothed in sleeping garments. The infant's head, turned slightly to the right, was lying in a pool of blood. Blood was noted trickling down the left side of the head from a round entrance wound in the left temporal region. The exit wound was noted to be posterior and superior to the right ear in the parietal region of the scalp. A copper nosed .22 caliber slug was found buried in the carriage pad; this had penetrated through the pad into the upper surface of the bottom of the stroller. The path of the bullet indicated it had passed through all layers of the bedding, and the impact of the bullet against the top surface of the bottom of the carriage caused a tear and an impression in that surface. An almost completely empty nursing bottle was found in the carriage lying along the right side of the infant.

An empty .22 caliber cartridge was found lying on the carpet of the floor in a room situated between the bedroom, where the baby was, and the living room. This cartridge case was lying about six feet seven inches from the center of the doorway to the bedroom, and was five feet four inches from the southwest corner of an archway leading from this center room to the living room. On a chair, located in the southwest corner of the living room, was a .22 caliber rifle from which both the stock and the barrel had been sawed, leaving approximately two to three inches of stock to the rear of the chamber, and approximately four to five inches of barrel ahead of the chamber. The bolt to this weapon was forward and locked. Lying on a table in the kitchen was noted a length of barrel cut from a .22 rifle. This length of barrel was found to be approximately fourteen inches in length. Also on the table was a piece of wood stock which appeared to have been cut from the stock of the .22 rifle. Alongside of these items on the table was a hacksaw loaded with a blade, and other loose hacksaw blades.

Before marking the gun for identification the bolt was unlocked, and when moved to the rear a live round of .22 caliber ammunition was found in the chamber, and was automatically ejected from it. This indicated that Harvety had ejected an empty casing after firing a shot into the baby's head, and then had reloaded a live round into the chamber of the weapon, locking the bolt.

Patrick Haverty was taken to the City Jail, where he was booked. On Monday, October 18, the County Attorney presented the case to the Grand Jury, and an indictment of first degree murder was returned.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME KATHLEEN ANN HAVERTY (Continued) - Date of Death

Place of Death		Autopsy	
Place of Accident		Effects Taken	
Residence		in charge	
Sex			
Birthdate	Age		
Birthplace			
Occupation			
Single, Married,			
Widowed, Divorced			
Name of Hus-			
band or Wife			
Names of Parents			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial		Effects	
		Released to	
Funeral Director		Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

The body of the deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue, and later was released to a funeral director.

Survivors of the deceased, besides those referred to in this record, are her grand-
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley H. Carey, and an aunt, Janet Haverty.

Additional officers who investigated this case were detectives Cronstrom and Johnson.

11-24-1954: Patrick J. Haverty was on this date sentenced by Judge Earl J. Lyons
to life imprisonment on a second degree murder charge for the shooting of his infant
daughter, Kathleen Ann, on October 10, 1954.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME OTTO HOLLST

Date of Death October 10

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Wilder Ave. & East Hennepin	Pathologist	Dr. George Nelson
Residence	Commercial Hotel 1 East Hennepin	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-17-1887 Age 67	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Germany		
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Carl Martin Henry Hollst & Wiepke Ritters		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Auto ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined	Multiple injuries due to automobile accident.	
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	Heinrich Malone Funeral Home Ray Pan Konie, Fun. Dir.
Funeral Director	Heinrich Malone Funeral Home	Address	Minneapolis, Minn.

Wright

Social Security No. 468-07-9339

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:25 a.m., October 10, 1954.

On Saturday night, October 9, 1954, the deceased, an old age assistance recipient, was walking west on Wilder Avenue. When he reached East Hennepin Avenue he started to cross the street from east to west, about 19 feet north of the crosswalk. Here he was struck by a car, a 1938 Ford sedan, which bore 1954 Minnesota license number 600-330. Driver of the vehicle, Raymond D. White, age 25, 721 Third Avenue Northeast, failed to stop after striking the deceased. He continued driving north on East Hennepin, turned west on Fourth Street, it was stated, then drove on Fourth to Third Avenue before being overtaken by police officers R. J. Dee and R. Waller of the traffic division. The accident happened at 9:42 p.m.

The deceased, critically injured, was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital where he was admitted at 9:51 p.m. Admitting examination revealed a severe head injury and a

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compound fracture of the left tibia. The deceased was unable to recover from his injuries and death occurred early the next morning, 2:50 a.m., October 10th.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 9:30 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed a comminuted fracture of the right temporal parietal occipital bone; a contusion of the right temporal and parietal lobes; and a subdural hemorrhage, right. There were fractures of the pelvis and of the left tibial plateau. Moderate coronary sclerosis was noted.

A witness to the accident was George Wilson, age 17, 187 E. Island Avenue. Wilson was with the deceased when the accident occurred, he stated.

The decedent is survived by a niece, Mrs. George Waugh, Mountain Spring Road, San Francisco, California.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

FRANK T. BERTONE

Date of Death

October 10

Place of Death	In car - Sears parking lot, near 28th St. & Elliot Ave. So.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis
Residence	6804 Eleventh Avenue South Richfield, Minnesota	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$11.02 Cash; Checks \$45.00; 1 Bulova wrist watch; 1 ring; 1 pr. glasses; 4 keys; 1 tie clasp
Birthdate	3-13-1919 Age 35		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Birthplace	New York		
Occupation	Dept. manager, Sears Roebuck Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Arlone Bertone		
Names of Parents	Joseph Bertone & Nancy Sarli		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident ☒		
	Suicide ☒		
	Homicide ☒		
	Undetermined ☒		
Place of Burial	Resurrection Cemetery	Effects Released to	R. J. Brix, fellow employee
Funeral Director	Flynn and Son Mortuary	Address	311 Fairbanks Avenue North

Wright

Social Security No. 116-09-4107

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☒ WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:55 a.m., October 10, 1954.

At 8:45 a.m. Sunday, October 10, 1954, Knute Olsen, 2811 Elliot Avenue, noticed a 1953 Ford, Minnesota license No. 621-256, parked in Sears parking lot near 28th Street and Elliot Avenue. Olsen, who was looking out his bedroom window, thought it strange the car windows were rolled down as it was raining. He then noticed a man lying slumped over in the front seat and went to investigate. Discovering he could not rouse the man and finding no discernible pulse, Olsen notified the Police Department.

Police officers Earl A. Larson and Grunau, squad No. 164, arrived at the scene. Upon finding that the deceased was undoubtedly dead, they notified the deputy coroner.

FRANK T. BERTONE (Continued)

Upon his arrival the deputy coroner examined the body. The man was lying on his right side in the front seat of the car, his face down. He was markedly cyanotic and rigor mortis was already established. Apparently he had been there for several hours. There was no evidence of any injury.

Mr. Olsen stated the car had not been parked there about 1:00 a.m. that morning when he had arrived home. James Person, 2803 Elliot Avenue, who had pulled into the lot to sleep between 4:00 and 4:30 that morning, stated he did not see the car there when he came in.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. A prescription slip was found in the deceased's effects. A telephone call to Dr. Benedict Trach, who had issued the prescription, revealed that over a year ago he had advised the deceased to consult a heart specialist because of chest pains suggestive of angina pectoris. He further stated that a recent conversation with the deceased indicated the man was again having trouble and had not visited the specialist.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on the afternoon of death. This revealed severe coronary atherosclerosis; a possible recent coronary occlusion, left, and severe aortic atherosclerosis.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Arlene, and one daughter, Arlene Rose, Minneapolis. Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bertone; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Zangara and Mrs. Charles Piacetelli; and four brothers, Michael, Thomas, Pasquale and Anthony, all of the Bronx, New York.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

HELMA C. PALMQUIST

Date of Death Fd. October 10

Place of Death

2415 12th Avenue South

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

7-4-1884 Age 70

Birthplace

Chisago City, Minnesota

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widowed

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Frank

Names of Parents

Peter M. Lyan & Johanna Peterson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Pernicious anemia

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Welander Quist Company
1825 Chicago Avenue

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 11:15 a.m., October 10, 1954.

About 11:00 a.m., October 10, 1954, Mrs. Ellen Phillips, 7008 Morgan Avenue South, sister of the deceased, went to the deceased's home to see her. She was concerned over a telephone call she had made the evening before to the deceased's daughter, Dorothy Palmquist. The latter lived alone with her mother in the house and the two were extreme recluses. Over the phone Dorothy had stated that her mother was too ill to come to the phone. The daughter further stated that she didn't want to talk very long as she couldn't leave her mother alone. The deceased had been in poor health for sometime and Dorothy, who was in her forties, had been taking care of her.

Upon her arrival Mrs. Phillips was met by Dorothy who stated that her mother was dead. She went upstairs to see her sister, and upon discovering the woman was dead, notified the funeral

CORONER'S RECORD

HELMA C. PALMQUIST (Continued)

director, also the Police Department. Upon arrival of police officers Grunau and Larson, squad No. 164, Dorothy proved to be very uncooperative, trying to deny them admission to the house, refusing to give any information as to when her mother had expired.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene and was treated in like manner by Miss Palmquist. It was his opinion that Dorothy was mentally ill and arrangements were made for Dr. Henry W. Quist Jr. to come to the house and make arrangements for her medical care.

An examination of the body revealed an elderly, white woman lying in bed clad in a housedress and stockings. She was cachectic, edematous and extremely cyanotic. Rigor mortis was well established and was leaving the body in some parts. There was no evidence of any injury. The teeth and mouth revealed almost gangrenous stomatitis. A thin coating of mentholatum was noted on her face.

According to Mrs. Phillips she had last talked to the deceased on September 30th, and at that time the woman had apparently been feeling all right. Mrs. Phillips had urged the deceased to see a physician because she was suffering from a known anemia.

The body was released directly to the funeral home. Death was attributed to pernicious anemia by the deputy coroner.

In addition to her daughter and the sister mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by a son, Edward, and three other sisters; namely, Mrs. Olive Woodman, Mrs. Ida Berglund and Mrs. H. Wollner, all of Spokane, Washington. There is also a brother, Carl Lyons, Chisago City, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ROSE MARY KLOECKNER

Date of Death October 10

Place of Death	726 E. 16th St., Apt. 22	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	918 Portland Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-8-1903 Age 51	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Wayzata, Minnesota		
Occupation	Dishwasher, Mpls. Club		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Joe Kloeckner & Anna Jordan		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease; diabetes mellitus	
	Accidentx		
	Suicidex		
	Homicidex		
	Undeterminedcx		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Albinson Peterson Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 468-07-3515

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:12 p.m., October 10, 1954.

Late Sunday morning, October 10, 1954, the deceased went to 726 East 16th Street to visit a friend, James Davey, who lived there in apartment No. 22. The two were going to have Sunday dinner together in the apartment as they frequently had done in the past. About noon the deceased left the apartment to buy a quart of milk for the dinner. She went down two flights of stairs to the ground floor, where apparently she suffered a severe pain in her chest. She started back up the stairs calling to Davey. He came to assist her. Stating she felt very sick, she was assisted back to the apartment. She went to the bathroom, Davey stated, then came out and lay down on the daveno bed. Her breathing became very difficult and soon she became unresponsive. Davey sent a friend, Paul A. Anderson, 1519 Park Avenue, Apt. 26, to summon a physician.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME AUGUSTA WEISE

Date of Death October 10

Place of Death 234 11th Ave. No., Hopkins

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Lester Prairie, Minnesota

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 12-22-1881 Age 72

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Paul Weise

Names of Parents John Kuhlmann & Minnie Schmidt

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lester Prairie, Minnesota

Effects Released to

E. J. Funeral Director Gilbert P. Weise Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. F. J. Kucera of Hopkins, Minnesota, at 9:01 p.m., October 10, 1954.

On Sunday, October 10, 1954, the deceased was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Schneidel, 234 Eleventh Avenue North, Hopkins, Minnesota. That evening, just as the deceased was about to leave for her home in Lester Prairie, Minnesota, she collapsed. A nearby physician, Dr. F. J. Kucera, was summoned to the house; however, he pronounced the woman dead on arrival, death having occurred at 8:20 p.m.

It was learned the deceased had suffered from a cardiac condition for sometime and had been under the care of her own physician in Lester Prairie.

Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis by the deputy coroner and the body was released directly to the funeral director.

ROSE MARY KLOECKNER (Continued)

At approximately 12:15 p.m., Mrs. Marie Hull, landlady of the building, called the police department requesting an ambulance. Police officers Fort and Hagstrom, squad No. 118, responded. However, death occurred about 12:15 p.m. before arrival of medical aid.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene where he examined the body of the deceased. The body was that of an extremely obese white woman. She was lying on her back, fully dressed, on a daveno-bed. The body, still warm, showed no indication of anything but a natural death. According to Mr. Davey the deceased had a history of diabetes and was supposed to be using insulin. She had been neglecting her medication recently, he stated.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where death was attributed to coronary disease, diabetes mellitus being a contributing factor.

The deceased is survived by three brothers; Peter of Minneapolis; Raymond, St. Paul; and Andrew, Owatonna, Minnesota. There are also three sisters; Mrs. Susan Jenson, Owatonna, Minnesota; Mrs. Florence Fiala, Austin, Minnesota; and Miss Pauline Kloeckner, Waverly, Iowa. There are numerous nieces and nephews who also survive.

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CORONER'S RECORD

AUGUSTA WEISE (Continued)

The deceased is survived by a son, Gilbert P. Weise, Lester Prairie, Minnesota. If there are other survivors their names are not known to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME OLE I. SEVERSON

Date of Death October 11

Place of Death	315 Fifth Street Southeast	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$69.72 Cash
Birthdate	8-30-1890 Age 64	Balance	.25 (telephone charge)
Birthplace	Ham Lake Township Anoka County, Minnesota		\$69.47
Occupation	Laborer		1 bankbook First National Savings Bank, balance 52¢, (St. Anthony Falls office; 1 key; 1 billfold.
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife			(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)
Names of Parents	Thomas Severson & Julia Smith		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident ☒		
	Suicide ☒		
	Homicide ☒		
	Undetermined ☒		
Place of Burial	Glen Cary Cemetery	Effects Released to	Chris Severson, brother
Folsom	Funeral Director	Address	Route 4, Anoka, Minnesota

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:35 p.m., October 11, 1954.

The deceased had been a roomer at 315 Fifth Street southeast for the past six or seven years. He had a history of asthma, it was stated, and suffered from shortness of breath.

About noon on Monday, October 11, 1954, Mrs. J. W. Jones, the deceased's landlady, became apprehensive when she realized she had not seen the man about the building on Sunday. He had worked until 8:00 p.m. Saturday, she stated. When she got no response to her knocking, she notified the Police Department and officers Whelan and Erickson, squad No. 123, responded. At 12:05 p.m. the officers forced in the door to the deceased's room and found him dead on his bed.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene. The deceased was dressed in underwear, shirt and socks. A sheet was covering his body, his teeth were placed on the pillow

OLE I. SEVERSON (Continued)

beside him. Examination of the body revealed rigor mortis was well established. Varicose ulcers were evident. An insulin box was found in a dresser drawer.

An interview by telephone with Dr. Spano revealed the deceased had suffered from chronic asthma for many years. The physician had not seen the deceased since September, 1953.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to the funeral director. Death was ascribed to coronary disease, asthma being a contributing factor.

The deceased is survived by three brothers; Chris of Anoka, Minnesota, Thomas of Henning and Sam of Stevensville, Montana. There is also one sister, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Minneapolis, Minnesota

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME IDA HUNTZBERGER

Date of Death October 11

Place of Death St. Mary's Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident Highland Park Nursing Home

Pathologist No

Residence Field Hotel

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 2-27-1862 Age 92

Birthplace Iowa

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife Grant

Names of Parents Edward Cole & Eliza Bennett

~~Natural~~

CAUSE OF DEATH Accident Malnutrition; senility; fracture of right femur

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Lakewood (cremation)

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Rettinger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. W. Lyons at 1:00 p.m., October 11, 1954.

The deceased, an old age assistance recipient, had recently been a resident of the Highland Park Nursing Home located at 2304 Emerson Avenue North. On July 24, 1954 she fell in some manner in the home injuring her right thigh. She was removed by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. M. W. Lyons, admitting time being 9:15 a.m., July 24th. Examination revealed a fracture of the right upper femur. An open reduction was performed by Dr. J.E. O'Donnell on August 13th with insertion of a fracture nail.

Due to her advanced age and general physical condition the deceased was unable to recover. Death, due to malnutrition and senility, occurred at 12:30 p.m., October 11th, the fracture being a contributing factor.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

MARTHA ANN WHITE

Date of Death October 12

Place of Death

2418 South Eight Street

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

8-20-1867 Age 87

Birthplace

England

Occupation

Ordained minister

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife

Jackson

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary heart disease

Place of Burial

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Folsom Funeral Director

McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. P. Baken at 1:53 a.m., October 12, 1954.

The deceased, an aged woman, had been under the care of Dr. M. P. Baken in the past; however, at the time of her death Dr. Baken had not seen the woman for over a year.

During the late evening hours of Monday, October 11, 1954 the deceased became critically ill in her home. Dr. Baken was summoned; however he pronounced the woman dead on arrival. Death occurred at 12:55 a.m., October 12th.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the home to view the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was released directly to the funeral director.

MARTHA ANN WHITE (Continued)

Police officers Parker and Thurnell answered the call to this address and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

The deceased is survived by two sisters; Mrs. Ada Edwards, Santa Maria, California and Mrs. Emma Wood, Southgate, California. There are also four nieces and one nephew surviving.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ADDIE H. HARE

Date of Death October 12

Place of Death Minnesota Soldiers Home

Autopsy No

Place of Accident Same

Pathologist No

Residence 4524 Pillsbury Avenue

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 8-21-1865 Age 89

Birthplace Wayzata, Minnesota

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife Heber Hare

Names of Parents William Hoagland & Johanna Wakefield

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Bronchopneumonia; fracture of right hip

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Hern, physician at the Minnesota Soldier's Home, at 5:36 p.m., October 12, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, was a patient at the Minnesota Soldier's Home. On August 2, 1954, it was stated, she fell in her room at the home incurring a fracture of the right hip. She was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital on the same day. An internal fixation of the fracture was performed on September 7th. Due to her advanced age and general physical condition the deceased's progress was slow. She was returned to the Minnesota Soldier's Home on September 24th for further convalescence. Prognosis at time of discharge was poor. She expired at 3:45 p.m., October 12th, death being due to bilateral bronchopneumonia, fracture of the hip being a contributing factor.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954.....

FULL NAME HENRY CHARLES GREEN

Date of Death October 12

Place of Death 4326 Washburn Avenue North

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

8-2-1894 Age 60

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Occupation

Electrician - Electrical Contractor

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Victoria

Names of Parents

Charles Green and Amanda Peterson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary disease

Place of Burial

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Welander Quist Company
1200 West Broadway

Address

Social Security No. 548-18-1787

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:45 p.m., October 12, 1954.

The deceased had a history of a cardiac condition for many years and has suffered from shortness of breath. He had been treated at intervals in the past by Dr. C. C. Kennedy, also by Dr. R. S. Andrews. However he had not seen either of these physicians during the three months prior to his death.

According to the deceased's wife, Victoria, the deceased had been complaining recently of sharp pains in his chest. At dinner time, Tuesday, October 12, 1954, he stated the pains were more severe than usual. He took some citro-carbonate, gained some relief, but the pain soon returned. He then drank a small amount of brandy, it was stated, then retired to bed.

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CORONER'S RECORD

HENRY C. GREEN (Continued)

About 11:30 that evening, Miss Lois Tracy, a roomer in the house, heard a loud thud from the deceased's bedroom. She went to investigate, but on first entering the room the deceased was nowhere in sight. His breathing was audible, however, and searching further, Miss Tracy found the deceased lying on the floor beside his bed, out of sight from the doorway. The man was vomiting and gasping and was very cyanotic.

Miss Tracy summoned the deceased's wife who, in her confusion, telephone the deceased's brother, Adolph Green, then summoned the next door neighbor, Mr. M. F. Klein. The latter immediately summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital. However, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead on arrival, at 11:35 p.m.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene to examine the body. The man was a large, somewhat obese, person lying on his back with his head turned slightly to the left. There was much emesis about the mouth and under the body, the face extremely cyanotic. It was apparent the man had fallen out of bed during his final cardiac attack. A telephone interview with Dr. Kennedy was made. He feels the deceased was a definite coronary case.

Death was ascribed to coronary disease by the deputy coroner and the body was released directly to the funeral director.

Police officers Cleveland and C. E. Johnson, squad No. 143, arrived at the scene of this death and remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

In addition to his wife, and the brother mentioned in this history, the deceased is survived by another brother, Clarence Green of California, and two sisters, Mrs. Francis Wold of Minneapolis and Mrs. Helen James of California.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19..54.....

FULL NAME MARY DOLNEY

Date of Death October 12

Place of Death	St. Mary's Hospital	Autopsy	Hospital
Place of Accident	720 Huron Street Southeast	Pathologist	Dr. Allen S. Judd
Residence	720 Huron Street Southeast	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-10-1873 Age 81		
Birthplace	Ireland		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	George Dolney		
Names of Parents	Michael Barrett & Anna Dixon		
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident	Arteriosclerotic heart disease; fracture of left femur		
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the funeral director at 3:00 p.m., October 13, 1954.

The deceased, an elderly woman, fell in some manner in her home on September 19, 1954 incurring an intertrochanteric fracture of the left femur. She was admitted by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital on that date, under the care of Dr. H. B. Sweetser. Surgical repair of the femur was performed on September 23rd.

The deceased appeared to be making good progress with her convalescence until October 11th when she became confused and noisy. Some uremia was present and her condition became progressively worse until death occurred at 6:00 p.m., October 12th.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital shortly after death. This revealed death was due to arteriosclerotic heart disease, fracture of the femur being a contributing factor. The coronary anterior descending branch was narrow, it was noted; however, there was no real infarct. Infarct was noted in the kidney. Diverticulosis and diverticulitis of the sigmoid was revealed.

MARY DOLNEY (Continued)

The deceased is survived by a son, John, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Wollman and Miss Margaret Dolney, all of Minneapolis. There is also a brother, Anthony J. Barrett of St. Paul; and four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Porter, Mrs. Sarah Bailey, Miss Ann Barrett and Mrs. Julia Murray, all of Minneapolis. Two grandsons and five great-grandchildren also survive.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDNA B. RAHN

Date of Death Ed. October 12

Place of Death	Swedish Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Janis Sika
Residence	3848 46th Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-15-1874 Age 79		
Birthplace	Virginia City, Nevada		
Occupation	Accountant, Van Dusen Harrington		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed		
Name of Husband or Wife	William F. Rahn		
Names of Parents	Bennett Benson & Molly Grottem		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		None except listed On Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Welanders Quist Company 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. E. L. Kruger of Swedish Hospital at 12:05 a.m., October 13, 1954.

The deceased had been a patient at Swedish Hospital for sometime with a diagnosis of ventral hernia and rectovaginal fistula. She had been scheduled for surgery on the morning of October 13, 1954 with a possible diagnosis of cancer of the cervix.

At 9:00 p.m., October 12th, the deceased was given a sleeping medication consisting of one capsule of Ethobral. She appeared oriented and co-operative at that time, it was stated. At 10:15 Miss Mary Nicholson, student nurse, made her rounds and, while checking the deceased's room (Room 102), noted the deceased was breathing normally. She stated that dimly, without turning on the room lights, she saw the deceased in the normal position of sleep, her head on the pillow. Miss Nicholson did not go beyond the door of the room at this time as everything appeared to be all right.

EDNA B. RAHN (Continued)

At 11:30 p.m. Mrs. Marion Elfstrand, registered nurse who had just come on duty, was making rounds. When she entered the room of the deceased she found her hanging by her chin from the side rails of the bed. She was dead. There had been no outcry from the deceased, hospital personnel stated.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner an examination of the scene was made. The deceased, a cachetic, elderly white woman, was dangling from the point of her chin with all of her body, except her hands and that part of the head above the level of the chin and occiput, through the aperture of the lower half of the bed rails. These rails were on the side of the bed facing the door of the room. A quantity of fecal material and a broken drainage tube from a catheter were found on the bed. (The drainage bottle, it was noted, was on the opposite side of the bed from the deceased). Fecal material, also a bloody discharge from the vagina, was found on the floor below the body.

It is the opinion of the deputy coroner that the deceased, while apparently having involuntary defecation, had been attempting to get out of bed. In the state of mind of one her age, especially while under the effects of barbiturates, the woman had apparently become excited and confused and had slipped through the bedrail and been caught there. Her mouth was clamped shut, it was noted, and the call button appeared to be just out of effective reach. The bedrail was holding the deceased by the point of the chin only, without very much pressure on the soft tissues and structures of the neck. However, the head was markedly retroflexed on the neck.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on the date of death. In the opinion of the pathologist it was deemed advisable to wait for the reports on the chemical analysis and microscopic examinations before stating the exact cause of death.

The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Christina Bennett, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

BETTY DORIS SEYMOUR

Date of Death October 13

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Cornelia VanProoyen

Residence

3621 First Avenue South

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

4-8-1929 Age 25

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minnesota

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Occupation

Waitress

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Unknown

Names of Parents

George H. Seymour & Charlotte Carter

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Bilateral bronchial pneumonia;
severe nephrosis due to criminal
abortion

Place of Burial

Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Abrahamson Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 473-26-0647

Veteran Yes
No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 2:10 a.m., October 13, 1954.

The deceased was admitted to Minneapolis General Hospital at 3:25 p.m., September 29, 1954, bleeding profusely from the vagina. On admittance, she stated she had not menstruated from May until she began to bleed on September 24, 1954. Her hemoglobin on admittance was 6.0 gm. She was in acidosis. Examination revealed no evidence of trauma to the vagina or cervix. The placenta was protruding through the partially dilated cervical os.

On September 30, additional questioning revealed the deceased admitted only that she had inserted a glass tube ("straw") with a rubber bulb syringe attached, and injected a mixture of turpentine, soap and water into the uterus on September 24, 1954. She said that about four hours later she began to have chills and cramps, began to bleed, and passed some "tissue." She became progressively more ill, and on

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September 25 began to have diarrhea.

The course of the deceased in the hospital was septic, acidotic and uremic. However, she gradually improved, and was voiding as much as 2000 cc. of urine, specific gravity approximately 1016, daily, and the infection appeared to be under control. However, about three days before death occurred, the deceased began to have diarrhea, and a staphylococcus organism was isolated. In spite of all therapy, the new infection appeared to overload her already overtaxed adrenals and other stress protective capabilities, and she became acidotic again and expired at 2:04 a.m., October 13.

The deputy coroner discussed the case with the deceased's mother, Mrs. George H. (Charlotte) Seymour, and her sister, Dorothy Wheeler, all of whom lived together at 3621 First Avenue South, on the date of death at the hospital. The mother and sister were unaware of the true condition of the deceased until informed by the deputy coroner. Mrs. Seymour stated the deceased was secretive and resented questioning as to her activities, and habitually kept her own counsel. Mrs. Seymour further stated the deceased frequently absented herself from home, however, she had remained at home nearly all summer. She recalled that her daughter had been absent from home for three days prior to September 28, and had returned home ill on that date.

After death, the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue, where an autopsy was performed on October 13. This revealed membranous enteritis; myo endometritis with abscess and perforation; parametritis; bilateral pneumonia; and nephrosis.

In the opinion of the deputy coroner who investigated this case, as well as the coroner, this young woman's death was due to a criminally-induced abortion. However, the physicians in attendance at Minneapolis General Hospital were inclined to accept the information given to them by this decedent, substantiated by the fact that there was no trauma indicated in the region of the vagina and cervix. The detectives who were called on the case after death had occurred accepted the opinion of the hospital doctors.

The following is a copy of a letter directed to the Minneapolis Police Department by Dr. Sheldon C. Reed, senior resident in obstetrics and gynecology, Minneapolis General Hospital:

"Re: Betty D. Seymour, age 25, MGH #81397, admitted Sept. 29, exp. 10-13-54. This 25 year old white female was admitted to Minneapolis General Hospital on September 29, 1954. She gave the history that her last normal menstrual period occurred in the end of May of 1954. Following this period she had no vaginal bleeding until the night of September 24, 1954, when she began to bleed profusely, using 18 pads that night. She stated that that night she had passed a small piece of tissue associated with marked lower abdominal cramps. The rather profuse vaginal bleeding continued to the time of admission. She further stated that on the day of admission she had severe lower abdominal cramps, chills, fever, and felt faint on several occasions. She had also noted shortness of breath. On the day following admission the patient was questioned rather vigorously by me as to whether or not the abortion had been induced. She finally admitted that on the morning of Sept. 24th she had douched with turpentine and soap suds, using a bulb syringe and glass straw which she thought she had inserted approximately 1½ inches into the cervix. She repeatedly denied that anyone else had done this but that it had been done by herself alone. She stated that she had learned from different people that this solution was very effective to bring on an abortion. Two or three hours after douching with this solution she noted the onset of chills and fever. That afternoon bleeding began and she fainted for a few minutes. Later that afternoon she developed severe lower abdominal pain and the bleeding became heavier.

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FULL NAME BETTY DORIS SEYMOUR (Continued) - Date of Death October 13, 1954

Place of Death	Autopsy
Place of Accident	Pathologist
Residence	Inquest
Sex	Effects Taken in charge
Birthdate	Age
Birthplace	
Occupation	
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	
Name of Husband or Wife	
Names of Parents	
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural
	Accident
	Suicide
	Homicide
	Undetermined
Place of Burial	Effects Released to
Funeral Director	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

The symptoms were of such severity as to force her to stay in bed and these symptoms persisted until admission. On the night of September 24th she stated that a large piece of tissue was passed. On September 25th she noted the onset of diarrhea.

Physical findings on admission revealed a blood pressure of 108/40, pulse 140, respirations 36, and a temperature of 102.6 orally. She was very pale and dyspneic and presented the picture of chronic blood loss and borderline shock. Physical findings were negative except in the abdomen and pelvis. There was tenderness over the whole lower abdomen with some localization over the uterus, which was enlarged to the size of a 3-4 months gestation. The bowel sounds were decreased. Examination of the pelvis revealed a small amount of tissue in the vagina with a small amount of blood. There was no evidence of injury or trauma to the vaginal mucosa. The cervix was large, soft, bluish and the os was dilated

to about 2½ cm. Motion of the cervix caused pain. There was no sign of any injury to the cervix suggesting instrumentation. The discharge from the cervix was rather purulent and mal odorous. The uterus was enlarged to the size of a 12-14 weeks gestation, was soft, globular and quite tender. The adnexae were tender bilaterally and no masses or organs were palpable. The impression at this time was that of an incomplete septic abortion.

Intravenous fluids and antibiotics were started and when the hemoglobin of 6 gms. % was reported a blood transfusion was begun. Eight hours after admission it was found that very little urine was being excreted. It was then learned from the patient that she had put out very little urine for the past two days. The day following admission the patient began to show more signs of peritonitis. She received massive doses of antibiotics and her temperature returned to normal on the sixth hospital day. The urine output began to improve on the seventh hospital day. The amount of urine increased greatly from the eleventh day. The patient's general condition seemed to be improving and on the 12th hospital day she was ambulated four times a day. On the 10th hospital day diarrhea was noted and gradually increased in severity. Her condition suddenly began to deteriorate on the night of October 11th and she failed rather rapidly during the day of October 12th.

It should be re-emphasized that the patient was questioned repeatedly by different examiners as to whether or not this abortion was self induced or induced by someone else and each time the patient vehemently denied that there had been anyone else involved. She was most emphatic on all occasions that she had induced the abortion herself. It is the opinion of this staff that there is no evidence to support the theory that this abortion had been induced by anyone else other than the patient herself."

In the opinion of the deputy coroner the lack of evidence of trauma to the vagina and the cervix, the admitted type of abortifacient and the statement of the deceased's mother as to the absence of the deceased from her home for a three day period immediately prior to her admission to the hospital in a very ill state, all point to the conclusion that the abortion was accomplished by someone possessed of a good degree of "skill" in performing this means of terminating pregnancy, other than the deceased herself. The coroner concurs with the deputy coroner, as previously mentioned, that it would hardly have been possible for this decedent to have inserted a tube into the cervix without assistance from another person. Therefore, this death is being classified as a criminally-induced abortion.

Detectives who investigated this case, after having been notified of the death by the deputy coroner, were Mealey and Meehan, and Stenberg and Cronstrom.

Besides her mother and her sister, the deceased is also survived by three brothers, Don R., of Erie, Pa; Charles R. of Bloomington; and Oscar L. of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HENRY L. LAZAR

Date of Death Fd. October 13

Place of Death	Lake Minnetonka - by home on Timber Lane Road	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Ralph Nelson
Residence	Timber Lane Road Excelsior Township	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-31-1881 Age 73	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Louisiana		
Occupation	Physician - medicine		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Edna L.		
Names of Parents	Lafayette Lazar & Maggie Freed		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Suffocation due to drowning	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. J.A. Dupont of Excelsior at 5:25 p.m., October 13, 1954.

The deceased, a retired physician, lived with his wife in a home on the shore of Lake Minnetonka, Timber Lane Road, Excelsior Township. The deceased spent most of the time Wednesday afternoon, October 13, 1954, fishing from his dock in the bay in front of his home. A man working on the property next door to the deceased's saw the man on and off during the afternoon. At 4:00 p.m. a neighbor, Horace G. Aldritt, Howard's Point, Excelsior, saw the deceased. At that time he was in his garage, it was stated.

About 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Lazar went to the dock to summon her husband to dinner. There she found him floating in the water. Dr. Dupont was quickly summoned from Excelsior and the Excelsior fire department was notified. The fire department rescue squad, arriving at 4:55, failed in an effort to resuscitate the deceased. Dr. Dupont pronounced the man dead on arrival at 5:15 p.m.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GEORGE DODD

Date of Death October 13

Place of Death	Swedish Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	135 Cedar Avenue	Pathologist	Dr. Allan R. Jay
Residence	Balsam Lake, Wisconsin	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-1-1885 Age 69		
Birthplace	Wolf Creek, Wisconsin		
Occupation	Laborer - construction		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Thomas & ? Dodd		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Pulmonary embolism following surgery to nose; fracture of nose; severe cardiac disease	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Balsam Lake, Wisconsin	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director John C. Park, Centuria, Wisconsin	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. W. J. Carr at 6:55 p.m., October 13, 1954.

The deceased, a resident of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, was staying at 135 Cedar Avenue while in Minneapolis. On October 12, 1954, he fell in some manner at that address, suffering a severe laceration of the nose. The deceased had suffered for sometime from a severe cardiac condition and it is believed he may have suffered a cardiac attack when he fell. He was admitted to Swedish Hospital on October 12th and placed under the care of Dr. W. J. Carr. Examination revealed his nose was fractured. This was repaired by surgery of the bone and tissues.

On October 13th the deceased suffered another cardiac attack which proved fatal. Death occurred at 5:27 p.m.

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The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the morning of October 14th. This revealed death was caused by suffocation due to drowning. Pulmonary edema and congestion was noted, also bronchial aspiration of watery material.

It is believed the deceased may have suffered a minor heart attack before falling into the water from the dock. He had suffered one previous cardiac attack in the past, it was stated.

Constable Trich of Excelsior was active in the investigation of this case.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Edna, and a sister, Mrs. Rosa Lazar of Magnolia, Mississippi. There is also a nephew, C. Edward Howard, Murray Hill, Excelsior.

GEORGE DODD (Continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the morning of October 14th. This revealed death was due to a pulmonary embolism, fracture of the nose being a contributing factor. Severe cardiac disease was noted.

It was learned that the initial death certificate on this case was signed by Dr. W. J. Carr as follows: Pulmonary embolism, instantaneous; post operative repair of laceration (7 hours); fall in home (24 hours). Due to the fact an injury was involved in this death the case was reported to this office and a new death certificate was signed by this office.

Names of survivors of the deceased (if any) are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MICHAEL FARKAS

Date of Death October 14

Place of Death	1206 James Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-25-1892 Age 62		
Birthplace	Hungary		
Occupation	Tailor		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Frieda Farkas		
Names of Parents	Martin Farkas & Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Adath Jeshurun Cemetery Edina, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Hodroff & Sons Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 468-38-1499

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:10 a.m., October 14, 1954.

On Wednesday evening, October 13, 1954, the deceased complained that he had heart burn. In an effort to relieve his distress he took some bisodol before retiring to bed at 9:30. He was up again for a few minutes about 11:00 p.m., his wife stated, then returned to bed. When Mrs. Farkas arose at 6:55 a.m. Thursday (October 14th), she noticed the deceased was uncovered. When she went to cover him she found he was dead.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the scene to view the body. The deceased had received no medical care during the last six months, it was stated. He had had a physical check-up by a physician in April, 1954, shortly before his marriage.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME

AUGUST MOSE LA FERRIERE

Date of Death

Fd. October 14

Place of Death

226 Washington Avenue North

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

7-?-1894 Age 60

Birthplace

Anoka, Minnesota

Occupation

Elevator operator - building

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents

Frank LaFerriere & Anna Laundry

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Rainville Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 476-05-9388

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐ 12-24-19 to
12-23-22

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:40 p.m., October 14, 1954.

The deceased lived in Room 91 at the Pacific Hotel, 226 Washington Avenue North. He had a history of cardiac disease and had been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital in the past. The man was a heavy drinker, it was stated.

The deceased was last seen alive by the manager of the Hotel, J. E. Noreen, on Wednesday afternoon, October 13, 1954. When the manager went to the deceased's room at noon on Thursday, (October 14th), he found the man dead in his bed. He was lying on his back, dressed in underwear and trousers. The body was discovered at 12:05 p.m.

Upon being notified the deputy coroner went to the room to examine the body. The man had apparently been dead for several hours as rigor mortis was well established.

MICHAEL FARKAS (Continued)

Death was attributed to coronary heart disease by the deputy coroner and the body was released directly to the funeral director.

Police officers D. Vick and R. Stiras, squad No. 144, were active in the investigation of this death, as was Detective Neary.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Frieda; two sons, Martin and Paul, all of Minneapolis. Three brothers, Max, Phoenix, Arizona, Joseph of Minneapolis, and Jack of Detroit, Michigan also survive, as well as two grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHRISTINA B. PETERSON Date of Death October 14

Place of Death	Fairview Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	4509 Nicollet Avenue	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-16-1868 Age 86		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed		
Name of Husband or Wife	Swan		
Names of Parents	John & Sigurd Colmark		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Bronchopneumonia due to fracture of left femur	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lengby, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 3:50 p.m., October 14, 1954.

According to the history on this case the deceased, an aged woman, fell in some manner in her home while coming down the stairs on the afternoon of October 5, 1954. She was removed by ambulance to Fairview Hospital where she was admitted at 3:00 p.m. Admitting examination revealed a fracture of the left femur.

Due to the woman's advanced age and general physical condition, her physicians, Dr. M. S. Belzer and Dr. S. Esensten, deemed surgery inadvisable. Bronchopneumonia developed and death occurred at 3:15 p.m., October 14th.

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CHRISTINA B. PETERSON (Continued)

The decedent is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Esther Sederberg of Minneapolis and Mrs. Selma Olson, Remer, Minnesota. There are three sons, John, Edwin and Arthur, and one brother, Carl Colmark, all of whom reside in Minneapolis. Another brother, Erick Colmark and one of her sisters, Mrs. Martha Osterberg, live in Kensington, Minnesota. Another sister, Mrs. Sophie O'Brien, lives in Los Angeles, California. There are numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren surviving.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MARION F. KLINGBERG

Date of Death Fd. October 14

Place of Death	4755 France Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-31-1929 Age 25	None except listed On Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Leland Klingberg		
Names of Parents	Edward Fairbairn & Francis Meyers		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide	Strangulation due to hanging	
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Calvary Cemetery Prior Lake, Minnesota	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Sidney O. Nolden Jordan, Minnesota	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:20 p.m., October 14, 1954.

Late Thursday afternoon the deceased's husband returned home from work and, not finding his wife about the house, began to search for her. At approximately 4:55 p.m. he went down in the basement where he found the deceased lying on the floor, fully clothed. Mr. Klingberg hastily summoned an ambulance stating his wife had suffered a "heart attack". Police officers Dignen and Greenwood, squad No. 781 of the St. Louis Park police, arrived at the scene at 4:57. They noted the deceased, a rope around her neck, was lying beneath a dangling rope which, at first glance, appeared to have been cut. Officers Peltola and Hogans, squad No. 152 of the Minneapolis Police Department, were then summoned to the scene. Meanwhile the ambulance had arrived with Dr. James E. Brown aboard. He pronounced the woman dead on arrival at 5:10 p.m.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WAYNE LINDSLEY MC VAY

Date of Death October 14

Place of Death	4049 Sunnyside Avenue Morningside, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Lee Wattenberg
Residence	4617 Bruce Avenue, Edina	Inquest	No
Sex	male	Effects Taken in charge	**\$596.25; *1 Gruen wrist watch; 1 lodge pin; 1 gold ring (white setting); 1 cigarette lighter; 1 tie clasp; 1 hearing aid; 1 Shaeffer fountain pen; 1 pr. glasses in case; 1 key holder, 4 keys; 1 billfold
Birthdate	3-23-1889 Age 65		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Birthplace	Sterling, Kansas		
Occupation	Broom corn broker		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Helen Mansker McVay		
Names of Parents	William McVay & Code Buckles		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Auto Accident	Cerebral concussion	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Crematory	Effects Released to	** By Karl Covell, Attorney * Neil McGraw, Funeral Director
Funeral Director	Gill Brothers	Address	** 931 First Nat'l. Soo Line Bldg. * 1414 Laurel Avenue, Minneapolis

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes NoX WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:20 p.m., October 14, 1954.

Late Thursday evening, October 14, 1954, the deceased was driving alone in his car, a 1954 Mercury coupe, bearing 1954 Minnesota license number 948-947, west on Sunnyside Avenue in the village of Morningside. Suddenly, witnesses stated, the deceased's car left the road, went over a lawn and crashed into the brick home of Edward E. Adams, 4049 Sunnyside Avenue. The accident occurred at approximately 11:15 p.m. at a point 160 feet south of Curve Avenue. The deceased was found lying on the floor of the front seat. Dr. C. V. Rockwell, quickly summoned to the scene, pronounced the man dead on arrival.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the morning of October 15th. This revealed death was due to a cerebral concussion. Apparently the deceased lost control of his car and died in the resulting crash.

MARION F. KLINGBERG (Continued)

Further examination at the scene was made by the deputy coroner and the various police officers. It was noted the deceased's left shoe was in her left hand. Nearby was a small folding chair. Closer examination of the rope revealed it had apparently frayed apart or had broken. The dangling end was fastened to scaffold braces in the ceiling of the basement. The part around the deceased's neck contained a slip-knot. Apparently the deceased had stood on the folding chair and tied the rope around her neck, then stepped off the chair. The rope, which was a piece of common clothesline, apparently was not strong enough to bear her weight very long, and the deceased later fell to the floor. Examination of the body revealed that though some body heat remained, rigor mortis was already beginning. Death was due to strangulation by hanging and was ruled a suicide by the deputy coroner.

In talking with members of the family it was learned the deceased had a five months old baby who had recently been staying with the grandmother because the deceased had been in a highly nervous condition and was unable to care for the child. Her physical condition was good, it was stated. She had had a physical examination a short time ago. Donna Jean Fairbairn, a sister of the deceased, who lives at the same address stated the deceased had stated that morning at about 7:00 O'clock that she "wished she were dead".

Mr. Klingberg, who works for the Continental Machinery Company at Savage, Minnesota, said he spoke to his wife by telephone at 12:15 p.m. that day and she was apparently in good spirits at that time. She did mention that she was somewhat worried about the baby, he stated. She had also told him over the phone that she had something important to tell him when he got home. Upon inquiring what it was, Klingberg continued, she had merely told him "It can wait".

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later released to the funeral director.

WAYNE LINDSLEY MC VAY (Continued)

Deputy sheriff L. McMullen of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene of this accident shortly after it occurred. Officers from the Edina Police Department were also present.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter, Mrs. J. Robert Thompson of Brookfield, Illinois; grandson, Wayne and granddaughter, Carol Virginia Thompson; and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Brumm, Little Rock, Arkansas.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

MARY JANE ROSEMAN

Date of Death October 14

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

817 Park Avenue

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

7-12-1887 Age 67

Birthplace

Woodman, Wisconsin

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Ernest Roseman

Names of Parents

Patrick Glynn & Mary Murphy

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary disease; diabetes mellitus;
multiple old healed fractures

Place of Burial

Rosedale Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

Hodroff Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the deputy coroner at 11:15 a.m., October 16, 1954

The deceased had a history of diabetes dating back to 1942 and had been a patient of the out-patient department (medicine clinic) at Minneapolis General Hospital for this condition. Her last visit there was in April, 1954.

About a year ago the deceased suffered an accident resulting in multiple fractures, including the right femur, left tibia and fibula, and the left humerus. Due to a condition of generalized osteopetrosis she required care for these fractures, both as an in-hospital patient and in the fracture clinic at General Hospital, from November 16, 1953 to June 26, 1954. In June the fractures were found to be apparently healed. During this period she was cared for in a rest home part of the time, later being released to her home where her husband, Ernest, took care of her.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

SAMUEL HAUGESAG

Date of Death

October 15

Place of Death

Mount Sinai Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Dawson, Minnesota

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

9-20-1875 Age 79

Birthplace

Goodhue County, Minnesota

Occupation

Retired farmer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife

Hannah Haugesag

Names of Parents

Elof and ? Haugesag

Natural

Accident

Third degree burns of upper one-third of body

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Dawson, Minnesota

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by a Dr. Werthman from Mount Sinai Hospital at 10:00 a.m., October 15, 1954.

According to the history on this case on October 14, 1954 the deceased, an elderly retired farmer at Dawson, Minnesota, was experimenting with an electric stove in his home when his clothing suddenly caught fire. He ran outside and, before aid arrived, had suffered severe burns over the upper portion of his body. Dr. Mass of Dawson had the man taken by ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis where he was admitted at 4:30 p.m. October 14th. His condition on admission was critical and he was in a coma. Death occurred the next morning, (October 15th) at 7:50 a.m. Dr. Hay was the physician in charge of this case at the hospital.

Death was attributed to third degree burns of upper one-third of body with auricular fibrillation and decompensated heart disease being contributing factors.

CORONER'S RECORD

MARY JANE ROSEMAN (Continued)

On October 11, 1954 the deceased became seriously ill in her home and an ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. She was admitted to the hospital at 6:23 p.m. that date, admitting diagnosis being coronary disease and diabetes mellitus. Her condition gradually deteriorated and death occurred at 9:50 p.m., October 14th.

At the time of her death the deceased was survived by her husband, Ernest. Names of other survivors (if any) are unknown to the Coroner's Office. Ernest Roseman followed his wife in death the next day (9:00 p.m., October 15, 1954). Details of his death are contained in the Coroner's Record on page 918.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ROY T. HALLINAN

Date of Death October 15

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	On scaffold - 4th & Marquette	Pathologist	Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen
Residence	2317 Fifth Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	Cash \$12.33; American Express money order \$15.00; 1 key; 1 comb; miscellaneous papers
Birthdate	3-12-1916 Age 38	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	(Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)
Birthplace	New Effington, South Dakota		
Occupation	Painter		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Phyllis		
Names of Parents	John Hallinan & Ella Brady		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. John Hallinan, mother
Funeral Director	Richard M. Gill Chapel	Address	2301 Fifth Avenue South

Folsom

Social Security No.
Veteran Yesx No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 4:10 p.m., October 15, 1954.

The deceased was employed as a painter for the Kinsley Fourth Avenue Paint Shop, 2118 Fourth Avenue South--owner, Roy Kinsley. On Friday afternoon, October 15, 1954, he was painting the outside of the Times Arcade Building, between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Marquette Avenue. Manager and owner of the building is the E. L. Kavli Realty Company.

Shortly before 3:50 p.m. that afternoon the deceased, who was working on a scaffold, slipped and fell to the ground. Witnesses summoned an ambulance from Minneapolis General Hospital. Police officers Campbell and Short, squad No. 117, first to arrive on the scene, found the deceased lying at an angle on the sidewalk, his feet toward the building, his head four feet from the building and six feet from the alley which runs between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Marquette. The scaffolding was twenty-five feet from the sidewalk and it was apparent the man had fallen between the scaffolding and the side of the building.

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CORONER'S RECORD

ROY T. HALLINAN (Continued)

The deceased, critically injured, was placed aboard the ambulance, Dr. Brazie in attendance. However, he expired en route at 3:56 p.m., and was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the date of death. This revealed a severe skull fracture and ruptures of the aorta, liver, spleen and right kidney. Further findings included an advanced case of active tuberculosis.

The decedent is survived by one son, Gregory, and a daughter, Bonnie, St. Paul, Minnesota; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hallinan, Minneapolis; three brothers, Paul and Francis of Minneapolis and John of Custer, South Dakota. One sister also survives, Mrs. William J. Mahoney, St. Paul.

Place of Birth: St. Paul, Minnesota
Date of Birth: 1914
Place of Death: Asbury Hospital
Date of Death: 1954

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. W. P. Miller, Asbury Hospital, at 9:10 p.m., October 15, 1954.

The deceased was employed as a painter for the United States Postal Service, with home address 5709 Harriet Avenue South, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was on his way to work Thursday morning, October 14, 1954, when he was involved in a two car collision at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and East 33rd Street. The accident occurred about 9:50 a.m. Driver of the other car was Wayne L. Wilhelm, 5709 Harriet Avenue South.

Neither of the two men involved in the collision received injuries, however, police officers at the scene recall the deceased appeared to be very excited and agitated after the incident. The deceased continued on to work.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME WILFRED J. FLETCHER

Date of Death October 15

Place of Death	Asbury Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. S. T. Nerenberg
Residence	3305 Fremont Avenue South	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 Masonic ring, white stone
Birthdate	6-18-1890 Age 64	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	England		
Occupation	Sales representative -Life Insurance		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Irene M. Fletcher		
Names of Parents	Charles & Caroline Fletcher		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease with infarction; carcinoma of prostate with metastasis to urinary bladder.	
	Accidentx		
	Suicidex		
	Homicidex		
	Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	M. A. Thomson, funeral director Thomson Brothers
Folsom Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers	Address	2535 Park Avenue

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. W. P. Miller, Asbury Hospital, at 9:10 p.m., October 15, 1954.

The deceased was a sales representative and member of the field executive staff of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was on his way to work Thursday morning, October 14, 1954, when he was involved in a two car collision at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and East 33rd Street. The accident occurred about 9:50 a.m. Driver of the other car was Wayne L. Wilhelm, 5709 Harriet Avenue South.

Neither of the two men involved in the collision received injuries, however, police officers at the scene recall the deceased appeared to be very excited and agitated after the incident. The deceased continued on to work.

WILFRED J. FLETCHER (Continued)

Later that morning the deceased began to feel ill while at the Western Electric Plant, 3100 East 28th Street. He went to the nurse's office in the building and, while she was examining him, he became very faint. An ambulance was summoned and the man was removed to Asbury Hospital where he was admitted at 11:00 a.m. and placed under the care of Dr. Harold F. Wahlquist. Admitting examination revealed no injuries. A diagnosis of coronary occlusion was made, symptoms being precordial pain, emesis, and a temperature of 101°. The deceased was placed in an oxygen tent. Later his pulse became stronger and he felt considerably better except for difficult breathing. That night he experienced bloody expectoration and cough and by morning was critically ill. Death occurred at 8:40 p.m. October 15th.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the morning of October 16th. The findings were as follows: A left coronary thrombosis with extensive anterior wall myocardial infarction; left and right heart failure with chronic, passive congestion of the lungs, liver and viscera; bilateral pulmonary edema and effusion; bilateral bronchial pneumonia; and carcinoma of the prostate gland with extension into the urinary bladder and metastasis to the retroperitoneal lymph nodes and vertebrae.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Irene; a brother, Ernest, Kincaid, Canada; and three sisters, Mrs. C. V. Pinell, Fort Saskatchewan, Canada; and Mrs. Lewis Johnstone and Mrs. E. A. Clark, both of Victoria, Canada.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954.....

FULL NAME ERNEST ROSEMAN

Date of Death October 15

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	817 Park Avenue	Pathologist	Dr. Cornelia VanProoyen
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-19-1892 Age 62		
Birthplace	Cincinnati, Ohio		
Occupation	Cook		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mary Jane		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx Accident Suicidex Homicidex Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Rosedale Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	Hodroff Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 311-01-3395

Veteran Yes Unknown WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 9:15 p.m., October 15, 1954.

The deceased lived with his wife, Mary Jane, in a one room apartment at 817 Park Avenue. On Monday, October 11, 1954, Mrs. Roseman became seriously ill and was taken by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital for treatment. Apparently sometime that evening the deceased, now alone in the apartment, fell in some manner, injuring his right hip. He was found the next day (October 12th) lying on the floor by his landlord. The latter helped the deceased into a chair; however, when he suggested getting medical aid for the man, the deceased refused to allow it.

The next day (October 13th), finding the deceased was in great pain, the landlord summoned the ambulance from General Hospital without consulting the deceased. He was removed to the hospital where examination upon admission revealed a fracture of the right hip.

CORONER'S RECORD

ERNEST ROSEMAN (Continued)

The deceased, who was known to be a heavy drinker, was in poor physical condition and failed rapidly. Death occurred at 9:00 p.m., October 15th.

An autopsy, performed at the hospital on the morning of October 16th, revealed death was due to coronary disease, fracture of the hip being a contributing factor. Other findings included pulmonary edema, infarct, and emboli; myocardial hemorrhage; fatty metamorphosis of the liver; and a possible pneumonia.

Names of survivors of the deceased (if any) are unknown to the Coroner's Office. The deceased's wife, Mary Jane Roseman, preceded her husband in death by one day. (9:50 p.m. October 14, 1954). Details surrounding her death are contained in the Coroner's Record on page 914.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

CLAUS H. PETERSON

Date of Death

October 15

Place of Death

Veterans Hospital

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Stillwater, Minnesota

Pathologist

Dr. Donald F. Gleason

Residence

101 South Main Street
Stillwater, Minnesota

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

2-19-1887 Age 67

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Carpenter (general)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents

John Peterson & Emma Carlson

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Coronary thrombosis; fracture
of left elbow

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director

Kessler-Maguire Funeral Home
St. Paul, Minnesota

Address

Social Security No. Unknown

Veteran Yes
NoWW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. D. F. Gleason of Veterans Hospital at 12:00 noon, October 18, 1954.

According to the history on this case the deceased had a history of a cardiac condition for many years.

At 6:15 p.m., October 8, 1954, the deceased, a resident of Stillwater, Minnesota, was admitted to Veterans Hospital with a fracture of the left elbow. Dr. Racer of Stillwater had referred the man in. The hospital authorities were unable to get definite information as to how the deceased had incurred his injury, outside of the fact it had happened in Stillwater. Apparently the deceased had been involved in a fight and had fallen.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PAUL HOGGLUND

Date of Death October 16

Place of Death	Augustana Home for the Aged 1405 Tenth Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	1316 South Seventh Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$14.00; 1 coin purse; 1 billfold.
Birthdate	3-2-1868 Age 86	Other effects listed on Morgue Record (Clothing destroyed for sanitary reasons)	
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Miller - flour mills		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Carl Hogglund & Hanna		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Naturalx		
	Accident	Multiple fractures and injuries due to fall from third floor window	
	Suicidex		
	Homicide		
	Undeterminedx		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	C. Vernon Swenson, Spec. Adm.
Kaplan Funeral Director	Welander Quist 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	1514 E. Minnehaha Parkway

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yesx No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:15 a.m., October 16, 1954.

The deceased had been a resident of the Augustana Home for the Aged at 1405 Tenth Avenue South for sometime. His room was No. 311 on the third floor.

About 6:30 a.m., October 16, 1954, a worker at the home, Florence Peterson, heard a noise outside the building. A few moments later Enid Anderson, the housekeeper, noticed a broken window in the basement. She summoned the superintendent of the home, Sister Elfrieda Sandberg and the two went to investigate. In the window well outside the broken window they found the body of the deceased, face down. This basement window well is directly below the deceased's third floor room.

PAUL HOGLUND (Continued)

Police officers Parker and Thernell, squad No. 132, arrived at the scene, then notified the Coroner's Office. Upon arrival of the deputy coroner an examination of the body was made. The deceased, fully clothed and wearing slippers, was lying in the window well on his right side. The right side of his face and nose were badly lacerated. An inspection of his room revealed his window was wide open, the floor beneath it being of tile. This floor had recently been waxed, it appeared. Upon questioning staff workers at the home it was learned the deceased had been in the habit of smoking cigarettes in his room. As he knew this was against regulations he often opened his window wide in an effort to cover up his violation of the rule. It is believed the deceased had been smoking beside the window when he slipped in some manner on the waxed floor and toppled out to his death.

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where examination revealed an obvious skull fracture, also fractures of both legs below the knees.

Only surviving relative of the deceased is a niece, Mrs. Siri Ulaffson, Gothenberg, Sweden.

CORONER'S RECORD

921

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME ALEX WADATZ

Date of Death October 16

Place of Death Asbury Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. S. T. Nerenberg

Residence 2512 22nd Avenue Northeast

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 3-5-01 Age 53

Birthplace Shepton, Pennsylvania

Occupation Car inspector - Great Northern RR.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Alice

Names of Parents Alex Wadatz & Mary Tutko

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Cerebral embolism; mural thrombus, left auricle of heart; rheumatic valvular heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Peter Kozlak Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Harold E. Miller at 10:00 a.m., October 16, 1954.

According to the history on this case the deceased, a car inspector for the Great Northern Railroad, collapsed at work Friday morning, October 15, 1954. He was removed by ambulance to Asbury Hospital, being admitted at 10:30 a.m. The man was in a coma on admission, his condition serious. He gradually deteriorated, his temperature rose to over 106° and death occurred at 7:10 a.m., October 16th.

Dr. Miller stated the deceased had inactive rheumatic valvular heart disease (mitral valve) and had had chronic auricular fibrillation for about six years. He had had a mitral valve commissurotomy about three months before his death. In the opinion of Dr. Miller death was due to a cerebral embolism.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME CHARLES BATKIEWICZ

Date of Death October 16

Place of Death 29th Ave. No. & Washington Ave.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Same

Pathologist Dr. Ralph Nelson

Residence 3021 Third Street North

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$11.55

Birthdate 1-10-1885 Age 69

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Birthplace Poland

Occupation Retired carman - Soo Line RR

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Barthalamew Batkiewicz & Mary Dlugi

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Auto Accident

Multiple injuries due to automobile accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to Anthony S. Batkiewicz, nephew

Kaplan

Funeral Director Kapala Funeral Home

Address 3927 Sheridan Avenue North

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ NoWW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:45 p.m., October 16, 1954.

On Saturday, October 16, 1954, at approximately 11:40 p.m., the deceased was struck by a car driven by Ronald Haskvitz, 17, 1311 Morgan Avenue North, while he was apparently crossing the street at 29th and Washington Avenues North. Haskvitz was traveling south on Washington Avenue, driving a 1954 Plymouth sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 800-909 at the time the accident occurred, approximately 30 feet south of the intersection of 29th Avenue North and Washington Avenue. Deceased was either dragged or thrown about 24 feet. He died at the scene, death occurring at 11:45 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:00 p.m., October 17. This revealed fractures of the left tibia, right hip, and transverse fracture of T-10; contusion

ALEX WADATZ (Continued)

An autopsy, performed at the funeral home on the afternoon of the date of death, revealed a cerebral embolism, massive, circle of Willes; mural thrombus of the left auricle of the heart, associated with surgical scar; and mitral valve disease (stenosis and insufficiency).

The decedent is survived by his wife, Alice; two sons, Sgt. Richard, Air Force, Pusan, Korea, and Alex Jr., apprentice seaman, Great Lakes, Illinois; brothers, Matt and Peter, and a sister, Mrs. Alex Franko.

CHARLES BATKIEWICZ (continued)

of the scalp; hematoma of the scalp; superficial cerebellar hemorrhages (slight); and a possible cerebral concussion.

Police officers V. Fuehrer and W. Widlund were also notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are one sister, Katherine Truchinski; also several nieces and nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

923

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLIAM PARKS NASON

Date of Death October 16

Place of Death Asbury Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 3104 First Avenue South

Pathologist Dr. S. T. Nerenberg

Residence 3912 Snelling Avenue

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$9.23; 1 ball pen & pencil; 1 knife; 1 pair glasses; 1 billfold

Birthdate 5-29-1882 Age 72

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Birthplace Iowa

Occupation Electrician

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife Hazel

Names of Parents Joseph E. Nason & Lydia Parks

Natural

Accident Bilateral pneumonia, severe; cirrhosis of liver; fracture of right hip

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to Mrs. William R. Nason, daughter

Funeral Director Welander Quist
1825 Chicago Avenue

Address 6824 Queen Avenue South

Social Security No. 475-10-1201

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. S. T. Nerenberg at 11:15 a.m., October 16, 1954.

On June 29, 1954, the deceased had incurred an intracapsular fracture of the right hip. He was removed to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted the same day and placed under the care of Dr. Henry Quist, Sr. Surgical repair of the hip was done on July 9 and deceased was subsequently discharged from the hospital on August 26.

Later, on October 13, the deceased was admitted to Asbury Hospital at 2:40 p.m. The deceased's condition became progressively critical and the man expired at 4:25 a.m., October 16.

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WILLIAM PARKS NASON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed bilateral pneumonia, severe; cirrhosis of the liver; and a fracture of the right hip was noted.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, William, Minneapolis, also six grand-children.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME		MAYME (Mary) FISCHER		Date of Death		October 16	
Place of Death	409 7th Avenue Northeast	Autopsy	No				
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No				
Residence	914 University Avenue Northeast	Inquest	No				
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None				
Birthdate	6-30-1874 Age 80						
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minnesota						
Occupation	Housewife						
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed						
Name of Husband or Wife	Gustav Fischer						
Names of Parents	Timothy Kinnan & Catherine Leo						
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis; hypertension					
	Accident						
	Suicide						
	Homicide						
	Undetermined						
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to					
R.G.J.	Funeral Director	R. F. Bertch & Company	Address				
Social Security No.							
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II							
HISTORY:							
This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by R. F. Bertch at 3:00 p.m., October 18, 1954.							
On October 16, 1954, the deceased was visiting a friend, Mary Kierce, 914 University Avenue Northeast when she suddenly felt ill. She collapsed and became unconscious, apparently expiring at about 9:00 p.m. Dr. J. A. Polzak was summoned and upon arrival at 9:25 p.m., the physician pronounced the woman dead.							
The deceased had been under the care of Dr. J. A. Polzak for approximately twelve years, however, he had not seen the deceased for over a year.							
Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; hypertension being a contributing factor.							

MAYME (MARY) FISCHER (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Gates of St. Paul and Mrs. Agnes Butler of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

925

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MATHIAS A. FICKER

Date of Death October 17

Place of Death 64 East Hennepin

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$11.25; miscellaneous papers; 1 pair glasses; 1 watch (Elgin); 1 knife

Birthdate

3-28-1882 Age 72

Birthplace

Minnesota

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Occupation

Common laborer - farming

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents

Mathias Ficker & Mary Molitor

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

St. Anthony Cemetery

Effects Released to

Mrs. M. Dusel, sister

E. J.

Funeral Director

R. F. Bertch & Company

Address

701 Blair Avenue

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:45 a.m., October 17, 1954.

The deceased, an old age assistance recipient, had been in and out of Minneapolis General Hospital for the treatment of a cardiac condition over a long period of time. It was stated, he was very obese.

On the morning of October 17, 1954, the deceased had been down for his breakfast and then went back to bed. At approximately 9:30 a.m., the deceased was found in bed, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Death was attributed to

MATHIAS A. FICKER (continued)

coronary sclerosis.

Police officers L. C. Johnson and H. Hunter were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

926

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME GUSTAVE BERTAIN KELLER

Date of Death October 17

Place of Death

3901 Wooddale Avenue
St. Louis Park

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Ralph Nelson

Residence

1526 Spruce Place

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$63.55

Birthdate

5-16-1931 Age 23

Birthplace

Appleton, Minnesota

Occupation

Welder & pin setter, bowling alley

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Helen S. Keller

Names of Parents

Fred Keller & Marie Lockwood

Natural

Grand mal attack (epilepsy).

Accidentx

Suicidex

Homicidex

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Appleton, Minnesota

Effects
Released to

Helen S. Keller, wife

R.G.J.

Funeral Director

Burr Funeral Home

Address

1536 Spruce Place

Social Security No.

Veteran Yesx
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. G. Johnson at 9:50 a.m., October 17, 1954.

The deceased was a pinsetter at the Lilac Lanes bowling alley, 3901 Wooddale Avenue, St. Louis Park, and it was stated, he had commenced work at 9:25 a.m. on the morning of October 17, 1954.

At 9:40 a.m., October 17, the deceased was found dead in the lavatory, after mentioning that he did not feel well.

University Hospitals medical records include a history of epilepsy on the deceased.

Upon being notified, the coroner viewed the body of the deceased at the scene of death. Death was attributed to an epileptic seizure, a grand mal attack.

GUSTAVE BERTAIN KELLER (continued)

Police officers Andy Nelson and Sorenson of the St. Louis Park Police were notified and also attended the scene of death.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Helen Sharon.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME WILLIAM MILTON AUSTIN

Date of Death October 17

Place of Death	Avenue Rest Home 1817 Third Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	233 $\frac{1}{2}$ Marquette Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-24-1887 Age 67		
Birthplace	Moundsview Township, Ramsey County, Minnesota		
Occupation	Construction laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Edna		
Names of Parents	Stanley Austin & Grace Veness		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary disease; epilepsy Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewide Cemetery, Fairmont, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	White Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 475-24-8604A

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Thomas D. Wright at 7:30 p.m., October 17, 1954.

The deceased has history of epilepsy of 32 years duration (petit mal) following severe head injury. He was picked up by Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance in the vicinity of his home on August 31, 1954, after being found unconscious on street, and checked in receiving department but later he was released. He was referred to his private physician, Dr. Robert P. Caron, who examined him at Asbury Hospital and found fractures, recent, of vertebrae T-12 and L-3, therefore, deceased was admitted to that hospital. Deceased had a mildly febrile course in hospital. He was rather uncooperative and abusive. Also, he exhibited other traits of anti-social behavior such as spitting on the floor et cetera. It was decided to put deceased in full body cast and discharge him from the hospital as soon as possible in lieu of continued treatment by hyperextension on reverse Gatch bed.

On September 17, the deceased had a mild seizure in spite of anticonvulsant therapy. Early in the morning of September 18, he was heard to fall to the floor of ward and was found sitting on floor beside bed. He became more unresponsive, developed right hemiparesis and some nuchal rigidity and dilated the left pupil later that morning. It was felt that he had had a cerebral vascular accident but the head injury could not be ruled out.

The deceased became very febrile and increasingly unresponsive; he developed profuse diarrhea and became increasingly moribund. However, after four or five days with intravenous fluids et cetera, he gradually improved with full function of all extremities, also regaining ability to swallow. He was able to cooperate and obey commands. He continued to have a severe aphasia but was able to answer questions yes or no and occasionally talk in short coherent phrases. He had several more minor seizures and no apparent further damage from them.

Again the deceased was placed on anticonvulsants. After he began eating a full diet and became completely ambulatory and asymptomatic except for aphasia, he was discharged to a rest home on October 12th for convalescent care.

Late in the afternoon of October 17, the deceased had two severe seizures and failed to respond from the second, became pulseless and expired, death occurring at 6:25 p.m.

X-rays taken of deceased's skull during latter part of course in Asbury Hospital showed no recent fracture and revealed only the large defect in skull from previous head injury of 32 years ago. Serial electrocardiograms at Asbury indicated that the deceased also had some coronary disease.

Death was attributed to coronary disease and epilepsy.

Survivors of the decedent are three sons, Clyde and Gordon of Minneapolis; Robert of Inglewood, California; daughter, Mrs. Marcia Fisk, Minneapolis; mother, Mrs. Grace Hansen, Mountain View, California; four brothers and four sisters; ten grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME TINA VANG

Date of Death October 17

Place of Death	72 Twelfth St. N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-11-1869 Age 85		
Birthplace	Iowa		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed -		
Name of Husband or Wife	Ole Vang		
Names of Parents	Iver and Anne Ruen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis; fracture of right hip.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Henrytown, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J.	Funeral Director	Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. William A. Sawatzky at 12:15 p.m., October 18, 1954.

On June 6, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell to the floor in her home incurring an injury to her right hip. She was removed to Deaconess Hospital, being admitted at 2:00 p.m. the same day. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right hip, however, due to the woman's advanced age, no surgery was performed. On July 20, she was released from the hospital. Apparently she has been all right since discharged from the hospital but had developed some bedsores from lying in bed.

On October 17, 1954, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the deceased appeared critically ill and became unresponsive, apparently expiring.

TINA VANG (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; the fracture of the right hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are one son, Otto Ruen of Minneapolis; two stepsons, John of Rochester, Minnesota and William Vang of Harmony, Minnesota; one step-daughter, Mrs. Emma Helgeson of Henrytown, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EMIL HALLGREN

Date of Death October 18

Place of Death 4924-36th Ave. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 2-26-1898 Age 56

Birthplace Lake Bronson, Minn.

Occupation Compositor - Printing plant

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Lillian Hallgren

Names of Parents John O. Hallgren & Christine Olson

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Cemetery

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 473-16-5322

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital's ambulance driver, Mr. Logan, at 12:10 p.m., October 18, 1954.

On the day preceding his death, October 17, 1954, the deceased had been ushering in church when he experienced severe pain in chest and arm. He vomited and coughed for some time and the pain finally subsided.

At 4:00 a.m., October 18, the deceased had a recurrence of the chest pain. He attempted to get up again at 6:00 a.m. but went back to bed where he remained until 9:30 a.m. at which time he arose and dressed. He had breakfast and went into the living room. About 11:30 a.m., while talking to his wife, he suddenly collapsed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

EMIL HALLGREN (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the deceased. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officer R. Mann responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lillian; son, Glen; and a brother, John.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME STEVE PEDERSON

Date of Death Ed. October 18

Place of Death	117 Nicollet Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$16.51; 1 billfold; 1 Waltham watch; 1 coin purse; 1 key; miscellaneous letters
Birthdate	5-22-1879 Age 75		
Birthplace	Hamlin, Wisconsin		
Occupation	RR laborer (retired) Great Northern RR		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anna		
Names of Parents	Iver Pederson & Sigrid Omdahl		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	R. I. Pederson, son
E. J.	Funeral Director Albinson-Peterson Chapel	Address	632 E. 18th Street, Minneapolis

Social Security No. 473-10-5190

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:18 p.m., October 18, 1954.

At approximately 1:10 p.m., October 18, 1954, the deceased was found dead in bed by the proprietor, May Ryan, same address. She had noted that he was very quiet and upon investigation found he had apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

According to a brother, the deceased has been a patient at Minneapolis General Hospital for treatment of a lung condition and has also received treatment from the Cardiac Clinic at the hospital.

A deputy coroner viewed the body at the scene of death and death was attributed to coronary

STEVE PEDERSON (continued)

sclerosis. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Foreman and Schafer of squad 119 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are one son, Robert; one brother; and four sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MILDRED L. TERANTE

Date of Death October 18

Place of Death	815 East 18th Street	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-20-1910 Age 44		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Waitress - Freddies Cafe		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Apolonio G. Terante		
Names of Parents	Edward P. Minnick & Mary Norton		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Michael Cemetery Farmington, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Co. 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yesx
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:00 p.m., October 18, 1954.

The deceased has been ill for a long time and has been a patient in Minneapolis General Hospital recently, being admitted September 7, 1954 and discharged on September 29. According to hospital records, there was a diagnosis of hepatic anemia and Laennec's cirrhosis due to alcoholism.

Husband of deceased, Apolonio Terante, states the deceased has been unable to eat for the past two weeks and vomited considerable.

On the afternoon of October 18, 1954, at 1:40 p.m., the deceased was reading the paper

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CORONER'S RECORD

MILDRED TERANTE (continued)

when she suddenly collapsed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the woman dead, death occurring at approximately 1:40 p.m.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Vik and Fossum of squad 151 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, Apolonio G.; one son, Eugene S. Ersfeld, Minneapolis; three brothers, Stanley Minnick of Farmington, Percy Minnick, Cresco, Iowa and Searle Minnick, Los Angeles; also two grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME VERNON ROBERT PETERSON Date of Death October 18

Place of Death	2955 Independence Ave. (in garage) St. Louis Park, Minnesota	Autopsy	Yes	
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis	
Residence	Same	Inquest	No	
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$3.42; 1 billfold; 1 Waltham wrist watch; 5 keys; 1 pencil; 1 chargeaplate; 2 car license certificates	
Birthdate	9-30-1914 Age 40			
Birthplace	Hudson, Wisconsin			
Occupation	Salesman - Monray Window Company			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married			
Name of Husband or Wife	Algartha Platzter Peterson			
Names of Parents	Edward Peterson & Carrie Peterson			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural			
	Accident			
	Suicide	Carbon monoxide poisoning		
	Homicide			
	Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Resurrection Cemetery Mendota, Minnesota	Effects Released to	Richard M. Gill, funeral director	
R.G.J. Funeral Director	Richard M. Gill Chapel	Address	Eighth & Franklin Avenue	

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. G. Johnson at 4:50 p.m., October 18, 1954.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., October 18, 1954, the deceased was found dead alongside his car on the floor of his garage by Oscar Kimord, 6115 First Avenue South, a Model Cleaners driver. All doors of the garage were closed, ignition key turned on, throttle out, and the car was idling very fast. Hood of car was up and tools were found on left front fender.

Body of deceased was found lying on floor with feet towards door and head by left front door, but information received by this office indicated the body had been moved by the driver who had discovered the deceased. The deceased wife and son were not at home. It was stated, Vernon LaValle, a brother-in-law, 2306 Bryant Avenue North, was talking to the deceased at approximately 1:00 p.m. and found the deceased in good spirits. He talked about going hunting.

VERNON ROBERT PETERSON (continued)

The coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Deceased body was found to be warm. It was stated by the coroner that the weather was warm, therefore, it appeared odd that the doors of garage should all be closed.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 11:00 a.m., October 19. Specimens of the organs were released to the laboratory at the University for microscopic study and to the toxicological chemist for analyses. A subsequent report from the toxicologist revealed that death resulted from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Officer Dahl of the St. Louis Park Police Department was summoned and investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Algartha; one son, Gordon R.; mother, Mrs. Carrie Peterson, Hudson, Wis.; two brothers, Otto, Eau Claire, Wis. and Charles, Anchorage, Alaska; one sister, Alice Peterson, Hudson, Wis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LOUIS FALTIN

Date of Death October 19

Place of Death	R3, Hopkins, Minn. 17th Ave. N. & County Road 73)	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-15-1882 Age 72		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Minneapolis-Moline Co. (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Rose K. Faltin		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis; diabetes.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Grandview Cemetery, Edina, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel Hopkins, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No. 469-09-0516

Veteran Yes^{XX} No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Frank Kucera at 6:05 a .m., October 19, 1954.

On the morning of October 19, 1954, at approximately 5:12 a.m., the deceased's wife, Rose, awoke and heard the deceased gasp several times and apparently expire. She summoned the family physician, Dr. Frank Kucera, who pronounced the deceased dead on arrival.

Dr. Kucera had treated the deceased, a diabetic, for many years, however, he had not seen the deceased personally for at least six months.

A deputy coroner viewed the body of deceased at the Faltin residence and attributed death to coronary sclerosis and diabetes. Deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME BURTON ROY PHILLIPS

Date of Death Ed. October 19

Place of Death	2217 Lyndale Ave. N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-24-1885 Age 69		
Birthplace	Canada		
Occupation	Auto Mechanic		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Sylvia		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary thrombosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address

Social Security No. 476-14-4307

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Gill Brothers Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m., October 19, 1954.

Ordinarily, the deceased picked his wife up at work in the morning, but today, October 19, 1954, he failed to do so. Upon arriving home, Mrs. Phillips found the deceased lying on couch in living room, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and the physician aboard confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. Gill of Minneapolis General Hospital for the past two years. He had last been seen at the hospital approximately four months ago for thrombosis of the eye.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to

LOUIS FALTIN (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Rose; daughters, Mrs. W. F. Shubert and Mrs. Ralph Bigget, Hopkins; sons, Raymond, Burbank, California; Howard, Venetuela, Loren of Hopkins; 10 grandchildren; one great greandchild; three brothers and two sisters.

BURTON ROY PHILLIPS (continued)

coronary thrombosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Roy A. and Edward A.; daughter, Mrs. Howard (Joyce) Dale, all of Minneapolis; 11 grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Ethel Mulholland in Canada.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Stolz and Krueger of squad 144 responding.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME NORMAN CHARLES STEVENS

Date of Death October 19

Place of Death	Hilltop Farm Feed Co. 100 Third Avenue N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1608 Clinton Ave.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$62.22; 1 billfold; 1 pair glasses; 1 Elgin watch; 1 knife; 1 coin purse
Birthdate	3-30-1877 Age 77		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Mixer - Farm Feed		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mertie A. Stevens		
Names of Parents	Frank Stevens & Louisa Sanford		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural ☒ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Thelma Schuffenhauer, daughter
Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers	Address	1218 South Ninth Street

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:20 p.m., October 19, 1954.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., October 19, 1954, the deceased, an employee of the Hilltop Farm Feed Company, was found lying on back on a pile of feed sacks by a fellow employee, Vernal Day, 2819 Knox Avenue North. Apparently the deceased was last seen alive about 3:30 p.m. at which time he appeared to be in his usual health. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead.

It was stated, the deceased had been to his doctor, Dr. Daniel MacDonald, about two weeks ago for an electrocardiogram.

NORMAN CHARLES STEVENS (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased's body was found to be warm and there was no rigor. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mertie; son, Norman C.; daughter, Mrs. Thelma Schuffenbauer; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother and four sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MATHIAS HERBERT RITTER

Date of Death October 19

Place of Death	6801 Upton Avenue S. Richfield, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Chokio, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-22-1910 Age 43		
Birthplace	Chokio, Minn.		
Occupation	Carpenter		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Agnes Ritter		
Names of Parents	Henry Ritter & Josephine Hoffman		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Massive pulmonary hemorrhage; carcinoma left lower lobe of lung.	
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery Chokio, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Welandar Quist Co. 1825 Chicago Avenue	Address	

Social Security No. 468-14-2003

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Richfield Police Department at 5:04 p.m., October 19, 1954.

On October 19, 1954, the deceased became critically ill in his home. Dr. James Arms was summoned to the home, however, the deceased had expired before the physician's arrival, death apparently occurring at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Arms had never attended the man previous to death.

It was stated, University Hospitals had diagnosed cancer of the left lung and the deceased was receiving x-ray therapy for this condition. Earlier on the day of death, the deceased had been to the hospital for treatment.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

MATHIAS RITTER (continued)

was attributed to a massive pulmonary hemorrhage; carcinoma of the left lower lobe of lung being a contributing factor.

Police officer Russell Peterson of the Richfield Police Department also attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of his wife, Agnes Ritter.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

ELSIE MARIE STREITZ

Date of Death October 19

Place of Death

1700 Stevens Ave.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

1-26-1891 Age 63

Birthplace

Hawkeye, Iowa

Occupation

Nurse - Practical

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced -

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

George B. Streitz

Names of Parents

John Hack
Anna Woefel

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
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Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary disease; diabetes
mellitus.

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Resurrection Cemetery
Mendota, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Thomson Brothers Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 476-18-8602

Veteran Yes
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WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:12 p.m., October 19, 1954.

Herman Larson, caretaker, 1706 Stevens Avenue, had not seen the deceased for several days and went to check on her. There was no response to his knock, however, a radio could be heard in the apartment. The police were summoned, Officers Rieman and Fox responding. Larson and the officers entered the deceased's apartment with a pass key at approximately 6:00 p.m., October 19, 1954, and found the deceased dead in the bathroom.

It was stated, the deceased had last been seen alive about 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 16 by Helen Fulstad, another tenant living at the same address.

ELSIE MARIE STREITZ (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found seated on toilet and the body was cold. Rigor mortis was established. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease; diabetes mellitus being a contributing factor. Deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Delphine and Mrs. Lucille Michaelson; grandson, Douglas; sister, Mrs. Thomas Steele; brothers, Edward and Adam Hack.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME FREDERICK C. CLAYTON

Date of Death October 19

Place of Death	Swedish Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	4054 Blaisdell Avenue	Pathologist	No
Residence	4054 Blaisdell Avenue	Inquest Effects Taken in charge	No
Sex	Male		None
Birthdate	1-28-1865 Age 89		
Birthplace	Michigan		
Occupation	Manager - General Merchandise		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Alice		
Names of Parents	Geo. W. & Mary J. Clayton		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☒ Suicide ☒ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Chapel	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 11:10 p.m., October 19, 1954.

On the morning of October 17, 1954, about 7:00 a.m., the deceased in some manner fell in his home sustaining an injury to his left hip. He was removed by ambulance to Swedish Hospital, being admitted at 11:00 a.m., and placed under the care of Dr. Kenath Herrick Sponsel. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip. An open reduction was performed on October 19, however, the deceased did not respond well after the operation. The man expired at 10:00 p.m. that day.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to acute heart failure; the fractured left hip being a contributing factor.

FREDERICK C. CLAYTON (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Alice; daughters, Mrs. John E. Morrison, Duluth, Mrs. Willis Lawson, Albert Lea, Mrs. Robert Van Hyning, Washington, D. C.; son, Fred C., Jr., Minneapolis; also 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Georgianna Smith, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME CHARLES N. BELSOM

Date of Death October 20

Place of Death	822 Hennepin Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4136-26th Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$101.37 cash; Check (Alemite Co.) \$61.54; 1 Benrus wrist watch; 1 billfold; 1 knife; 1 ball pen; 8 keys; 1 pair glasses
Birthdate	5-12-1894 Age 60		
Birthplace	New Orleans, La.		
Occupation	Shipping Clerk - Alemite Company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lora Belsom		
Names of Parents	Camille L. Belsom & Annie Hubert		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Ft. Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Charles R. Belsom, son
E.J.	Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address 4136 26th Avenue South, Minneapolis

Social Security No. 469-10-8367

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:30 p.m., October 20, 1954.

Shortly after 1:00 p.m., October 20, 1954, the deceased was having a hair cut in the barber shop at 822 Hennepin Avenue when he commenced having difficult breathing. An ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival of the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 1:20 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue

CHARLES N. BELSOM (continued)

before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Johnson and Mattson of squad 117 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lora; one son, Charles R.; two daughters, Mrs. Fred C. Livermore and Mrs. Ralph White; five grandchildren; six brothers and two sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME BARBARA GRETEN

Date of Death October 20

Place of Death	130 E. 18th Street, Apt. 302	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-1-1873 Age 81		
Birthplace	Fillmore, Iowa		
Occupation	At home		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife	Nicholas Greten		
Names of Parents	Anna Kentzinger		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary disease; hypertension.		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:35 p.m., October 20, 1954.

The deceased has history of hypertension and a cardiac condition and has been under the care of Dr. W. H. Aurand.

According to information received from Mrs. Michael H. Hoffman, a sister of the deceased, Great Falls, Montana, who has been visiting at the deceased's home, they had both been out quite late last night. Today, October 20, 1954, the deceased complained of a back-ache in the afternoon and went to her room to rest awhile. Later, she got up and about 4:00 p.m., she complained of a severe throat and chest pain and suddenly collapsed, apparently expiring.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately. Upon arrival, the

BARBARA GRETEN (continued)

the physician aboard pronounced the woman dead.

Police officers Fox and Rieman of Squad 118 also received a call and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are three sisters, Mrs. T. J. Hartigan of Chicago, Clara Greten, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Michael H. Hoffman of Great Falls, Montana.

CORONER'S RECORD

941

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

DORA RONNING

Date of Death Fd. October 20

Place of Death	4121 17th Avenue S.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Ralph Nelson
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$10.00; 1 check Fred P. DeCourcy-\$54.00; 1 bankbook #126777-\$2,586.52-Farmers & Mechanics Bank; 1 wedding ring.
Birthdate	9-11-1872 Age 82		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Birthplace	Norway		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anton Ronning		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Acacia Park Mendota, Minn.	Effects Released to	Joe Billman Mortuary, by John Billman, F. D.
Folsom Funeral Director	Joe Billman Mortuary	Address	2121 Nicollet Ave.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☒
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Edward Ronning, a son, at 4:40 p.m., October 20, 1954.

The deceased, an aged woman, lived alone and, it was stated, the deceased had been brought home on the preceding evening at approximately 8:00 p.m. by her son after she had spent several days visiting at her daughter's home, Cora Schriefer.

About 2:00 p.m., October 20, 1954, Edward Ronning, 2526 Garfield Avenue South, son of deceased, arrived at his mother's home with the intention of putting on the storm windows. He was unable to arouse the deceased and thought perhaps she was taking a nap. Later, about 4:00 p.m., he became somewhat alarmed and attempted to open the door with a key which his mother had given him, however, he was unable to unlock the door because there was a key in the lock from the inside of house. At this point, he decided to force entry by breaking a back bedroom window.

DORA RONNING (continued)

Upon entry, the deceased was found lying on floor in the hallway, apparently expired. Dr. Donald Fox was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the woman dead.

Police officers Hazel and Ubel of squad 165 were also notified and attended the scene of death.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 11:00 a.m., October 21. This revealed a pericardial hemorrhage due apparently to coronary artery rupture. There was also superficial hemorrhage over the parietal cortex (slight).

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Cora Schrieffer; and two sons, Arther E. and Edward W. Ronning.

CORONER'S RECORD

942

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME COLIN FOWLER

Date of Death Fd. October 20

Place of Death	2619 Chicago Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-10-1876 Age 78		
Birthplace	Scotland		
Occupation	Carpenter - Construction		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widowed		
Name of Husband or Wife	Julia Hazel Fowler		
Names of Parents	Joseph Fowler Mary McKerron		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers Funeral Home	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:41 p.m., October 20, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had had indigestion and heartburn for several days. According to son-in-law, Thomas Wilson, 1910 E. 39th Street, he had seen the deceased about noon on October 20, 1954 and later in the evening, he had watched the fight on television with the deceased.

About 9:15 p.m., the deceased became quite short of breath and complained of increased "heartburn". About 10:00 p.m., Wilson left to get the daughter of deceased and on return, found the deceased had expired.

However, during Wilson's absence, Mrs. William Barry, Apartment 103, came in to see how the deceased was feeling and found him gasping. She immediately summoned the police,

COLIN FOWLER (continued)

Officers Granming and Hitchens of squad 164 responding. An ambulance was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 10:30 p.m.

The deceased had been under the care of Dr. George L. Merkert and, it was stated, the deceased had a colostomy because of cancer of the colon.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Mrs. Julia Esplin and Mrs. Thomas Wilson; sons, Joseph and James; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

943

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HARRY JAMES BAILLY

Date of Death October 20

Place of Death 106 S. Washington Avenue

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 23 S. Second St.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

1 billfold; 1 pr. glasses; miscellaneous letters and papers

Birthdate 9-1-1890 Age 64

Birthplace Effington, S. Dak.

Occupation Waiter

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married - Leon

Name of Husband or Wife Leona Bailly

Names of Parents Charles Bailly

Ines Tarvin

Natural Coronary heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

Leona Bailly, widow

Funeral Director Anderson-Peterson Funeral Home

Address

220 No. Co. Road 73

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:40 p.m., October 20, 1954.

On evening of October 20, 1954, the deceased became ill while at work. About 10:30 p.m., the cook, Morris Hanson, told the deceased to go home, however, some time later he saw the deceased leaning over a sink. Upon investigation, he found the deceased appeared critically ill and his breathing was labored. He was placed on the floor and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 11:30 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

HARRY JAMES BAILLY (continued)

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officer Nelson responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Leona; two sons, Ronald and Larry; also two brothers and one sister.

CORONER'S RECORD

944

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME STEVEN ERICK JENSEN

Date of Death October 22

Place of Death Mount Sinai Hospital
6200 Delmar Road,
Place of Accident Crystal Village

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. Walter Subby, Jr.
Dr. D. A. Johnson

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 9-16-1952 Age 2

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation None

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Donald A. Jensen
Marianne Senstad a/k/a Neilson

Names of Parents

Natural

Accident Methyl salicylate poisoning

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Elmwood Cemetery
Rockford, Minn.

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Gearty-Davis Funeral Chapel
Robbinsdale, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mount Sinai Hospital at 2:45 p.m., October 22, 1954.

At approximately 9:00 a.m., October 22, 1954, the deceased drank an ounce of methyl salicylate (oil of wintergreen). Upon discovering the child had consumed the liquid, mother of deceased and a neighbor woman attempted to give the deceased an antidote which would cause him to vomit without success. Therefore, the deceased was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, being admitted at 12:10 p.m., that day and placed under the care of Dr. E. C. Perlman. An intern lavaged the child's stomach, but in spite of this treatment, the deceased expired at 12:45 p.m., October 22.

It was stated, the deceased had history of asthma.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death

STEVEN ERICK JENSEN (continued)

resulted from accidental poisoning by methyl salicylate.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

945

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDGAR FRANKLIN

Date of Death October 23

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident Corner Bar,
329 Washington Ave. S.

Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence Union City Mission,
12 N. Second Street

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge \$2.10; 1 knife; 1 key.

Birthdate 9-10-1905 Age 49

Birthplace Oklahoma

Occupation Laborer - pickle factory

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Unknown

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Intraabdominal hemorrhage,
apparently secondary to
surgery.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Rosedale Cemetery

Effects
Released to

T. E. Woodard, Fun. Director

E.J.

Funeral Director Woodard Funeral Home

Address 1103 Lyndale Ave. N.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 3:00 a.m., October 23, 1954.

On the evening of October 18, 1954, the deceased in some manner became involved in a fight with Franklin Martin, age 29, address unknown, in the Corner Bar, 329 Washington Avenue South, and was subsequently taken to Minneapolis General Hospital for treatment of multiple stab wounds, being admitted at 10:40 p.m.

Examination revealed three stab wounds, one in the chest, 2 cm. in length, situated at the 11th interspinous area and 2 cm. to the left of the vertebral column, and two in the abdomen to the left of the 12th thoracic space.

On October 19 an exploratory laparotomy (right rectus incision) was done. No intra-

EDGAR FRANKLIN (continued)

peritoneal trauma was found. The region of the stab wounds was inspected and no evidence of perforation of the parietal peritoneum was noted. An appendectomy was then done, and the abdomen was closed. The deceased seemed to tolerate the procedure very well. The following day, October 20, abdominal distention increased, and the application of gastric suction was not successful. X-rays revealed dilatation of the small bowel.

On October 23, while the deceased was carrying on a conversation with another patient across the aisle, he suddenly expired at 2:40 a.m.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:00 a.m., October 23. This revealed that death resulted from an intraabdominal hemorrhage.

Since no stab wounds were found to have penetrated either the chest or the abdominal cavity, and, as stated by the pathologist, death was felt to be due to intra-abdominal hemorrhage which appeared to arise from the operative site of the exploratory laparotomy, the death was ruled a natural one apparently secondary to surgery.

CORONER'S RECORD

946

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME VICTORIA JAMROS

Date of Death October 23

Place of Death 1321 Grand Street N. E.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 12-25-1888 Age 66

Birthplace Poland

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married -

Name of Husband or Wife John Jamros

Names of Parents ? and Margret Boblick

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Natural Acute and chronic alcoholism

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Anthony Cemetery

Effects Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director Kapala Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Kapala Funeral Home at 6:30 a.m., October 23, 1954.

In the early morning hours of October 23, 1954, the deceased's son, Edward, came to the Kapala Funeral Home and notified them of his mother's death. When the funeral director arrived at the home, the deceased was found lying on the floor of the rear bedroom, fully clothed with the exception of shoes. There were severe bruises on the deceased's head and right eye was blackened, therefore, the Coroner's office was notified.

It was stated, the deceased drank heavily and she has history of epileptic seizures. There are conflicting stories as to what occurred previous to the deceased's death. Edward stated

VICTORIA JAMROS (continued)

the deceased and his father were fighting while the deceased's husband contends Edward had been fighting with his mother.

Detectives Masica and Williamson were notified. According to a statement given to them by Edward Jamros, he had last seen his mother alive at 12:30 a.m. on the morning of October 23. He states the black eye and bruises on the forehead were incurred from four days to a week previous to death and no explanation was given by the deceased for these injuries. He is of the opinion she may have fallen down the stairs and he also states he did not strike his mother nor has he witnessed anyone else striking her.

John Jamros, husband of deceased, states he last saw his wife alive at approximately 1:00 a.m., October 23. She had evidently gone upstairs to the toilet and when he heard her upstairs, he got a flash light and helped her back to bed. However, she did not remain in bed very long but got up and sat in a rocking chair situated at the foot of her bed. Husband states he returned to his bed which is just outside her bedroom. As he lay in bed, he heard a thump and upon investigation found the deceased lying on floor, apparently expired.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 12:30 p.m., October 23. On November 1, the pathologist phoned this office informing us that the microscopics, which had just been completed, revealed a very large amount of fatty metamorphosis of the liver; also a brain concussion.

It is not known whether any fisticuffs occurred during the altercation which apparently took place sometime during the evening of October 22 or the early morning hours of October 23 or how the deceased sustained the head injuries. She may have fallen while in an inebriated condition, however, it was felt that the death was a natural one due to alcoholism.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, John; two sons, Frank and Edward; also five grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

947

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

JOSEPHINE CARLSON

Date of Death October 23

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2216 32nd Avenue South	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	11-18-1863 Age 90		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Gust Carlson		
Names of Parents	Alexander Swensen & ? Swensen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Pneumonia, entire left lung; second and third degree burns, left leg and right thigh.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director	Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:25 a.m., October 23, 1954.

On October 12, 1954, the deceased in some manner spilled hot coffee on herself in her home sustaining second and third degree burns of the left leg and right thigh. She was later taken to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted on October 17. Due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, she developed pneumonia, expiring at 5:05 a.m., October 23.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to pneumonia, left lung; the second and third degree burns of the left leg and right thigh being a contributing factor.

JOSEPHINE CARLSON

Survivors of the decedent are two brothers, Oscar and Elmer Swenson of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

948

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOAN BELTOWSKY

Date of Death October 23

Place of Death	3716 14th Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-22-1954 Age 4		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Child		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	? and Mary Beltowsky		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Aspiration of food with severe upper respiratory infection; encephalomalacia.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Funeral Home	Address	

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Hennepin County Welfare mother, Mrs. Brazil, at 10:50 a.m., October 23, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had a bad cold and had difficulty in breathing. On the morning of October 23, 1954, Mrs. Brazil, a Hennepin County Welfare mother, was feeding the children when this little mongolian girl apparently aspirated food and expired suddenly at 10:00 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to aspiration of food with severe upper respiratory infection; also

JOAN BELTOWSKY (continued)

encephalomalacia.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

949

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JOHN FRETLAND

Date of Death Fd. October 23

Place of Death 1127-8th St. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$3.95

Birthdate 12-14-1869 Age 84

Less: .85 (Telegram to Glenwood)

3.10

Birthplace Norway

Less: 1.90 (Telephone to Tiega)

Balance \$1.20

Occupation Laborer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Inger Fretlund

1 billfold; 1 knife; 1 Hamilton watch; 2 chains; 1 glasses.

Names of Parents Lars Fretlund

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Mound Cemetery

Effects Released to

A. Yandon, Funeral Director

Kaplan Funeral Director Davies Mortuary

Address

Davies Mortuary

Social Security No.

None

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:08 a.m., October 23, 1954.

On the morning of October 23, 1954, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Lena Semb, landlady, went to the deceased's room and found him sitting in a chair, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

According to Mrs. Semb, she had last seen the deceased alive at 6:00 p.m. the preceding evening. However, a roomer across the hall from the deceased's room stated he had heard him talking this morning, October 23.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. There was no rigor and the body was still warm. Death was attributed to coronary disease and body of deceased was

JOHN FRETLAND (continued)

removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Johnson and Keller of squad 117 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are three sons and one brother.

CORONER'S RECORD

950

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

ARTHUR LOGAN KENNEY

Date of Death October 24

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

119 S. Washington

Pathologist

Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn

Residence

1704 First Avenue S.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

8-30-1890 Age 64

Birthplace

Red Wing, Minn.

Occupation

Disabled Veteran

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Juanita Kenney

Names of Parents

James Kenney
Mary Bourjois

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Skull fracture

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director

Welander Quist Company
2301 Dupont Ave.

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 12:08 a.m., October 24, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had apparently fallen down striking his head on the sidewalk while walking shortly after 1:00 a.m., October 21, 1954. According to Police Officer Shumway, the deceased fell in front of 119 S. Washington incurring a head injury. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene and the deceased was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 1:23 a.m.

Trephine surgery was performed on October 22. Medical records indicate the deceased had Jacksonian seizures while hospitalized. There was also an area of metastatic carcinoma of the neck noted, but no primary was found. The man expired at 12:05 a.m., October 24.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:30 a.m. on the date of death.

ARTHUR LOGAN KENNEY (continued)

This revealed that death resulted from a skull fracture.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Juanita Kenney, and also a brother, William J. of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

951

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME RITA (HELMA) C. BANNIS

Date of Death Fd. October 25

Place of Death 651 Quincy St. N. E.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Erland Nelson

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

5-30-1894 Age 60

Birthplace

Crookston, Minn.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Thomas Bannis

Names of Parents

Emerick and ? Johanson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Undetermined. (No anatomical
cause of death).

None except listed
On Morgue Record
(clothing destroyed
account unsanitary)

Place of Burial

Thief River Falls, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Folsom Funeral Director

Billman-Hunt Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:50 p.m., October 25, 1954.

According to the deceased's husband, Thomas Bannis, he had last seen his wife, the deceased, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, October 23, 1954, at which time he left for work. He returned home at 4:00 a.m., October 25 and retired to his room. Upon awakening at 11:30 a.m., he noted his wife's absence and started looking for her.

At 12:15 p.m., he entered his wife's bedroom and found the deceased lying between the bed and a trunk. He stated her body was warm at this time. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the woman's death.

A neighbor, Mrs. William Caron, saw the deceased on the afternoon of October 23, and she

RITA (HELMA) C. BANNIS (continued)

stated the deceased appeared to be all right at that time although she was intoxicated. Mr. Bannis states his wife has been drinking heavily for the past ten years..

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. There was 4+ rigor noted. Deceased's bedroom was in considerable disarray and many liquor bottles were found in the room. Deceased was fully clothed when found.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 4:00 p.m., October 25. Despite the anatomical findings, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination and the chemical analyses before determining the cause of this woman's death.

Detectives Melchisedech and H. Egeland were also notified and investigated this case.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, Thomas; a sister, Ellen Lindberg; and a brother, Hjalmar Lindberg, both of Thief River Falls.

CORONER'S RECORD

952

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EARLE W. SWANSON

Date of Death October 25

Place of Death	In front of 26 South 6th St.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	5632 West 39th St. St. Louis Park, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$15.86; 1 Masonic ring; 1 Hamilton wrist watch; 1 billfold; 1 glasses; 1 fountain pen; 1 comb; 4 keys; 1 coin purse.
Birthdate	9-19-1889 Age 65		
Birthplace	Crescent, Iowa		
Occupation	Accountant & auditor (petroleum)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Beulah H. Swanson		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Nels Swanson Anne E. Warrick		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park Welander-Quist Co.	Effects Released to	O. C. Roland, F. D. Welander Quist Company
Funeral Director	2301 Dupont Ave. S.	Address	2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Social Security No. 468-01-3397

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:10 p.m., October 25, 1954.

Apparently the deceased was walking down the street on the afternoon of October 25, 1954, when he suddenly collapsed in front of Murray's restaurant. The police were summoned, Officers Short and Godfrey of squad 117 responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene and upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 4:10 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body which was later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Nitroglycerine tablets were found on the

EARL W. SWANSON (continued)

deceased's person. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Beulah H.; three brothers, Leland S. of Fremont, Nebraska, Lloyd G., Port Arthur, Texas, and Maj. Everett M. Swanson, Omaha.

CORONER'S RECORD

953

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME SHARON LEE STENZEL

Date of Death October 25

Place of Death	4429 Grand Avenue	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	7-10-1954 Age 3 months		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			None except listed On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Robert J. Stenzel Phyllis B. Kotala		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	White Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:40 p.m., October 25, 1954.

At 4:00 p.m., October 25, 1954, Mrs. Phyllis Stenzel found the deceased lying in his bed, apparently expired. The Minneapolis Fire Department rescue squad and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance were summoned. Resuscitation was attempted without success. Upon arrival of the ambulance physician, the child was pronounced dead.

According to mother, the deceased had been placed in her crib at 11:00 a.m. and baby appeared normal during the morning, however, she had been restless and fussy on the preceding day, October 24. The infant had been under the care of Dr. Glenn Petersen and was scheduled for a monthly check-up on October 26.

SHARON LEE STENZEL (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue. This revealed that death resulted from a myocardial hemorrhage.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Stenzel.

The police were also notified and Officers Green and Hokans of squad 152 attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN ANDREW RYCERZ

Date of Death Fd. October 25

Place of Death	407-19th Avenue Northeast	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-24-1883 Age 71		
Birthplace	Poland		
Occupation	Laborer (retired) Pillsbury Mills		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mary Rycerz		
Names of Parents	Andrew and Anna Rycerz		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Peter Kozlak Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes^x
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:40 p.m., October 25, 1954.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., October 25, 1954, the deceased's son, Chester, arrived home and found his father lying down in his room, apparently sleeping. Later, at 5:00 p.m., the deceased's wife, Mary, attempted to awaken the deceased for his evening meal and was unable to rouse him. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the home. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had worked in the yard today and that he was subject to weak spells but would recover after resting. Deceased had been examined by Dr. Desmond M. Thysell about one year ago and the physician had stated the deceased had symptoms of a

JOHN ANDREW RYCERZ (continued)

coronary condition at that time, however, the deceased did not return for treatment.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed in downstairs bedroom, fully clothed. There were no marks and the body was noted to be warm. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease.

Police officer E. M. Larson was notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mary; sons, Joseph and Chester; daughters, Sister Mary Gratia of Garden City, Michigan, Mrs. Thomas Cornwall and Mrs. Joseph Thiebault of Minneapolis; one sister of Chicago.

CORONER'S RECORD

955

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME JOHN A. PALMQUIST

Date of Death Fd. October 26

Place of Death	2435-27th Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.18; 1 Hamilton watch; 1 ring; 1 coin purse; 5 keys; 1 Savings Account book-balance \$329.55 - First Hennepin State Bank.
Birthdate	8-21-1882 Age 72		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Laborer - Mpls. Paving Dept.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Unknown		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary heart disease		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Oak Hill Cemetery	Effects Released to	Arthur E. Johnson, Spec. Adm.
Funeral Director	Johnson Funeral Home	Address	5801 Lyndale S.

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:34 a.m., October 26, 1954.

On the morning of October 26, 1954, Mrs. Signe Nelson, a neighbor of the deceased, 2435-27th Avenue South, recalled that she had not seen the deceased, an aged man, since Wednesday, October 20 and noted that his two cats looked rather forlorn. He had not let them out for several days. She also noted lights in the house were left burning day and night, therefore, she notified the police department, Officers Herkal and Gottlieb of squad 163 responding.

Upon forcing entry, the officers found the deceased lying on floor on back by the stove. Apparently, he had been dead for several days.

JOHN A. PALMQUIST (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. There was no evidence of foul play. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME HENRI A. RUDOLPHI

Date of Death October 26

Place of Death	2814 West 43rd Street	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3927 Upton Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$3.09; 1 Elgin watch and chain; 1 coin purse; 1 glasses; 4 keys; 1 comb.
Birthdate	8-1-1873 Age 81		
Birthplace	Germany		
Occupation	Musician		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife	Gustav Rudolphi		
Names of Parents	Minnie Rust		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Roland F. Liedtke, nephew
Funeral Director	White Funeral Home	Address	7106 James Ave. S.

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:46 p.m., October 26, 1954.

About 5:30 p.m., October 26, 1954, the deceased entered the Stillman Market at 2814 West 43rd Street and suddenly fell forward to the floor. He appeared to gasp a few times and expired according to the cashier, Vern Thomas, who witnessed this episode.

Dr. Charles Kelly whose office is across the street from the store as well as the Minneapolis General Hospital were summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 5:35 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary

HENRY A. RUDOLPHI (continued)

disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, officers Green and Hokan of squad 152 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Miss Ann T. Rudolph; three nieces and three nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

957

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME WILLA F. TULLOCH

Date of Death October 27

Place of Death 1321 - 28th Avenue N. E.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 1931 East Superior St.
Duluth, Minn.

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 8-29-1879 Age 75

Birthplace Canada

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Stuart H. Tulloch

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Coronary heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Ashland, Wis.

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:30 a.m., October 27, 1954.

The deceased, a resident of Duluth, Minnesota, was visiting at the home of her son, Gordon Tulloch, 1321-28th Avenue Northeast. On the morning of October 27, 1954, at approximately 6:00 a.m., the deceased was found in bed in an unresponsive condition. Dr. Myron Erickson was summoned to the home and upon arrival, the physician pronounced the woman dead.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

WILLA F. TULLOCH (continued)

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers J. Freeman and Robertson of Squad 124 responding.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HARLEY E. CARLSON

Date of Death October 27

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Park Avenue and Sixth St. S.	Pathologist	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Residence	2214 E. 24th St.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-18-1914 Age 39		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Machinist - Tool and Die		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Avonne Carlson Erick Carlson		
Names of Parents	Ena Olson		None except listed On Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☒ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 8:00 a.m., October 27, 1954.

The deceased had a fainting spell on the morning of October 25, 1954 and was taken to Minneapolis General Hospital by ambulance. A cursory examination in receiving failed to reveal any injuries, therefore, the deceased was released. After calling his wife and telling her he was coming home, he left the hospital.

A short time later, the deceased fell on the sidewalk at Park Avenue and Sixth Street South, and was again picked up by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and was removed to the hospital, being admitted to the Receiving Room at 12:30 p.m. in a comatose condition. Trephine surgery revealed a large hematoma, subdural. Deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 6:50 a.m., October 27.

HARLEY E. CARLSON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:00 a.m., October 27, 1954. This revealed a skull fracture; post trephination of the skull for subdural hematoma; subdural hematoma; also a fatty liver was noted. The heart was found to be in good condition.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Avonne; two daughters, Dellavon and Geraldine, Minneapolis; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric W. Carlson, Spring Lake; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Tomaszewski, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

959

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

OTTO E. MOE

Date of Death

Fd. October 27

Place of Death

4309-18th Avenue S.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

3-31-1890 Age 64

Birthplace

Sweden

Occupation

Construction engineer-Construction

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married - Iva

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Ivadell Moe

Names of Parents

Peter Moe Peterson
Anna Pederson

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Lakewiew Cemetery
Duluth, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

The Albin Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

468-01-6360

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:55 p.m., October 27, 1954.

On the afternoon of October 27, 1954, at approximately 4:40 p.m., the deceased was found sitting in his car in the garage, apparently expired. Ignition key was turned on but the motor was cold, and garage doors were open. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard ambulance pronounced the deceased dead.

It was stated, the deceased had suffered a heart attack several years ago and has been in poor health the past three weeks. He has complained of pain in his left arm recently and has been in bed the past few weeks, however, he had not been under any medication during this time.

OTTO E. MOE (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Hazel and Ubel of squad 165 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Ivadell; one brother in Washington; and four sisters and two brothers in Sweden.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALMEDIA EMERSON

Date of Death October 28

Place of Death	Mount Sinai Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	511 West 31st Street	Pathologist	Dr. David A. Johnson
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-5-1880 Age 74		
Birthplace	Rockford, Illinois		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	Paul S. Emerson		
Names of Parents	John Sweeney & Susan Moore		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Fractured skull	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	The Burr Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mount Sinai Hospital at 8:45 a.m., October 28, 1954.

The deceased, an aged woman, fell on the back steps of her home in some manner and struck the back of her head about 2:00 p.m., October 27, 1954. She was removed to Mount Sinai Hospital, being admitted at 2:30 p.m. the same day, and placed under the care of Doctors J. Harold Schultz and Paul Blake, neurosurgeon. No surgery was done. Her condition became progressively critical and the deceased expired at 8:00 a.m., October 28.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from a fractured skull.

ALMEDIA EMERSON (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Miss Lulu May and Miss Lila Bell Emerson; son, Howard L., Sr., Spring Valley, N. Y.; grandsons, Howard L., Jr., Manhattan Beach, Calif., Paul E., Fayetteville, N. C.; brothers, William and Lloyd Sweeney, Watertown, S. D., Paul Sweeney, S. Shore, S. D., sisters, Mrs. Cornelia Poor, Summitt, S. D., Mrs. Lily Martin, Milbank, S. D., and Mrs. Clara Soulak, Watertown, S. D.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LOYAL THOMAS STODIECK

Date of Death Fd. October 28

Place of Death	455 Pierce St. N. E.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-20-1921 Age 33		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Brick tender - construction		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Lorraine Stodieck		
Names of Parents	David Stodieck LaVerl Partridge		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:30 a.m., October 28, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased came home in a taxicab shortly before 11:00 a.m. on the morning of October 28, 1954, apparently intoxicated. He went to the rear of the house and climbed an outside stairway to his living quarters on the second floor. Mrs. Donald Bunnell, living downstairs at the same address, heard a noise outside and went to investigate whereupon she found the deceased lying at the bottom of the stairs, bleeding from a skull injury.

A Minneapolis General Hospital was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard the ambulance pronounced the deceased dead, death apparently occurring at 11:00 a.m.

LOYAL THOMAS STODIECK (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying with chin over left shoulder. An unopened bottle of whisky (pint) found in deceased's lunch box. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue, and the death was ruled an accident.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue. This revealed a fracture of the vertebral column; fracture of the neck with hematoma; and compression of the cervical cord.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Gould and W. K. Johnson responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lorraine; two daughters, Patricia and Kathleen; son, Steven David; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret White, Los Angeles, Mrs. Shirley Angell, San Diego, brother, Neal D., Minneapolis; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Melgren, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME PAUL R. ZOPFI

Date of Death October 28

Place of Death	Osseo Meat Market Central Ave., Osseo, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Dayton Township, Osseo P. O., Minn.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Osseo P. O., Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-31-1888 Age 66		
Birthplace	Maple Grove, Minn.		
Occupation	Farmer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mathilda Zopfi		
Names of Parents	John Zopfi & Emma Schmidt		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary thrombosis		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Niggler Cemetery Osseo, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Evans Funeral Home, Osseo, Minn.	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes^x
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. T. J. Bloedel of Osseo, Minn. at 5:00 p.m., October 28, 1954.

At 4:50 p.m., October 28, 1954, the deceased suddenly collapsed outside the Osseo Meat Market and apparently expired. August Stein, Osseo, a witness to this episode, summoned Dr. T. J. Bloedel. Dr. Bloedel arrived at 5:00 p.m. and pronounced the deceased dead.

It was stated, the deceased has history of chest pain on exertion which covers a period of five to six years. In September of this year, deceased had a prostatectomy.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in an

PAUL R. ZOPFI (continued)

alley on his back, fully clothed. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

Officer Heesen of Osseo Police Department was notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mathilda; sons, Leonard P. and Harold M., both of Elgin, Ill.; daughters, Mrs. Arthur Schimmelpfennig, Osseo, Mrs. Wayne Blesi, Champlin, Mrs. Archie Blesi, Anoka, Mrs. Barry Simpson, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Orville Klim, Oaklawn, Ill.; brother, Robert, Grand Junction, Colo.; sisters, Millie and Ella Zopfi, Minneapolis; also 22 grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME OTTO CLAUSEN

Date of Death Fd. October 28

Place of Death	In front of 4215 Overlook Drive, Bloomington, Minn.	Autopsy	No	
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No	
Residence	8300 Cedar Avenue, Bloomington	Inquest	No	
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$8.93; 1 billfold; 1 knife; 1 check book - N. W. National Bank-Bloomington.	
Birthdate	3-8-1890 Age 64			
Birthplace	Denmark			
Occupation	Contractor - cement			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married			
Name of Husband or Wife	Anna Clausen			
	Anders Clausen			
Names of Parents	Marie Sorenson			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural			
	Accident			
	Suicide	Carbon monoxide poisoning.		
	Homicide			
Undetermined				
Place of Burial	Oakhill Cemetery	Effects Released to	W. Lane, son-in-law	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address	2725 Kentucky	

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 5:25 p.m., October 28, 1954.

The deceased had disappeared from his home on October 26, 1954. According to information received from the deceased's son, Fulton, deceased has been very depressed for some time and has been under the care of a psychiatrist for the past nine months.

*On the afternoon of October 28, 1954, the deceased was found lying on the left side of his car, a 1954 Buick bearing license No. 1-024-769, which was backed up against an unfinished house at 4215 Overlook Drive, Bloomington, by Clarence Hemming, 6428-23rd Avenue South, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Dr. Harolow Hanson, living at 4105 Overlook Drive, was summoned to the scene and pronounced the man dead.

Deceased was lying face down, fully clothed, when found. The ground beneath his body

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as well as the left front door appeared to have been clawed by the deceased. A garden hose ran from the car's exhaust pipe and through the right front window's vent and the space around the hose was stuffed with rags. The key was in the ignition and was turned on; gas tank found to be empty. There were no notes found. It appeared that the hose had burned off once at point of attachment to exhaust and been replaced.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and examined the deceased. A bright pink tinge was noted to the face and knees. There was complete rigor. Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning and was ruled a suicide.

Officers Pahl and Jim Pexley of the Bloomington Police Department and also Deputy sheriff Fred Weegman of Hennepin County were notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME OTTO MESCHKE

Date of Death October 28

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Norman Hotel, 712 S. Fifth St.	Pathologist	No
Residence	3242 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-5-1889 Age 65		
Birthplace	Germany		
Occupation	Air Conditioning salesman		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mary Meschke		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide	Bronchopneumonia; cerebral hemorrhage; hypertensive heart disease; fracture of left frontal skull.	
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Cemetery	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by John Neary of Gill Brothers Funeral Home at 2:50 p.m., October 29, 1954.

The deceased had been staying at the Norman Hotel in Minneapolis for approximately two months, having come here from Kansas City, Missouri. His wife resides in that city. The two are separated but not divorced. According to wife, the deceased had fallen frequently.

According to information received from the Norman Hotel, the deceased was subject to dizzy spells and fell several times in the lobby and it was necessary to assist him to his room. On October 11, 1954, the deceased fell striking his head and incurring an abrasion on his elbow when getting out of bed. Dr. G. C. Dorsey was summoned. At this time the deceased appeared to be all right, however, later that day, at 12:06 p.m., the deceased was removed to Minneapolis General Hospital. His condition became progressively critical and the man expired at 7:45 a.m., October 28.

OTTO MESCHKE (continued)

A deputy coroner viewed the body at the hospital and death was attributed to bronchopneumonia, cerebral hemorrhage, and hypertensive heart disease; the fracture of the left frontal skull being a contributing factor.

Dr. C. A. Connoughton of Minneapolis General Hospital had discussed the advisability of performing an autopsy, however, the deceased's wife, Mary Meschke, refused to give her consent.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

HARRY E. WILCOX

Date of Death

October 29

Place of Death

Abbott Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

1826 Marshall St. N. E.

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

4-7-1873 Age 81

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Proprietor - Superior Products

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Ida Wilcox

Names of Parents

John F. Wilcox & A nne Clement

CAUSE OF DEATH

~~Natural~~

Accident

Cerebral hemorrhage; fracture
of left hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Peter Kozlak Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

None

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Abbott Hospital at 2:20 a.m., October 29, 1954.

On October 10, 1954, the deceased fell on the floor of his office in some manner, sustaining an injury of the left hip. He was removed to Abbott Hospital, being admitted at 1:05 a.m. that day and placed under the care of Doctors Harold Miller and F. Schaaf.

An open reduction of the left hip was performed on October 16 and the hip was pinned. However, the man failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 2:00 a.m., October 29.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death

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was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALVIN OLIVER OREN

Date of Death October 29

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence

3309 E. 26th Street

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

9-8-1927 Age 27

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Auto salesman - Dahlberg Ford Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Audrey I. Oren

Christ Oren

Names of Parents

Minnie Olson

None except listed on Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Auto
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Crushing injury of chest with rupture of liver; bilateral hemothorax and multiple rib fractures; posterior dislocation right hip.

Place of Burial

Ft. Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Gleason Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 474-20-0738

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐ Korean

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 3:10 a.m., October 29, 1954.

At approximately 10:40 p.m., October 28, 1954, the deceased, alone in his car, sustained critical injuries when his car struck the rear of a parked truck near 28th Street and Garfield Avenue South. The deceased was traveling east on 28th street driving a 1954 Ford coach, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 1-045-634. Approximately 111 feet west of Garfield Avenue, the deceased crashed into the rear of a parked truck which was loaded with sod. The engine went under the platform of the truck and jammed, pinning the driver behind the wheel in the wreckage. The fire department was called to extricate him.

The impact pushed the truck forward and into another truck, also loaded with sod. Fitchie & Son Lawn Materials, 3401 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, are the owners of the two

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parked trucks, a 1948 Ford bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. Y84-321 and a 1949 Ford, bearing 1954 Minnesota license Y84-701.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene and deceased was removed to the hospital being admitted at 11:06 p.m. with a diagnoses of severe head and chest injuries and a posterior dislocation of the right hip. He expired several hours later, death occurring at 2:55 a.m., October 29.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on the date of death. This revealed a ruptured liver with massive hemorrhage; also multiple rib fractures with bilateral hemothorax.

Police officers F. Holmes and G. Conn of traffic squad 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Audrey; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Oren; two sisters, Mrs. Leo Lloyd and Betty Oren, all of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME EDWARD VERNON WHITON

Date of Death October 29

Place of Death 4937 Newton Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 2-18-1877 Age 87

Birthplace Janesville, Wis.

Occupation Salesman - Durkee Atwood Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Valois Whiton
Edward Vernon Whiton, Sr.

Names of Parents Mary L. Atwood

Natural Arteriosclerosis, generalized.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director Davies Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 468-09-2040

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Davies Mortuary at 7:10 a.m., October 29, 1954.

The deceased, a christian scientist, had been ill for some time and was under the care of a practitioner, Mrs. Betty Thomson. It was stated, the deceased was found dead in bed by a member of his family at 7:00 a.m., October 29. He had last been seen alive at 4:30 a.m., that morning.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to arteriosclerosis, generalized, and the body was released directly to

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a mortuary. It was also stated, the deceased had been treated approximately three years ago by a physician for coronary disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Valois; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Muller of Taylors Falls, Minn. and Mrs. Alden Strom of Deephaven; two sisters of Janesville, Wisconsin and four grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JESSE ARTHUR HUMPHREY

Date of Death Fd. October 29

Place of Death	3212 Third Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-30-1885 Age 69		
Birthplace	Iowa		
Occupation	Cement finisher - building		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anna Humphrey Arthur E. Humphrey Julia Olson		
Names of Parents			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery Henry W. Anderson Mortuary 1839 E. Lake St.	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director		Address	

Social Security No. 475-03-8921

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Henry Anderson Funeral Home at 8:45 a.m., October 29, 1954.

The deceased retired about 10:00 p.m., on the evening of October 28, 1954, and according to information received from his family, he apparently felt all right at that time. This morning, October 29, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the deceased was found dead in bed by his wife, Anna, when she went to awaken him.

There is history of a cerebral hemorrhage approximately six years ago, however, the deceased has not been under the care of a physician recently.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

JESSE ARTHUR HUMPHREY (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Anna; four sons, Robert, Stanley, Irving and Paul; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Rozgowski, Mrs. Helen Cronin and Mrs. Margery Macino; 8 grandchildren; two brothers, Fred and Merle; one sister, Mrs. James Larson, all of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JAMES WALTER LARSON

Date of Death October 29

Place of Death	D.O.A. Minnetonka Hospital Wayzata, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	McGinty and Crosby Roads, Minnetonka Township	Pathologist	No
Residence	138 N. Broadway, Wayzata, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 22 cal. Remington Rifle, model 510; 1 22 cal. Remington rifle model 511; 2 clips, loaded.
Birthdate	1-8-1938 Age 16		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Student		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Walter Larson Harriet Nordquist		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Legion Cemetery, Wayzata, Minn.	Effects Released to	Walter C. Larson, father
Folsom Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	138 N. Broadway, Wayzata, Minn.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 9:00 a.m., October 29, 1954.

According to information contained in a statement taken in the offices of the Hennepin County Sheriff from John David Anderson, he had left his home about 7:45 a.m., October 29, 1954, and drove his 1930 Model A Ford, bearing license #921-221, to the home of James Larson, the deceased, at Wayzata, Minnesota, and picked him up. Both boys had their guns along. They had previously planned to go target shooting this morning although it meant skipping school. The deceased stated he knew a spot out by the Crosby Road which was a good place to go shooting as there were no houses there.

On the way, John David Anderson saw a crow off to the side of road near the intersection of Crosby and McGinty roads and stopped the car. He took his gun, a single shot rifle,

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from its case and loaded it. He thinks the deceased also loaded his gun, a .22 Remington repeater, but is not positive.

John states he got out of the car and shot at the crow and states he did not reload his gun. He thinks the deceased got out of the car also but is not certain. As he was turning around after firing his gun and attempting to pull out the chamber to eject the shell, he heard a shot. He looked at the deceased who was sitting in the car on the right side and noted that he was bleeding from the right side of the neck. At this time, the butt of the deceased's gun was on floor of car with the barrel pointing up.

Upon noting the deceased's condition, John immediately started the car and drove down the road a short distance and attempted to stop a car to secure help, however, no one would stop. Then he drove on until he reached a house but could find no one at home. He was again forced to return to the road and try to wave down a car. Finally, a man in a Cadillac stopped. Together, the two of them transferred the deceased to the Cadillac and took him to the Minnetonka Hospital at Wayzata, Minnesota. En route to the hospital, the deceased expired and was pronounced dead by a Dr. Martinson upon arrival.

A subsequent report from Dr. L. G. Idstrom, roentgenologist, on the x-ray examination of the deceased's head which was done at Swedish Hospital on the date of death by request of this office revealed the following:

"A. P. AND LATERAL VIEWS OF THE SKULL. This examination shows numerous spattered areas of foreign opacities which have the appearance of findings with lead bullet. There is a comminution of the right mandible; and at this point, we see the scattered opacities which extend from this point to the base of the skull on the right side and project into the frontoparietal area. The largest irregular foreign body is approximately one centimeter by six millimeters in size, quite irregular in appearance and lying in the midparietal area just about one centimeter and a half from the midline and approximately four centimeters inferior to the vertex of the skull."

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County morgue. Upon examination of the deceased by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to a gun shot wound of head and was ruled an accident.

Deputy sheriff Fred Weegmann, Jr. and also the Wayzata Police Department investigated this death.

Survivors of the decedent are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Larson; brother, Robin; grandfather, Math Larson, Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME THOMAS JAY MAYLONE

Date of Death October 29

Place of Death	Box 237, Route #3 Hopkins, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	6-17-1883 Age 71		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Chef (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Charlotte Maylone Henry Maylone		
Names of Parents	Nora Davis		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Groveland Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Home, Hopkins, Minn.	Address	
		Social Security No.	472-052-498
		Veteran ☒ Yes No	WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Richard H. Picha at 9:30 a.m., October 29, 1954.

The deceased had been under the care of Dr. R. H. Picha for a coronary condition until about three years ago. Later he became a Christian Scientist and, it was stated, has had no medical attention since that time.

Today, October 29, 1954, the deceased was up and around the house at approximately 8:30 a.m. A short time later, he went back to bed and at 9:00 a.m., was found dead in bed. Dr. Picha was summoned and upon arrival, the physician confirmed the man's death.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to residence and viewed the body. Death was

THOMAS JAY MALONE (continued)

attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Charlotte; daughters, Mrs. Rudolph Mohline of Minnetonka Mills, Mrs. James K. O'Neil of Wayzata; 9 grandchildren.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ARMAND LEIN

Date of Death Fd. October 29

Place of Death	Lenox Hotel 403 Washington Ave. S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$10.00; 1 Elgin watch; 5 keys; 1 coin purse; 1 bankbook - Marquette National Bank #25916 - \$109.07.
Birthdate	4-24-1885 Age 69		
Birthplace	Story City, Iowa		
Occupation	Farmer (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Torger and Marie Edna Lein		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Story City, Iowa	Effects Released to	Bertha Lein, Sister
Folsom	Funeral Director White Funeral Home	Address	2407 University Ave., Des Moines, Ia.

Social Security No. None
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:25 p.m., October 29, 1954.

On the afternoon of October 29, 1954, the deceased had walked up the stairs and was on his way to his room when he suddenly collapsed in front of Room No. 9. Mrs. Schultz, also living at the same address, heard the deceased fall and found him lying in the hallway, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death, death apparently occurring about 2:20 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased had history of diabetes and was a Minneapolis General Hospital out patient.

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The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Keller and Nelson of squad 117 responding.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are two sisters, Mrs. Louis Leonard and Bertha Lein, Des Moines, Iowa.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MATHEW LEWIS

Date of Death October 29

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen

Residence 520 Colfax Avenue N.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$16.00; 1 Illinois watch & chain; 1 glasses; 1 Whistle; 1 billfold.

Birthdate 2-14-1877 Age 77

Birthplace Greenburg, Ky.

Occupation Unknown

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widowed

Name of Husband or Wife Unknown

None except listed On Morgue Record

Names of Parents John and Susan Lewis

Natural Arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Rosedale Cemetery Roseville Township

Effects Released to Mrs. Mildred M. Howard, granddaughter

Folsom

Funeral Director Woodard Funeral Home

Address 301 Emerson Ave. N.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 10:30 p.m., October 29, 1954.

At approximately 8:25 a.m., October 5, 1954, Police Officers Scully and Yale of squad 119 received a call to 520 Colfax Avenue North where a fight was said to be in progress. Upon arrival, they found the deceased lying on the hallway floor on the second floor, bleeding profusely and Atwell Austin, also a tenant at this address, in his room which was situated in the rear area of the second floor. He, too, was bleeding. Both men were removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 8:53 a.m., October 5.

Bernadine Dillar, 24, 505 Colfax Avenue North, a witness to the fight, stated that when she entered the premises at 520 Colfax, she saw the deceased, who is totally blind, on

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the floor and Austin was over him beating him with his fist.

According to Velma Parker who lives on the second floor, Austin received his pension check October 4 and was intoxicated; he was shouting, swearing and pounding on the other roomers' doors all night. Lewis had told him to keep quiet and an argument followed. Then the deceased locked himself in his room and several times during the night, Austin tried to enter same. In the morning when the deceased came out of his room, Austin jumped on him and stated he was going to kill him. Miss Parker states she saw both men using knives and later saw Austin go to the rear door with something in his hand, saying, "I am going to get shed of this". Later, detectives checked below the rear entrance and found a small, black, pocket knife on the ground with blood stains on it. A switch blade knife was also found lying on top of the refrigerator in the deceased's room. Miss Parker states she picked up this knife from the hallway floor and placed in on top of the refrigerator.

The deceased suffered two lacerations on the right side of the head, one on the left hand, and his eyes and lips were badly swollen. Austin suffered three stab wounds in the right ribs; laceration of the right elbow; laceration of the right side of face, and one on the left hand. The deceased later told the detectives that Austin had been drinking and "raising cane" all night, and had hit him with a club when he came out of his room. Deceased stated he could not remember using a knife, but that he did own a switch blade knife.

Due to physical complications and the man's advanced age, he failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 9:29 p.m., October 29.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 9:00 a.m., October 30. This revealed that death resulted from arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency. In the opinion of the pathologist and the deputy coroner, this is a natural death.

Detectives Cronstrom and Stenberg as well as Mahnke and Taplin investigated this case.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME DONALD HERMAN WOOLARD

Date of Death October 30

Place of Death	319 Fourth Ave. N. E.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Lee Wattenberg
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	4-16-1911 Age 43		
Birthplace	Ohio		
Occupation	Stationary Engineer-St. Catherine College of		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Dallas Woolard Mary Lyal Williams		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary occlusion	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Fox Sullivan Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Mathew Eich at 6:00 p.m., October 30, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had history of peptic ulcers. On October 30, 1954, the deceased assisted a relative in moving his furniture. Later that day, about 4:30 p.m., the deceased phoned Dr. Mathew Eich complaining of pain in chest and the physician prescribed 1½ gr. of phenobarbital. The man expired at 5:40 p.m., and was pronounced dead by Dr. Mathew Eich.

An autopsy was performed at the Fox Sullivan Funeral Chapel at 10:00 a.m., November 1. This revealed an occlusion of the left coronary artery (new); infarct of the ventricular septum; as well as old and new occlusion of the right coronary artery.

DONALD HERMAN WOOLARD (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are two sons; two daughters; mother, Mrs. Curtis (Mary Lyal) Kittleson; brother, Barney Kittleson.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME EDWARD BANIK

Date of Death October 31

Place of Death 3122 Morgan Avenue North

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 4-8-1882 Age 72

Birthplace Germany

Occupation Clerk - Stremel Bros. Hardware

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Elma I. Banik

Names of Parents Joseph Banik

Julia Shchulert

Natural Cerebral hemorrhage.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Greenwood Cemetery, Superior, Wis.

Funeral Director Swanson Mortuary, Inc.

Autopsy No

Pathologist No

Inquest No

Effects Taken in charge None

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No. 468-03-0264

Veteran Yes X No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Samuel Samuelson at 3:45 a.m., October 31, 1954.

According to Dr. S. Samuelson, he had treated the deceased for a hernia last winter but has not seen him for at least six months. It was stated, however, that the deceased had recently been seen by Dr. G. M. Koepcke to have his eyes checked because of severe headaches.

About 2:50 a.m., October 31, 1954, the deceased was found struggling in bed by his wife and he became unresponsive at 3:00 a.m. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Samuelson upon the physician's arrival.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was

EDWARD BANIK (continued)

attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Elma; one son, Elroy K. of LaCrescenta, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Helen Budd, Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Victoria Hancock, Grand Forks, N. Dak., Mrs. Martha Biggs, Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Marie Ryan, Duluth, Minn.; three brothers, Oscar E. of Denver, Colo., Walter W. of Medicine Lake, and Adolph E., Grand Forks, N. Dak.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALOIS SCHWENGLE

Date of Death October 31

Place of Death Marquette & Washington Ave. S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

2911 Dupont Avenue N.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$10.13; 1 billfold; 1 Westclox watch; misc. papers.

Birthdate

2-24-1892 Age 62

Birthplace

Loretto, Minn.

Occupation

Laborer - railroad

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Allis Schwengle
Othilia Huebner

Names of Parents

Natural

Coronary heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Fred Trumble, nephew

Funeral Director

Knaeble Company

Address

2911 Dupont Avenue N.

Social Security No. 473-10-2645

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:50 a.m., October 31, 1954.

According to porter, John L. Bonnot, 425 1/2 Washington Avenue South, the deceased came into the cigar store at 44 S. Washington and sat down in a booth about 10:00 a.m., October 31, 1954. A few moments later, the man suddenly collapsed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and death was attributed to coronary heart

ALOIS SCHWENGLE (continued)

disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Gustafson and Strom responding.

Survivors of the decedent are three sisters, Mrs. Henry (Katie) Pouliot, Mrs. Annie Trumble, Mrs. John (Mary) Brodahl; one brother, John.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

STANLEY PETER KORPOWICZ

Date of Death

Fd. October 31

Place of Death

117 Nicollet Avenue

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$10.10; 1 wallet; 4 keys.

Birthdate

2-8-1910 Age 44

Birthplace

Lorain, Ohio

Occupation

Laborer - railroad

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Anton Korpowicz
Alice Korinsky

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary heart disease

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Milwaukee, Wis.

Effects
Released to

R. F. Burr, Funeral Director

Folsom

Funeral Director

The Burr Funeral Home

Address

Minneapolis, Minn.

Social Security No.

388-03-2314

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:50 a.m., October 31, 1954.

At approximately 10:45 a.m., October 31, 1954, the deceased was found dead in bed by May Ryan, landlady. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival of the ambulance, the physician aboard confirmed the man's death.

According to tenant in Room No. 8, directly across hall from deceased's room, the deceased had coughed and wheezed most of the night preceding his death.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased

STANLEY PETER KORPOWICZ (continued)

found lying in bed in 2+ rigor with some bloody fluid noted from mouth. There were no marks. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Police officers Strom and Gustafson were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME CLAIRES FRANK ORGON (CLARENCE F. ORGON) Date of Death Fd. October 31

Place of Death	113 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Avenue South	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	300 Second Street N. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 Bulova watch & chain; 2 billfolds; 1 glasses.
Birthdate	6-3-1887 Age 67		
Birthplace	Tomah, Wis.		
Occupation	Barber		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Rose Orgon		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	James Orgon Anna Riebers		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Rainville Funeral Home, Morse E. Rainville, Fun. Director
Folsom Funeral Director	Rainville Funeral Home	Address	222 East Hennepin, Minneapolis

Social Security No. 468-07-3741A

Veteran Yes No^x WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:50 a.m., October 31, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been drinking for many days. He had been seen by tenant in room across the hall from the deceased's room at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of October 30, 1954. The deceased had fallen down near the bathroom, and he had picked the deceased up and carried him to his room.

On the morning of October 31, 1954, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the deceased was found dead in bed.

Deceased had been a patient in the Veterans Hospital at Fort Snelling from May 5 to May 20, 1953, at which time his condition was diagnosed as chronic bronchitis; hypertensive cardio-

CLAIRE FRANK ORGON (continued)

vascular disease; pulmonary emphysema (not treated); esophageal hiatus, with transient bleeding and vomiting.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to acute alcoholism; chronic bronchitis; hypertensive cardio-vascular disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Johnson and Lundberg of squad 117 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Rose; daughters, Mrs. K. W. (Dolores) Nelson of Austin, Minn., Mrs. Henry R. (Lois) Sweet, Minneapolis; brothers, Mark Orgon, Osseo Road, Minneapolis, George of Lodi, California and Ernie, Waukegan, Ill; sisters, Mrs. Lillian Nelson, Lodi, Calif., Mrs. Eva Miller, W. Chicago, Ill, Mrs. Rose Phifer, Mitchell, S. D., Sister M. Viola, O.S.B., Watkins, Minn.; also three grandchildren.

11-22-54: Letter received from this decedent's sister, Mrs. K. W. Nelson 1502 So. Kenwood, Austin, Minnesota, dated November 19, 1954, states that deceased's name is Clarence Orgon. However, Mrs. Nelson stated her brother had registered as Claire F. Orgon with the Veterans Administration.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME KAREL VODJA

Date of Death November 1

Place of Death Minnekahda Club golf course

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. G. Aurebeck

Residence 3200 Zenith Avenue S.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$0.18; 1 billfold; misc. cards, etc.

Birthdate 10-29-1914 Age 40

Birthplace Czechoslovakia

Occupation Waiter - Minnekahda Club

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife Unknown

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Acute and chronic alcoholic intoxication; fatty metamorphosis of liver.
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Rosedale Cemetery

Effects Released to Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home, Fred E. Nugent, F. D.

E. J.

Funeral Director Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home

Address 2116 Nicollet Avenue

Social Security No. 477-34-5959

Veteran Yes WW I ☐ WW II ☐
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:50 a.m., November 1, 1954.

About 8:30 a.m., November 1, 1954, Emile Cerise found the deceased dead on the bank of the Minnekahda golf course. He was lying on the bank which slopes down from the club house to West Calhoun Boulevard along the lake. There was a slight covering of snow over the body, indicating that it had been there approximately 12 to 24 hours. Information from the manager of the club revealed that the deceased had been employed there from March 16, 1951 until October 15, 1954.

According to Dr. Charles E. Proshek, the deceased was a displaced person from Czechoslovakia in whom they had had great confidence. Dr. Proshek had persuaded Elsie Holt, principal of Clay school, to sponsor the waiter. He arrived in the United States in 1951 and several weeks thereafter located a job as waiter at the Minnekahda Club. The deceased

KAREL VODJA (continued)

quickly repaid Miss Holt for his passage to this country and then started to accumulate a fund to bring his wife and children here. About one year ago, the deceased received word that his wife had divorced him. It was useless to explain to him that the Communist regime forced the wives of men who fled the country to divorce them or go to prison. He was heartbroken and withdrew from any social life, would not eat, and defied all attempts to aid him. Three weeks ago, the deceased dropped from sight. There was no further information as to his whereabouts until his body was discovered November 1.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Two bottles of whiskey were found under the body; one was completely full and the other about two-thirds full. There was a coat under deceased's head and a jacket over him. There was no indication of foul play, nor any indication that deceased committed suicide although it was stated the deceased had attempted suicide by slashing his wrist several months ago.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue. This revealed that death resulted from acute and chronic alcoholic intoxication and fatty metamorphosis of the liver.

Police officer Hanson responded to the initial call. The investigation was continued by Detectives Mahnke and Van Poll.

CORONER'S RECORD

980

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

MICHAEL WALLACE

Date of Death

November 1

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Unknown

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$32.81; 1 billfold; 1 coin purse;
1 \$500,000. mark note; 1 glasses.

Birthdate

Unknown Age 61

Birthplace

Unknown

Occupation

Unknown

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Unknown

Name of Husband or Wife

Unknown

Names of Parents

Unknown

None except listed
On Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Asphyxiation from many puncture wounds

Suicide

Partial strangulation of throat

Homicide

With multiple stab wounds

Undetermined

Heavy injection of heroin
causing cardiac arrest

Place of Burial

Effects
Released to

Unclaimed cash deposited
with County Treasurer

Funeral Director

University of Minnesota

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 10:23 p.m., November 1, 1954.

The deceased was found under the railroad bridge on Laurel Avenue and was picked up by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance and removed to the hospital, being admitted at 2:30 p.m., November 1, 1954. He expired on the day of admittance, death occurring at 9:15 p.m.

According to the hospital's records, this decedent is also known as Michael Walashultz, and it was stated, he had a brother at a mission, however, no relatives could be located.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and death was ascribed to

MICHAEL WALLACE (continued)

coronary sclerosis.

Since the deceased had no funds for burial nor were there any relatives known to the Coroner's Office who could arrange for the burial of the deceased, it was necessary to release his body to the Anatomical Department of the University.

CORONER'S RECORD

981

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDWARD AUGUST HEIDRICK

Date of Death Fd., November 2

Place of Death	Shady Wood Point R. 1, Box 129 1/2, Mound, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$25.85; 1 billfold; 1 knife; 9 keys.
Birthdate	1-5-1880 Age 74		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Mechanic - State Highway Dept.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Hulda J. Heidrick		
Names of Parents	? and Minerva Heidrick		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease; duodenal ulcer.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Hulda J. Heidrich, wife
Kaplan	Funeral Director Welder Quist Co. 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	Mound, Minn.

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No. 469-12-5492

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II Spanish American War and WWI

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 7:09 p.m., November 2, 1954.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., November 2, 1954, the deceased was found sitting on the left side of the table in his home, apparently expired, by Mrs. Marie Amidon, a neighbor who lives across the street from the deceased. It was stated, he had last been seen alive by her daughter, Beatrice, at about 1:00 p.m. that day.

Dr. W. I. Davis of Mound, Minnesota was summoned to the scene. Upon the physician's arrival at 7:30 p.m., he confirmed the man's death.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

EDWARD AUGUST HEIDRICK (continued)

attributed to coronary disease; a duodenal ulcer being a contributing factor. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

According to Veterans Hospital, the deceased has had a history of duodenal ulcer over a period of many years, and has been treated at the Veterans Hospital on various occasions. About nine years ago, there was surgical removal of part of the stomach and a portion of the bowel. He has been unable to do heavy work since this surgery, and his health has not been good. At times he has vomited blood. The deceased was also diagnosed as being psycho-neurotic.

Deputy sheriffs Lindberg and Williams were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Hulda J.; one niece and two nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

982

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME TIMOTHY P. FOLEY

Date of Death November 2

Place of Death	North Memorial Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	138 East 17th Street	Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-22-1873 Age 81		
Birthplace	New Hampshire		
Occupation	Farmer (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Bridget Foley Patrick Foley		
Names of Parents	Mary Crowley		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Fox Sullivan Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. N. S. Lufkin at 12 o'clock, noon, November 3, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased has had a cardiac condition for the past six months and has been confined to a wheel chair. In some manner, the deceased fell out of bed in his home on October 29, 1954 sustaining an injury to his right hip. He was removed to the North Memorial Hospital, being admitted that day, and placed under the care of Dr. Leonard B. Moyer.

X-ray examination of the hip revealed a fracture and an open reduction was performed. Due to other physical ailments and the man's weakened condition, pneumonia developed. Death occurred at 4:58 p.m., November 2.

TIMOTHY P. FOLEY (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Fox Sullivan Mortuary. This revealed that death resulted from terminal pneumonia and coronary heart disease; the fractured right hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Bridget; five daughters; two sons; 18 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Miss Margaret Foley of Benson.

CORONER'S RECORD

983

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDWIN NYE

Date of Death November 2

Place of Death	Veterans Administration Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	4600 Van Buren St. N. E.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-2-1887 Age 66		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Custodian - Apartment house		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married -		
Name of Husband or Wife	Caroline O. Nye Even Nye		
Names of Parents	Johanna Oium		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Weland Quist Co. 1200 West Broadway	Address	

Wright

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Veterans Hospital at 8:45 a.m., November 4, 1954.

On September 8, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell out of bed onto the floor, sustaining an injury to his right femur. The deceased was removed to the Veterans Hospital, being admitted at 7:00 p.m., September 9, 1954.

X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right femur. No surgery was performed, however, the hip was put in traction. The hospital course was uneventful for many weeks. His condition was further complicated by a coronary condition and he finally developed bronchopneumonia, expiring at 2:00 p.m., November 2, 1954.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JOHN DUDA

Date of Death Fd. November 3

Place of Death	639 Washington St. N. E.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-5-1886 Age 68		
Birthplace	Poland		
Occupation	Oiler - Spencer Kellogg Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Sophia Duda		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Kapala Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No. 468-07-0422

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Kapala Funeral Home at 6:06 a.m., November 3, 1954.

At approximately 5:30 a.m., November 3, 1954, the deceased got out of bed and went to the bathroom where he suddenly collapsed. He was removed to his bed and Dr. Leo A. Zaworski was summoned to the home. The deceased was pronounced dead upon arrival of the physician.

It was stated, the deceased has appeared to be in good health and has not complained of any unusual symptoms. There is no previous medical history.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

EDWIN NYE (continued)

He is survived by his wife, Caroline.

JOHN DUDA (continued)

was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was released directly to the mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Sofia; two sons, Vincent Franzig and Frank Brovos; three daughters, Mrs. Johnn (Stella) Malecki and Mrs. Henry (Sophie) Kosloski of Minneapolis, Mrs. William (Gladys) Bogusky, S. St. Paul; 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

985

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

MARK WAGNER

Date of Death

November 3

Place of Death

11 East 38th Street

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

1719 Sixth St. N.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

\$11.00; 1 billfold; 1 pencil;
misc. cards etc.; 6 keys in case.

Birthdate

3-28-1902 Age 52

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Truck Driver

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Gertrude Wagner
? Wagner

Names of Parents

Fern Armstrong

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary heart disease

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Sundseth Anderson Funeral Chapel
G. A. Anderson, F. D.

Funeral Director

Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Chapel

Address

2024 Lyndale Avenue N.

Social Security No.

475-05-1919

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:35 p.m., November 3, 1954.

On November 3, 1954, the deceased was sitting in a booth at 11 East 38th Street. With him at this time were Melvin Knutson, 2620 Fifth Avenue S., Leo Wenland, 737 Adams St. Northeast, and they had just ordered their dinner. Suddenly the deceased slumped over the table. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 12:45 p.m.

It was stated the deceased has been under the care of Dr. E. J. Lillehei for a cardiac ailment since July 1954 and had returned to work on September 15, 1954. About two and one half months ago, the deceased had an electrocardiogram.

MARK WAGNER (continued)

According to information received from the deceased's wife, the deceased had been ill in July and August of this year with a coronary condition, an enlarged liver and fluid in the right lung cavity.

Police officers Hokans and Chamberlain of squad 151 were also notified and attended the scene of death.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Gertrude.

CORONER'S RECORD

986

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME GEORGE EDWARD BAILEY

Date of Death Fd. November 3

Place of Death 4928 Newton Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 1-5-1867 Age 87

Birthplace Buffalo, New York

Occupation Cotton planation, hdwe.,lbr.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Jannie A. Bailey
Earl W. Bailey

Names of Parents Cynthia Warren

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery
Welanders-Quist Company

Effects Released to

E.J. Funeral Director 2301 Dupont Avenue S.

Address

Social Security No. 473-18-5649A

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:50 p.m., November 3, 1954.

On the afternoon of November 3, 1954, the deceased was out raking leaves in front of his home when he suddenly sat down on the front steps and appeared to be having difficulty breathing. A neighbor, George Susens, 4944 Newton Avenue South, noted the deceased's condition and walked over to him. The deceased gasped several times and became unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at about 4:40 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to

GEORGE EDWARD BAILEY (continued)

a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Schultz and Peterson of squad 152 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Mrs. Harriet Liley, Seattle, and Mrs. Cynthia Culbertson of Minneapolis; three grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

987

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME SIDNEY EARL OSTERLUND

Date of Death Fd. November 3

Place of Death	2120 Garfield Ave. S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-17-1925 Age 29		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Stock Clerk		None except listed On Morgue Record
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Betty Jane Osterlund Arthur H. Osterlund, Sr.		
Names of Parents	Anna Marie Gould		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Glencoe, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Folsom Funeral Director	The Albin Chapel	Address	
		Social Security No.	477-20-2598
		Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No	WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:06 p.m., November 3, 1954.

About 12:45 p.m., November 3, 1954, the deceased left his place of employment, the H. D. Lee Company, because he was not feeling well. He told his wife, who works at the same place, that he was going home. About 4:45 p.m., Mrs. Osterlund arrived home from work and found the deceased hanging from a steam pipe that is located near the ceiling of the living room, apparently expired. Mr. B. Widlund, manager of the apartment house, was summoned. Mr. Widlund cut the deceased down with a knife but did not untie the rope around the deceased's neck.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

SIDNEY EARL OSTERLUND (continued)

Apparently the deceased had tied one end of the rope around some weight lifting equipment, four discs and a bar (weight about 60 lbs.), then had thrown the other end of the rope over the steam pipe and tied that end around his neck, using a slip knot. Deceased's wife states he had been in the habit of experimenting with weights and ropes in an attempt to strengthen his neck muscles.

It was stated, the deceased at times became irrational but most of his activity was that of a normal person.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Death was attributed to strangulation due to hanging and was ruled an suicide. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Detectives Stenberg and Cronstrom of 301 were notified and investigated this case.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Betty Jane; mother, Mrs. Anna Osterlund; brother, Arthur, Jr., Minneapolis; and a grandmother, Mrs. W. C. Gould of Glencoe.

CORONER'S RECORD

988

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HARRY BROWN

Date of Death November 3

Place of Death	Highway 110 Minnetrista Township	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Bruce Jarvis
Residence	Rieck's Rest Home, Mound, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$13.87; 1 glasses; 1 coin purse.
Birthdate	7-29-1878 Age 76		
Birthplace	Sheboygan, Wis.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Mound Union Cemetery Mound, Minn.	Effects Released to	Huber Funeral Home, R. D. Dahlstrom, F. D.
Folsom Funeral Director	Huber Funeral Home, Excelsior, Minn.	Address	2644 Nicollet Ave.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 7:46 p.m., November 3, 1954.

On Wednesday evening, November 3, 1954, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the deceased was fatally injured when struck by a car driven by Ann Rutledge, 22, Route #2, Box 381, Mound, Minnesota, approximately 1800 feet east of the intersection of County Road 44 and State Highway 110. The vehicle, a 1942 Mercury sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 127-399, was proceeding east on Highway 110 at the time the accident occurred. Apparently the deceased, a resident of Rieck's Rest Home, Mound, Minnesota, was walking east, along the highway, with his back to the traffic.

A physician was summoned to the scene of the accident. Upon arrival, he pronounced the man dead.

HARRY BROWN (continued)

It was stated, the visibility was very poor, deceased was wearing dark clothing and Miss Rutledge, the driver, states she was meeting an oncoming car when she felt her car strike the deceased.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 11:00 a.m., November 4, 1954. This revealed a bilateral subdural hematoma; traumatic rupture of the spleen; also retroperitoneal hemorrhage.

Deputy sheriff T. Williams of Hennepin County was notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

989

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

OSCAR TILDEN SYNSTEBY

Date of Death November 3

Place of Death

708 S. 8th Street, Apt. 107

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

9-4-1897 Age 57

Birthplace

Cashton, Wis.

Occupation

Observer - Northern States Power

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Margaret Synsteb
Oloevius Synsteb

Names of Parents

Dora Olson

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
Welander Quist Company
(South Chapel)

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:42 p.m., November 3, 1954.

On the evening of November 3, 1954, the deceased was sitting in the living room of his home watching television. The only other member of the family home at this time was a step-son, James West, who was in the bedroom painting. James heard an unusual noise from the other room and went in to investigate. He found the deceased slumped over in an unresponsive condition. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the deceased dead, death apparently occurring about 8:30 p.m.

The deceased had not had any recent medical attention nor had he complained of any symptoms of illness.

OSCAR T. SYNSTEBY (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Margaret; stepson, James West; grandson, Michael West; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Halleckson and Mrs. Azora Johnson; three brothers, Olaf and Sylvester, all of Minneapolis, Gerhardt, Westby, Wis.

CORONER'S RECORD

990

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EDNA PEARL WILLIAMS

Date of Death November 3

Place of Death	Milwaukee Station, Third and Washington Aves. S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1233 Hopkins Ave., Redwood City, Calif.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge *	\$439.76
Birthdate	12-1-1890 Age 63	Less:	4.30 (2 telephone calls)
Birthplace	Hillsdale, Michigan	Balance	435.46
Occupation	Registered nurse		1 Suitcase and contents (clothing, etc.)
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		1 Norexa wrist watch; 1 gold ring;
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Arthur Williams		1 Diamond ring; 1 necklace beads; 6 keys.
Names of Parents	William and ? Wilkins		**1 Broach (8 white stones; 1 glasses.
CAUSE OF DEATH			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Natural	Coronary heart disease		
Accident			
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Aberdeen, S. Dak.	Effects Released to **	A. C. Mathers, Spec. Adm.
Folsom	Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company 2301 Dupont Avenue S.	**	701 North Main St., Aberdeen, S. Dak.
		Address **	2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Social Security No. 552-44-2081

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:16 p.m., November 3, 1954.

On November 3, 1954, the deceased arrived at the Milwaukee Station on train No. 18, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, from Aberdeen, South Dakota, about 9:50 p.m. After the train had stopped, the deceased alighted and was walking toward the station, when she suddenly complained of feeling ill and asked someone to have a wheel chair brought to her. In a few moments a red cap appeared with the chair and wheeled the woman into the women's waiting room. He assisted her into a chair, and an ambulance was summoned from Minneapolis General Hospital. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the woman dead on arrival at 10:15 p.m.

EDNA PEARL WILLIAMS (continued)

It was stated, the deceased had arrived in Minneapolis to visit Mrs. Genevive Robertson, 3101 Humboldt Avenue South.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found sitting in wheel; froth noted at mouth and nose. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Police officers Carlson and Roehl of squad 117 were notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

991

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALLEN SMITH

Date of Death November 3

Place of Death	University Hospitals	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Milaca, Minn.	Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	2-13-1864 Age 90		
Birthplace	Illinois		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Peter Smith Sarah Staten		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☒ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Milaca, Minn. Elmer E. Johnson, Milaca, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director		Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the University Hospitals at 7:36 a.m., November 4, 1954.

The deceased had been brought into University Hospital, being admitted at 3:00 p.m., October 21, 1954, after have fallen in Milaca, Minnesota and incurring an injury of the right femur. No other information as to how and where the deceased fell are available.

X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right femur. Due to the man's advanced age and weakened condition, no surgery was attempted. However, the hip was put in traction. At 4:58 a.m., November 3, the man expired.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed that death resulted from broncho-

ALLEN SMITH (continued)

pneumonia of the right lung; the fractured right femur being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

992

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

ENDER WILHELSEN

Date of Death

November 4

Place of Death

Restorium
2122 Portland Ave.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

2500 Pillsbury Ave.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

7-24-1881 Age 73

Birthplace

Denmark

Occupation

Bartender

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Unknown

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Unknown

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary heart disease; diabetes

Place of Burial

Grandview Cemetery
Hopkins, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel
Hopkins, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel at 3:55 a.m., November 4, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had last been treated by Dr. Karl Eugene Sandt in February of 1954 for diabetes and he had been a patient in the rest home at the above address for some time.

On the morning of November 4, 1954, shortly after 2:00 a.m., Nurse Dorothy Hansen found the deceased gasping and unresponsive. The man expired shortly thereafter, death occurring at 2:20 a.m.

The deceased had appeared to be in his usual health and had not complained of any unusual symptoms.

ENDER WILHELMSEN (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease; diabetes being a contributing factor.

CORONER'S RECORD

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MARY M. FERGUSON

Date of Death November 4

Place of Death	Ferguson Service Station Maple Plain, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Erland Nelson
Residence	Maple Plain, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	
Birthdate	3-1-1908 Age 46		
Birthplace	Grand Forks, N. Dak.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Robert S. Ferguson		
Names of Parents	Karl and Lena Danner		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Memorial Park Cemetery Grand Forks, N. Dak.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Webster Funeral Chapel Maple Plain, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

The Sheriff's Office reported this case to the Coroner's Office at 7:57 a.m., November 4, 1954.

Robert S. Ferguson, age 50, husband of the deceased, stated the deceased drove to Ferguson's gasoline station, situated on the southwest corner of Highway No. 12 and Budd Street, Maple Plain, with him early Thursday morning, November 4, so that she could take the family car home, after Ferguson opened the station for business at approximately 6:30. According to Ferguson, he unlocked the door of the station and they entered the place together. He placed a lunch box containing about \$450.00 for the day's business on the counter. Ferguson stated they had commented on the cold temperature, and he went to the rear of the place to check the stove. The deceased followed with her husband's thermos bottle of coffee, which she placed on a work bech. In a moment the two heard the door to the station office and the waiting room open. Ferguson started back to the office to investigate, when he was

confronted by two men who had entered the front part of the building. Ferguson related that one of the men struck him with his fist, causing him to fall backward over the grease rack to the floor, at the same time shouting to the second man, "get the woman," in a "hair-lip kind of voice." Ferguson said he was dazed momentarily, but was aware that the second man had struck the deceased with something. The two attackers then rushed out through the station office, and when Ferguson regained his feet and rushed out after them he saw them leave in an automobile, apparently with a third person in it. The money, it was noted, had been taken from the lunch box. Ferguson went to his wife, who was lying face down on the floor; there was blood around her head. He then rushed next door to the post office for help. C. M. Budd, a rural mail carrier, called Constable George Shaffer. The latter summoned Dr. Kenneth B. Romness, Mound, who, upon arrival, pronounced the woman dead. Constable Shaffer notified the Sheriff's Office, and deputy sheriffs Eugene C. Arnold, Eric W. Stephens, C. Seviola and E. H. Reiter arrived at the scene a few minutes later. Death occurred about 6:45 a.m.

The deputy coroner noted the body of the deceased lying face down on the concrete floor in the rear part of the building. There was a pool of blood and emesis on the floor area occupied by the head. A depressed occipital skull fracture was noted. A ball peen hammer (2½ pound mechanics hammer), the striking face of which measured 1½ inches in diameter, with blood and hairs adhering to that portion, was exhibited to the deputy coroner by deputy sheriff Arnold in a plastic bag, and was purported to be the weapon used in the slaying.

The body was taken to the Hennepin County Morgue, where an autopsy was performed about 11:30 a.m. on the date of death. Examination revealed two crescent shaped two-inch lacerations in the parieto-occipital region of the scalp, mostly to the left of the mid-line. There was a depressed, comminuted, skull fracture of both parietal and occipital bones, with subarachnoid hemorrhage.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by a son, Henry, age 23.

The Sheriff's Office reported this case to the coroner's office at 7:45 a.m., November 5, 1954.

Robert E. Ferguson, age 30, husband of the deceased, stated the deceased was visiting the deceased's sister, Mrs. Cauble, who lives at the above address. Shortly after 7:00 a.m. on the morning of November 5, 1954, the deceased went into the kitchen to prepare breakfast. A little later, the deceased's husband who was in the living room heard a crash from the kitchen and heard his wife cry out. Upon investigation, he found the deceased lying on the kitchen floor in an unresponsive condition. Dr. Ernest R. Anderson was summoned to the home and found the deceased dead on arrival, death apparently occurring at 7:30 a.m.

According to husband, the deceased had had several operations many years ago, but has apparently been in good health for a long period of time and had not complained of any

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ARTHA DORIS LEVIN Date of Death November 5

Place of Death	5850 Portland Ave.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	Cushing, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-17-1894 Age 59		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Nelson Levin		None except listed On Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Adolp Anderson Nina Dahl		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Heart block secondary to fatty infiltration of heart muscle.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Ernest R. Anderson at 7:45 a.m., November 5, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased and her husband, residents of Cushing, Minnesota, were visiting the deceased's sister, Mrs. Cauble who lives at the above address. Shortly after 7:00 a.m. on the morning of November 5, 1954, the deceased went into the kitchen to prepare breakfast. A little later, the deceased's husband who was in the living room heard a crash from the kitchen and heard his wife cry out. Upon investigation, he found the deceased lying on the kitchen floor in an unresponsive condition. Dr. Ernest R. Anderson was summoned to the home and found the deceased dead on arrival, death apparently occurring at 7:30 a.m.

According to husband, the deceased had had several operations many years ago, but has apparently been in good health for a long period of time and had not complained of any

ARTHA DORIS LEVIN (continued)

symptoms of illness.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:30 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from a heart block secondary to fatty infiltration of the heart muscle.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officer Peltola of squad 152 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, Nelson; sisters, Mrs. M. A. Sears, Mrs. A. E. Cauble, Minneapolis, Mrs. Mabel Laraway, Manhattan Beach, Minn.; and a nephew, Lloyd Etter, Bozeman, Montana.

CORONER'S RECORD

995

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MARTIN NELSON

Date of Death November 5

Place of Death 5536 Edgewater Boulevard

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 7-23-1867 Age 87

Birthplace Denmark

Occupation Dairy and real estate

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Annie M. Nelson
Soren Sondergaard

Names of Parents Maren Iverson

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Enger Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m., November 5, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. D. T. Stromgren for the treatment of a coronary condition, however, the doctor has not seen the deceased personally for about a year.

On the afternoon of November 5, 1954, about 5:00 p.m., the deceased was sitting in a chair reading a paper and apparently expired without any indication that he was critically ill.

According to family, the deceased had not complained of feeling ill and appeared to be in his usual health.

MARTIN NELSON (continued)

Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Mrs. Amalie Rosendahl and Mrs. Esther Terp; son, Victor M.; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

996

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ISAAC E. BALZER

Date of Death November 5

Place of Death University Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Lee Wattenberg

Residence Bingham Lake, Minn.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-6-1904 Age 50

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Farmer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife Peter H. Balzer

Names of Parents Sarah H. Wiebe

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Exposure to cold and crushing injury of thighs.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Carson M. B. Cemetery, Carson Twp., Cottonwood Co., Minn.

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Welander Quist Company 2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by University Hospitals at 9:10 p.m., November 5, 1954.

About midnight on the night of November 2nd or November 3, 1954, the deceased was unloading feed sacks on his farm in the vicinity of Bingham Lake by the light of a bonfire. Apparently the wagon tipped pinning him back against an outbuilding wall by his thighs. He was not found and freed until 6:00 a.m. the following morning. Dr. Peter J. Pankratz of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, administered emergency treatment and ordered the deceased removed to University Hospitals where he was admitted at 2:30 p.m., November 4, 1954. The deceased expired the following day, November 5th, at 7:15 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 9:30 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed

ISAAC E. BALZER (continued)

superficial necrosis of the skin, both buttocks; swollen edematous upper thighs, bilateral (more on left), with reddening and scattered petechial hemorrhages; marked congestion of intestines with blood in lumen; pulmonary edema and severe congestion of both lungs; there was also questionable cardiomegaly of left ventricle.

Death was attributed to exposure to cold and crushing injury of chest and was ruled an accident.

CORONER'S RECORD

997

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HJALMER W. HANSON

Date of Death November 5

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 9th St. and 5th Ave. S.

Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence 521 Ninth Street S.

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$4.58; 1 ring; 2 keys; 1 tie clasp; 1 glasses; 1 coin purse; misc. letters etc.

Birthdate 6-23-1879 Age 75

Birthplace Trondheim, Norway

Occupation Salesman - Credit Service Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Frances Hanson

Names of Parents John and Anna Hanson

Natural

Auto

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to Enger Funeral Home Donald M. Moe, F. Dir.

Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 340-10-8124A

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 7:40 p.m., November 5, 1954.

On Friday, November 5, 1954, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the deceased, a pedestrian, was crossing Fifth Avenue South at Ninth Street. He was in the crosswalk, crossing from west to east, when he was struck by a car, a 1950 Pontiac sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 30-210. Driver of the car, Roy Gurney Elliott, 74, 4503 Washburn Avenue South, was traveling east on Ninth Street, stopped for a through stop sign at 5th Avenue South, then pulled forward and was in the process of making a left turn when he struck the deceased. It was stated, the deceased was approximately half way across the street when the accident occurred. Both the right front wheel and the right rear wheel of Elliott's car passed over the deceased's body and deceased was dragged twenty-five feet from the point of impact.

HJALMER W. HANSON (continued)

An ambulance was dispatched to the scene of the accident and the deceased, critically injured, was removed to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 5:43 p.m., and expiring shortly thereafter, death occurring at 6:00 p.m.

Merlin C. Billington, 47, 3841 Park Avenue South, a witness to the accident, was walking alongside of the deceased when Elliott turned the corner. Deceased jumped forward and Billington jumped back, however, the car passed over Billington's right foot and also injured his leg.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:00 a.m., November 6, 1954. This revealed multiple rib fractures (some compound); contusion of heart; fracture of pelvis; also a fracture of mandible noted.

Police officers B. Ahr and J. Merrell of traffic squad 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Frances; daughter, Mrs. William Van Wave; sister, Mrs. Minnie Sterling; also four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

998

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME NEIL THORNWALL

Date of Death Fd. November 6

Place of Death	Garage, rear of - 3504-45th Ave. S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	3504-45th Ave. S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-11-1899 Age 55		
Birthplace	Sweden		
Occupation	Bartender - Five o'clock Club		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Evelyn Thornwall		None except listed On Mo-gue Record
Names of Parents	? and Edith Thornwall		
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident			
Suicide	Carbon monoxide poisoning.		
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 476-05-5483

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:00 a.m., November 6, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, Evelyn, she had picked the deceased up from work at 7:30 p.m., November 5, 1954, and they had driven home. The deceased was having some financial difficulties and during the evening, the deceased and his wife discussed the situation. A neighbor of the deceased, Earl Fredell, is employed at the Produce Exchange Bank where the deceased has a loan. About 9:45 p.m., the deceased went over to the neighbor's home to discuss the problem with him, returning to his own home about 11:25 p.m. at which time Mrs. Thornwall was preparing to retire. She reminded him that it was time he went to bed also.

On the following morning, November 6, 1954, she noted that the deceased had not been in bed, therefore, she sent her son, Wayne, to the Fredell's home to see if the deceased had

NEIL THORNWALL (continued)

been there again but was informed he had not returned. Wayne went to the garage to check whether the car was gone and upon entering found the deceased seated in the front seat of car behind the steering wheel, apparently expired, at approximately 9:15 a.m. The ignition key was on and all garage doors were closed. Body of deceased was cold and rigor mortis was well established.

Mrs. Thornwall states the deceased had not appeared depressed, however, she did not think he had been feeling very well recently but does not know if he had consulted a physician.

Mrs. Fredell, neighbor, states she had known the Thornwall's for approximately three years and apparently they got along well until the past three months when they seemed to have quite a few family quarrels.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased was found sitting in front seat of car, fully clothed, with exception of outer shirt. A matchbook was found clasped in his right hand. Body appeared quite pink. A subsequent chemical analysis of the deceased's blood revealed 100% carbon monoxide saturation and the death was ruled a suicide.

Police officers Nelson and Tovson of squad 163 were notified and investigated the case as well as Detectives Walsh and Lindgren.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Evelyn; son, Wayne; Daughter, Barbara Lee; also one sister and two brothers in Sweden.

CORONER'S RECORD

999

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME JOSEPH S. SEVERSEN

Date of Death November 6

Place of Death	2111 Cedar Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	2828 South 9th Street	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$4.01
Birthdate	10-10-1888 Age 66		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Shipping clerk - metal shop		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mathilda Severson		
Names of Parents	Sivert and ? Severson		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Glen Haven Cemetery Crystal Village, Minn.	Effects Released to	Stanley W. Dikeman
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address 640 E. Grant Street
		Social Security No.	472-07-3189
		Veteran	Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:20 p.m., November 6, 1954.

On November 6, 1954, the deceased accompanied his nephew, Edward V. Berglund, to the offices of the U. S. Register Company to obtain some repair parts for some work he was doing at home. Suddenly the deceased collapsed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring about 12:30 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased has had history of a coronary condition since 1949 and has been under the care of Dr. Ivar Sivertsen. Later, in 1952, the deceased underwent gall bladder surgery.

JOSEPH S. SEVERSEN (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Brink and Conroy of Squad 164 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mathilda; two daughters, Mrs. Vernon Falls, Mrs. Morris Brodsky; son, Joseph; 9 grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

1000

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

ALBERT BERNARD CARLSON

Date of Death

November 6

Place of Death

1629 Sixth St. S. E.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

4028 Zane Ave. N., Robbinsdale

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$71.70; 1 Hamilton wrist watch; 1 billfold; 2 rings; 9 keys; 1 glasses.

Birthdate

9-3-1899 Age 55

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Foreman - Scott Atwater Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Dorothy Carlson
Barrington Carlson
Cardine Bergquist

Names of Parents

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Cerebral vascular accident

Place of Burial

Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

George Hedlund, Attorney

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Washburn-McReavy Mortuary

Address

Produce Bank

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:15 p.m., November 6, 1954.

On the afternoon of November 6, 1954, the deceased and Ernest Abraham, 4165 Zane Ave. North, were returning to the deceased's car after the football game at the University Stadium. They were crossing over the railroad tracks on the 17th Avenue foot-bridge when the deceased stumbled. Abraham wanted the deceased to sit down and rest but he thought he would be all right. When they reached 6th Street Southeast, the deceased suddenly collapsed in the yard at 1629 Sixth St. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance summoned to the scene, however, the deceased expired before its arrival, death occurring at 4:15 p.m., November 6.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

ALBERT BERNARD CARLSON (continued)

attributed to a cerebral vascular accident and body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Police officers R. Madroggs and Burns of squad 123 were notified and remained at the scene of death with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Marilyn and Cheryl; one son, Marshall; one grandson; three brothers and four sisters. He is also survived by a stepfather, Sven Walstrom.

CORONER'S RECORD

1001

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HARRY M. BLEXRUD

Date of Death November 6

Place of Death	42nd Ave. N. & Highway #52 Robbinsdale, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	5107 France Avenue N.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$12.00; checks-\$2.08; 1 glasses; 1 wallet; misc. cards.
Birthdate	6-5-1906 Age 48	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Birthplace	Washburn, Wis.		
Occupation	Painter, Northern Pump Ordnance		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Frances Blexrud		
Names of Parents	Albert & Julia Blexrud	Effects Released to	
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Enger Funeral Home Donald M. Moe, Funeral Director
Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No. 473-10-0018

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Robbinsdale Police Department at 5:00 p.m., November 6, 1954.

On the afternoon of November 6, 1954, the deceased and his wife, Frances, drove into the Texaco Service Station, 42nd Avenue North and State Highway No. 52 and stopped the car. Apparently, the deceased collapsed immediately and became unresponsive. Robbinsdale's rescue squad was summoned to the scene and artificial respiration was applied without success. Death occurred at 4:10 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County

HARRY M. BLEXRUD (continued)

Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

There is history of severe arteriosclerosis, and the deceased has been under the care of Dr. T. I. Goldman.

Officer Burke of the Robbinsdale Police Department was notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Frances; three sons, Robert, James and Terry; daughter, Jeraldine; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Lockman and Mrs. Guy Stieg; one grandchild.

CORONER'S RECORD

1002

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME JAMES PAUL BROWN

Date of Death November 6

Place of Death 3730 No. 143rd St., Plymouth Twp.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 11-19-1869 Age 84

Birthplace New York State

Occupation Cabinet Maker - railroad

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

None except listed On Mo. 7112 Record

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Bronchopneumonia - primary

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director O. E. Larson Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 474-22-7526

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mrs. Axel Nelson, 3730 North 143rd Street, Plymouth Township, at 5:05 p.m., November 6, 1954.

The deceased, an aged man, is senile and has been cared for by Mrs. Axel Nelson since 1941. Several days ago, the deceased became ill with the "flu", however, today he felt somewhat better and took some nourishment. Later in the day, about 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Nelson went to the deceased bedroom to check on him and found him dead in bed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to bronchopneumonia and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

JAMES PAUL BROWN (continued)

Deceased found lying in bed and body noted to be warm.

Deputy sheriffs Wasson and Art Roland were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1003

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HERBERT BRUCE MANNING

Date of Death November 6

Place of Death 1400 Yale Place

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 9-11-1913 Age 41

Birthplace Canada

Occupation Salesman - books

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Herbert L. Manning Mary C. McKechnie

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Thomson Brothers Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 469-10-9862

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:58 p.m., November 6, 1954.

On November 6, 1954, the deceased and his brother, Don, had been visiting at a friend's house. They had listened to the game and had stayed for dinner, arriving home about 10:30 p.m. After climbing three flights of stairs to their apartment, the deceased felt quite tired and sat down on his bed to rest. Shortly thereafter, the deceased's brother, Don, entered the room and noted the deceased's difficult breathing. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene, however, the deceased expired before its arrival, death occurring at 10:50 p.m. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased has history of a coronary condition and has been hospitalized

HERBERT BRUCE MANNING (continued)

at Veterans Hospital several times this year.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and body of deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

Police officers Eklo and Christianson of squad 511 were notified and they remained with the body until arrival of the deputy coroner.

Survivors of the decedent are his father, Herbert L.; brother, Donald S.; and a sister, Mrs. William R. McDougal.

CORONER'S RECORD

1004

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALEX LEVINSON

Date of Death November 7

Place of Death	501½ East Hennepin Ave.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	1347 Queen Avenue N.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	Unknown Age About 63		
Birthplace	Russia		
Occupation	Mail Carrier		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married -		
Name of Husband or Wife	Esther Levinson		
Names of Parents	Charles and ? Levinson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Minneapolis Jewish Cemetery Richfield, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Hodroff & Sons Funeral Home	Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:28 a.m., November 7, 1954.

On the evening of November 6, 1954, the deceased and his wife were playing "Bingo" in the third floor hall at 501½ East Hennepin when the deceased suddenly collapsed at his table. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the deceased dead, death apparently occurring about 12:15 a.m., November 7.

According to wife, the deceased has no history of illness nor has he complained of any unusual symptoms recently.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to

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coronary disease and the body of deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Tobinson and Erickson responding.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of his wife, Esther Levinson.

CORONER'S RECORD

1005

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME HANNAH MOE Date of Death November 7

Place of Death	Deaconess Hospital First Ave. N. & Seventh St. Minneapolis, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Minneapolis, Minn.	Pathologist	Dr. Craig W. Freeman
Residence	Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	12-12-1877 Age 76		
Birthplace	Norway		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Edward Moe		
Names of Parents	Martin and ? Steen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined	Acute pulmonary embolism due to fracture of right hip.	
Place of Burial	Canton, S. Dak.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Deaconess Hospital at 1:28 a.m., November 7, 1954.

The deceased, who lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, had been visiting at the home of a sister, Mrs. Carl Kruse, 3434 Park Avenue, for about three weeks. On the morning of October 18, 1954, another sister, Mrs. Ingvald Natland, 4543 Cedar Avenue, had driven the deceased to the Greyhound bus station, 29 North Seventh Street, since the latter was to return to her home in Sioux Falls on that day.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., October 18, the deceased, it was stated, was about to get out of the car. She had been seated in the front seat and moved over to the driver's side in order to leave the car on that side. As she moved along on the seat, she inadvertently touched the accelerator and the car started forward, causing the deceased to lose her balance and fall out of the vehicle. The woman, seriously injured, was taken to Minneapolis General

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Hospital where she was admitted at 7:50 a.m. X-rays revealed a fracture of the right hip. It was the family's desire that the deceased be taken to Deaconess Hospital, therefore, she was transferred by ambulance on the same date (October 18), being admitted at 9:45 a.m. and placed under the care of Dr. W. F. Widen.

On October 19 a Jewett nail was applied to the fracture site by Doctors Roy W. Dickman and Loren J. Larson.

The hospital course was fairly uneventful until November 6th when the deceased became critically ill, expiring at 1:00 a.m., November 7.

An autopsy was performed at the Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from an acute pulmonary embolism due to fracture of the right hip.

Survivors of the decedent are three daughters, Mrs. William Warness, Canton, South Dakota, Mrs. R. L. Dethmer, Oklahoma City, Mrs. H. T. White, Portland, Oregon; son, Gunnar E. Moe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; three brothers and two sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

1006

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME LAURA MARGARET SCOTT

Date of Death November 7

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	5242 Humboldt Ave. N.	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	1 Girard Perregaux ladies' gold watch; 1 Rosary; 1 pin.
Birthdate	12-10-1906 Age 47		
Birthplace	Little Rock, Arkansas		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Earl Scott		
Names of Parents	John and ? Gower		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Network Accident Suicide Barbiturate poisoning. Homicide Undetermined		None except listed On Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Forest Hill Cemetery Anoka, Minn.	Effects Released to	Sold at Auction; proceeds deposited with County Treasurer
Kaplan Funeral Director	Thurston & Sons, Anoka, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 4:06 a.m., November 7, 1954.

The deceased was a roomer in the home of Carl G. Anderson, 5242 Humboldt Avenue North. According to Mr. Anderson, the deceased arrived home about noon on November 5, 1954, and informed him that she had quit her job at the Dayton Company. He further states that he left the house about 1:40 p.m. that day and when he returned at 5:00 p.m., he noted the deceased sleeping on the sofa. At intervals, he attempted to awaken her without success. Feeling that something was wrong, Mr. Anderson summoned the police, Officers Everson and Egeland of 307 responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the residence and deceased was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 6:13 p.m., November 5.

Upon admittance, the deceased's condition was diagnosed as critical and her stomach

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LAURA MARGARET SCOTT (continued)

was lavaged. However, the deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 3:35 a.m., November 7.

A note was found at her place of residence stating, "To Verne Bentley and the FBI in whom I put my trust and who lured me into a graven, sinful act against the almighty God. God have mercy upon your souls. I am an American whether you believe it or not." The signature, "Laura M. Scott" followed, and "May God have mercy upon my ?."

Mr. Anderson states he became acquainted with the deceased when she came to his home to care for his wife during an illness prior to her death and remained as a boarder.

Dr. William M. Schulze states the deceased had formerly been one of his patients but he has not seen her since November 1952. However, he had prescribed sedatives, primarily seconal, until a few months ago. Apparently the deceased had attempted suicide on several previous occasions, and had been committed to a state institution, however, her father took her to Oregon for a while. She was diagnosed as a paranoiac-schizophreniac.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. A deputy coroner viewed the body and death was attributed to barbiturate intoxication (by history) and severe pulmonary edema. A subsequent report from the toxicologist revealed a lethal amount of barbiturates.

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1007

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME DEMETRIOS HASPAS a/k/a JAMES HASPAS

Date of Death Fd. 11-7-54

Place of Death 817 Park Avenue

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$2.62; 1 billfold; 13 keys;

Birthdate 10-26-1891 Age 63

1 bankbook #5605 - \$411.25 - N. W. Nat'l. bank, misc. letters etc.; 170,000 Drachmas; 8 15¢ stamps; 9 3¢ stamps.

Birthplace Greece

Occupation Waiter - Minneapolis Club

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Carcinoma of left lung.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

G. Alan Cunningham, spec. adm.

Funeral Director Welanders Quist Co. 1825 Chicago Ave.

Address

4920-2nd Ave. S.

Social Security No. 468-07-3523

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:03 a.m., November 7, 1954.

According to Adeline Hill, a part time employee at the Agate Hotel, living at 817 Park Avenue South, she came to get her clothes about 10:45 a.m. on the morning of November 7, 1954, and was unable to rouse the deceased. Therefore, she went to the corner store and attempted to phone the deceased without success. Then, the police were summoned, Officers Short and Johnson of squad 117 responding. Entry to deceased's apartment was forced and deceased was found lying on left side on couch in living room, in rigor, at 11:00 a.m. It was stated, he had last been seen alive on the morning of November 6th.

Dr. Martin Nordland states the deceased had had an umbilical hernia removed about two years ago. Less than a month ago, the deceased was hospitalized at Northwestern

DEMETRIOS HASPAS (continued)

Hospital for approximately two weeks. Dr. Henry Ulrich saw the deceased as a consultant recently and felt that he had carcinoma of the left lung or possibly tuberculosis of left lung and probably some cardiac disorder.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on couch, clothed in shirt, undershirt and socks and covered with blanket. Considerable red fluid noted from nose. A bottle containing a few seconal capsules was beside the body. Deceased was very cyanotic. An operative scar noted in upper midline. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

In the opinion of the deputy coroner, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the chemical analyses before determining the cause of this man's death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1008

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ANNA JORGENSEN

Date of Death November 8

Place of Death Swedish Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Allan R. Jay

Residence

Litchfield, Minn.

Inquest No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate

7-28-1878 Age 76

Birthplace

Norway

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife

Axel Jorgenson

Names of Parents

P. H. and Anna Bettsen

Natural

Hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease, with cardiac insufficiency.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Stockholm Cemetery
Cokato, Minn.

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Billman-Hunt Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 5:36 a.m., November 8, 1954.

The deceased, a resident of Litchfield, Minnesota, recently came to Minneapolis to live with her daughter, Mrs. Leon (Alice) Gilman, 4123 Thomas Avenue North.

In the early morning hours of November 8, 1954, the deceased became critically ill and was brought by ambulance to Swedish Hospital, being admitted at 3:25 a.m. The woman expired a few minutes after admittance, death occurring at 3:30 a.m.

Dr. Lawrence Carlson attended the deceased upon admittance, however, the deceased had not previously been a patient of his. In view of this circumstance, the case was referred to this office.

ANNA JORGENSON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of a daughter, Mrs. Leon Gilman, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

1009

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME PETER FRANCIS LA FOND

Date of Death November 8

Place of Death	401 Harrison St. N. E.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Lee Wattenberg
Residence	2930 Garfield St. N. E.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$2.67; 1 billfold; 2 glasses; 1 ball pen; 1 pencil; 1 coin purse; nail clipper; 1 Hamilton watch & chain; 2 keys; k knife; 4 keys; 1 safety rules book; 3 tokens in holder.
Birthdate	2-10-1891 Age 63		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Switch tender-Great Northern Railroad		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Mathilda La Fond		
Names of Parents	Anthony LaFond & Rose Pesha		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Coronary disease; lipoid pneumonia.		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	Mrs. Peter LaFond, widow
Folsom	Funeral Director Buchinger Funeral Chapel	Address	2930 Garfield Ave. N. E.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:00 a.m., November 8, 1954.

According to fellow employees, the deceased, a switchman for the Great Northern Railroad, appeared to be in good health when he arrived at work on the morning of November 8, 1954. He went after a jug of water and upon his return, he set the jug down and suddenly collapsed to the ground, apparently expiring. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. On arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring about 8:45 a.m..

The body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on the date of death. There were no gross findings, therefore, specimens of the organs were

PETER FRANCIS LA FOND (continued)

Released to the laboratory at the University for microscopic study, and to the toxicological chemist for analyses.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Mathilda LaFond.

CORONER'S RECORD

1010

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME MELVIN I. KNUTSON

Date of Death November 8

Place of Death 3345 Colfax Avenue S.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Ralph Nelson

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 4-7-1901 Age 53

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Mechanical engineer- equipment

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Grace Knutson
Knut Knutson

Names of Parents Ina E. Elwell

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural

Accident Laryngeal obstruction (bolus of meat).

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to Thomson Brothers Funeral Home
Fred Thomson, Fun. Dir.

Folsom

Funeral Director Thomson Brothers Funeral Home

Address 2535 Park Ave.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Robert D. Blomberg at 7:51 p.m., November 8, 1954.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m. on the evening of November 8, 1954, the deceased and his wife, Grace, were watching television in the living room of their apartment. Deceased was eating his dinner from a tray while viewing the program. Suddenly the deceased collapsed to the floor and became unresponsive. Mrs. Knutson called a neighbor, Mr. Beatty, Apt. 4, to aid her. He noted the deceased had a slight pulse, therefore, Dr. Robert D. Blomberg was summoned. In the excitement, Mrs. R. H. Bacon, living in the same building on the first floor, also summoned a physician, Dr. David G. Jones. However, the deceased expired before either of the doctors arrived, death apparently occurring shortly before 7:30 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on November 9. This revealed that

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME

OLE LARSON

Date of Death

November 8

Place of Death

Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist

Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen

Residence

119 Nicollet Avenue

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

5-21-1888 Age 66

Birthplace

Norway

Occupation

Laborer - railroad

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

L. Baardsen Haeg
Velgjerd Jonsdotter

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Cardiac decompensation with pulmonary congestion; acute pyelonephritis.

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Rosedale Cemetery,
Rosedale, Minn.

Effects Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

Hanson-Nugent Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 469-18-2705

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 10:37 p.m., November 8, 1954.

On November 7, 1954, the deceased was picked up by the police in an alley at the rear of 240 Marquette at 1:15 p.m. and was taken to the City Jail. He was found lying on the ground and was unable to get up. His speech was thick and he smelled strongly of alcohol; he appeared very drunk and stated he had been drinking wine. Later, the deceased was brought to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 8:56 a.m., November 8. Examination on admittance revealed a urinary infection. The man expired suddenly at 10:00 p.m., November 8.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 9:00 a.m., November 9. This revealed that death resulted from cardiac decompensation with pulmonary congestion; acute pyelonephri-

MELVIN I. KNUTSON (continued)

death resulted from a laryngeal obstruction due to food particles (bolus of meat), and was ruled an accident.

Survivors of the decedent with the exception of his wife, Grace Knutson, are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

OLE LARSON (continued)

tis being a contributing factor.

Officers Rhodes and C. Nelson responded to this call and brought the deceased to jail.

The decedent is survived by his mother, Julia Johnson, New Hampton, Iowa.

CORONER'S RECORD

1012

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 51

FULL NAME WINIFRED WEINARD

Date of Death November 8

Place of Death	Asbury Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	3700 Oakdale Ave., Robbinsdale,	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	9-9-1879 Age 75		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		
Name of Husband or Wife	William Weinard		
	Timothy Coyne		
Names of Parents	Catherine King		
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident	Cerebral hemorrhage; hypertension; arteriosclerosis; fracture of right hip.		
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director	Address	
	Knaeble Company		

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis Health Department at 3:30 p.m., November 9, 1954.

On August 21, 1954, the deceased fell in her home in some manner incurring an injury to her right hip. She was removed to Asbury Hospital, being admitted the same day. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right hip. An open reduction was performed on August 25. On September 24, the deceased was discharged and returned to her home for convalescent care.

Due to the woman's weakened condition and other physical ailments, such as hypertension and arteriosclerosis, as well as chronic nephritis and uremia, the deceased suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. She was removed by ambulance to Asbury Hospital, being readmitted at 6:45 p.m., November 4, and placed under the care of Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich. Deceased's

WINIFRED WEINARD (continued)

course was progressively poor, and she expired at 2:00 p.m., November 8.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1013

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME SYLVESTER DUNN

Date of Death NOVEMBER 9

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	237 1/2 Marquette Avenue	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 Pkg. personal effects (remainder of effects to be destroyed).
Birthdate	11-21-1882 Age 71		
Birthplace	Portage County, Wis.		
Occupation	Electrician's helper Northern States Power		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife	Patrick H. Dunn		
Names of Parents	Ellen Tobin		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Cerebral hemorrhage, spontaneous		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Anthony Cemetery	Effects Released to	Mrs. Ellen Shields, sister
Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	1136 E. 4th St., Tucson, Ariz.

Social Security No. 475-09-1588A

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 12:20 p.m., November 9, 1954.

The deceased, an old age assistance recipient, was found in his room in a semi-stuporous state about 3:00 p.m., October 29, 1954 where he had apparently been lying unconscious since that morning. He was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital being admitted at 3:41 p.m. Bilateral trephines were done on October 30, 1954, however, no subdural hematoma was found. A ventriculostomy on the right revealed bloody spinal fluid.

Deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 7:40 a.m., November 9.

SYLVESTER DUNN (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the body and review of the hospital record which revealed no recorded notation of any external trauma having been noted, the deputy coroner attributed death to a cerebral hemorrhage, spontaneous.

The decedent is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ellen Shields, Tucson, Arizona.

CORONER'S RECORD

1014

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME PETER F. HAAN

Date of Death November 9

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen

Residence

303 Hennepin Avenue

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$14.21; 1 check-General Service

Birthdate

Unknown Age 64

Company - \$7.00; 1 billfold; misc. papers.

Birthplace

Unknown

Occupation

Laborer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Unknown

Name of Husband or Wife

Unknown

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Pneumonia, empyema and pulmonary congestion; severe coronary sclerosis and cardiomegaly.

Place of Burial

Rosedale Cemetery, Rosedale, Minn.

Effects Released to

Unclaimed cash deposited with County Treasurer

Funeral Director

Kapala Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 473-07-5193

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 12:20 p.m., November 9, 1954.

On the morning of November 5, 1954, the deceased was found unconscious on the floor of his room with a scalp injury. According to the landlady, she had noted the deceased lying on the floor of his room approximately 24 hours earlier but had thought the deceased was intoxicated and had not investigated any further at that time. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and the man was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 9:48 a.m. Contusion and abrasion of the left frontal area of scalp was noted upon admittance. Deceased also had an abnormal electrocardiogram with auricular fibrillation and myocardial damage.

Bilateral trephines were done on November 8th, however, no subdural hematoma found at sites explored. The man expired at 8:20 a.m., November 9.

PETER F. HAAN (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on November 10. This revealed pneumonia of the right lower lobe; empyema; pulmonary congestion; severe coronary sclerosis and cardiomegaly noted.

CORONER'S RECORD

1015

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME BENNIE JOSEPH ROSEN

Date of Death Fd. November 9

Place of Death	Antlers Hotel, 1819 Lyndale Ave. S.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	10-18-1904 Age 50		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Switchboard Operator- Police Dept.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Carol Craig Rosen		
Names of Parents	Joe Rosen Nettie Lazarus		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Hodroff & Sons Funeral Home	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No. 468-03-5891

Veteran Yes No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Lyle F. Haberland at 2:00 p.m., November 9, 1954.

It was stated the deceased had been under the care of Veterans Hospital for some time and has undergone surgery for a brain tumor at Mayo Clinic.

According to the deceased's wife, the deceased commenced having chills and vomiting on the evening of November 8, 1954. His condition became progressively critical, therefore, Mrs. Rosen called Dr. A. B. Litman who prescribed over the phone. At 1:40 p.m., November 9th, when Mrs. Rosen went to check on the deceased, she found him lying in bed, unresponsive. Dr. Lyle F. Haberland was summoned to the apartment and upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead.

BERNARD JOSEPH ROSEN (continued)

An autopsy was performed at Hodroff Funeral Home on the date of death. This revealed a gastro-intestinal hemorrhage due to varicose-gastric lesions; hypaxial tumor of the skull; fatty liver; also terminal bronchopneumonia.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Carol Rosen.

CORONER'S RECORD

1016

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ARTHUR CHESTER ERICKSON

Date of Death November 9

Place of Death 4911 Aldrich Avenue S.

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. G. Aurebeck Lindseth

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-10-1889 Age 65

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Accountant - grain company

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Eleen Erickson
Charles Erickson

Names of Parents Ellen Peterson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Arteriosclerotic heart disease with right coronary occlusion.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J. Funeral Director The Albin Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 472-01-1435

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Charles Merchant, at 8:10 a.m., November 10, 1954.

On the evening of November 9, 1954, at about 6:50 p.m., the deceased was watching television in his home when he suddenly collapsed and became unresponsive. Dr. Charles Merchant was summoned to the home. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring at 6:55 p.m.

According to the deceased's wife, he has not complained of any symptoms of illness and has not consulted a physician for some time.

An autopsy was performed at the Albin Chapel at 11:00 a.m., November 10. This revealed

ARTHUR CHESTER ERICKSON (continued)

that death resulted from arteriosclerotic heart disease with right coronary occlusion.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Ellen C.; son, Arthur C., Jr.; two sisters, Misses Esther and Ruby Erickson.

CORONER'S RECORD

1017

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME OLE KROGH

Date of Death November 11

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence 1813 South 6th Street

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge \$5.41; 1 coin purse; 4 keys.

Birthdate 7-1-1869 Age 85

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Laborer - City of Minneapolis

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Other except listed On Morgue Record

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Cerebral hemorrhage; pneumonia; pernicious anemia.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to Allan R. Lund, Adm.

Kaplan

Funeral Director Anderson - Peterson Funeral Home

Address 638 Midland Bk. Bldg.

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:06 p.m., November 11, 1954.

The deceased had been in failing health for some time. According to the landlady, the deceased had fallen out of his chair incurring a head injury on the afternoon of November 4, 1954. It was stated, he had also fallen on the pavement recently. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and the deceased was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 6:40 p.m., November 4. He failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 8:38 p.m., November 11, 1954.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner and review of the medical history at General Hospital, death was

OLE KROGH (continued)

attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage, pneumonia and pernicious anemia.
He is survived by a sister living in Norway.

CORONER'S RECORD

1018

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME NIDA G. ABELL

Date of Death November 11

Place of Death 3313 Grand Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 8-23-1875 Age 79

Birthplace Chicago, Ill.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Ace Abell

Names of Parents ? and ? Copelin

Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel at 8:30 a.m., November 12, 1954.

The deceased, a Christian Scientist, has been in failing health for some time, and, it was stated, he has been seriously ill the past ten days. He has been under the care of Mrs. Aloise C. Adams, a practitioner, 681 Northwestern Bank Building, who states the deceased was suffering from a cardiac condition. The man expired at 10:00 p.m., November 11.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

NIDA G. ABELL (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are three daughters, Misses Isla and Elizabeth Abell and Mrs. Irving M. Rose; sons, Cleon, Minneapolis, and Almo, Alhambra, California; also six grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. There is also a sister, Mrs. Harriet Bogart, and a brother, Charles J. Copelin, both of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1019

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

CARRIE B. JENSEN

Date of Death

November 11

Place of Death

7544 Park Avenue, Richfield

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

6610 Morgan Avenue S.
Richfield, Minn.

Inquest

No

Sex

Female

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Birthdate

11-19-1883 Age 70

Birthplace

Maiden Rock, Wis.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

William J. Jensen

Names of Parents

Sander and ? Borman

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Acute myocardial infarction;
coronary thrombosis; diabetes
mellitus; hypertension.

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director

Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Thomson Brothers Funeral Home at 10:00 p.m., November 13, 1954.

The deceased has a history of having had diabetes mellitus and hypertension over a period of ten years. Her condition had gradually deteriorated to the extent that she needed constant care and had, therefore, been moved to her son's home where she has been living for the past two weeks. On the morning of November 11, 1954, shortly before 5:00 a.m., she became critically ill and Dr. Robert Sturges was summoned to the home, however, the deceased expired before the physician's arrival, death apparently occurring at 5:00 a.m.

Dr. Robert L. Sturges states he had never seen the deceased alive but deceased had been referred to him as a patient by Dr. J. W. Jesion of Northern Pacific Hospital

CARRIE B. JENSEN (continued)

when she recently moved to Richfield from St. Paul. He had discussed the case with Dr. Jesion and had obtained her medical history. It was stated, she had last been seen by Dr. Jesion approximately ten days ago.

A deputy coroner viewed the body at the mortuary. Death was attributed to acute myocardial infarction, coronary thrombosis, diabetes mellitus and hypertension.

Survivors of the decedent are four sons, Kenneth P., Roy W., Curtis E., and Russell D.; 9 grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Gunstrom, Mrs. Esther Russell, and Mrs. Tillie Bahl; brother, Hilding Borman.

CORONER'S RECORD

1020

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME RONALD J. DUNMORE

Date of Death Fd. November 12

Place of Death	117 Nicollet Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	1 Glasses; 1 billfold; misc. papers and discharge paper.
Birthdate	1-3-1909 Age 45		
Birthplace	Stafford, England		
Occupation	Section man - railroad		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Catherine Dunmore Fredrick H. Dunmore		
Names of Parents	Lusan Zagnall		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Kauth Funeral Home By Ray J. Kauth
Folsom	Funeral Director Kauth Funeral Home	Address	29th and Johnson Street N. E.

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Social Security No. 362-09-6002

Veteran Yes ☐ No ☒ WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:10 a.m., November 12, 1954.

On the morning of November 12, 1954, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the deceased was found lying in bed, apparently expired, by David Stevens, a friend of the deceased who lived at the same address, Room No. 8. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard the ambulance confirmed the man's death.

According to Stevens, he and the deceased had watched television together on the night prior to his death. At that time the deceased appeared to be in good health and he had not known him to be ill at any previous time. Louis Brassard, a tenant in Room No. 10, stated he heard the deceased coughing and threshing about in his room about 7:00 a.m. on the morning of November 12.

RONALD J. DUNMORE (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was ascribed to coronary heart disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Short and R. Johnson of squad 117 responding.

CORONER'S RECORD

1021

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ANNA H. LINDAHL

Date of Death Fd. November 13

Place of Death 2904-39th Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 9-7-1883 Age 71

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Claude H. Lindahl
Conrad Hedstrom

Names of Parents Kristina Anderson

Natural Cerebral hemorrhage, spontaneous,
due to hypertension.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

Funeral Director Wright Welander Quist Company
2301 Dupont Ave. S.

Address

Social Security No. 476-10-0776

Veteran Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:35 p.m., November 13, 1954.

Mr. Oscar A. Johnson, 2905 39th Avenue South, states he last saw the deceased alive about 9:30 p.m., November 11, 1954. On the evening of November 12th, he called to take the deceased to dinner but did not receive any response when he arrived at her home. On the following day, November 13, he did not see the deceased up and around the house and felt something must be wrong, therefore, he summoned the police, Officers Tornes and D. C. Peterson of squad 163 responding. Officers gained entry by forcing side door and found the deceased lying on face on kitchen floor, apparently expired, at 6:30 p.m., November 13.

Mrs. Ingaborg Farmer, living at 2908-39th Avenue South, states she had last talked to the deceased by phone on November 9th at which time the deceased said she felt fine. On

ANNA H. LINDAHL (continued)

November 12th she noted clothing and bedding on the line which the deceased had apparently hung out to air, however, she did not see the deceased in the yard.

Mr. Johnson stated the deceased had been under the care of Dr. Harold T. Gustason and upon checking with Dr. Gustason, it was learned he had not attended the deceased since May 1954. There was a history of hypertension and the woman had had a "stroke" in January of 1953.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased lying on kitchen floor, face down, with head toward stove and body across swinging doorway to dining room. She was clothed in blouse and skirt to suit as though ready to leave the house. Dried emesis and feces noted on floor. There was marked rigor, however, there was no evidence of trauma. In a diary belonging to the deceased, an entry dated November 8th stated she did not feel well and an entry dated November 12th, 1954 noted that she had put bedding out on that date. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage, spontaneous, due to hypertension and body was released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Mrs. Gladys L. Keeley, Minneapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Hannah Bodine, Marine-on-the-St. Croix, Miss Hildur Hedstrom, Seattle; two brothers, Eric Hedstrom, Hopkins and Rudolph Hedstrom, N. St. Paul.

CORONER'S RECORD

1022

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME EARL HEWIT

Date of Death November 13

Place of Death	Nicollet Avenue, between 35th and 36th Sts.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Russell J. Eilers
Residence	3643 First Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$26.31; 1 billfold; 1 tie clasp; 3 keys; misc. papers
Birthdate	7-2-1875 Age 79		
Birthplace	Viroqua, Wis.		
Occupation	Bookkeeper		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife	Pegg Hewit		
Names of Parents	Edgar Hewit Jennie Henry		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Auto ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	S. A. Solberg, nephew
Funeral Director	Goggins Funeral Home	Address	2814 Second Ave.
		Social Security No.	472-03-6207
		Veteran	Yes ☒ No ☐ WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:55 p.m., November 13, 1954.

On Saturday, November 13, 1954, at approximately 6:35 p.m., the deceased, a pedestrian, was fatally injured when struck by a car, a 1950 Ford coach, bearing 1955 Minnesota License No. FF 2227, while crossing Nicollet Avenue, approximately 117 feet south of 35th street. Ronald Arthur Brambilla, driver of the car, 22, 5816 Bryant Avenue South, was traveling south on Nicollet Avenue at the time the accident occurred.

It was stated, the deceased had come out of Clark's Tavern, 3508 Nicollet Avenue, and started directly across Nicollet Avenue to his car which was parked on the east side of Nicollet Avenue facing north. Death apparently was instantaneous.

EARL HEWIT (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene of the accident and viewed the body. Deceased was lying on face slightly west of center line of Nicollet Avenue, head in a northwesterly direction and feet southeast. He was clothed in a blue pin-stripe suit and red and black plaid wool cap and jacket. A cane was noted beside remains. There were contusions and street burn type abrasions of head and face. There were fractures of both tibias and fibulas at junction of middle and distal thirds, also marked rhinophyma.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on November 14. This revealed the following rib fractures: Rib 1 in anterior axillary line; ribs 2,3,4,5,8, and 9 in post axillary line, right; also ribs 1,2,3,4,5, left, in post axillary line. There was a fracture of the left shoulder joint; comminuted fracture of the left femur; comminuted fractures of both acetabulums; comminuted fractures of both pubic bones; comminuted fractures of right and left tibia and fibula at junction of middle and distal thirds; basilar, transverse fracture between anterior and middle cranial fossas of skull, traversing sella turcica and greater wing of sphenoid bone bilaterally (without gross intracranial hemorrhage or brain damage). A massive retroperitoneal hemorrhage of the pelvic and abdominal areas noted. There were contusions and abrasions of the face and scalp as well as a laceration of the scalp in the right temporoparietal region; also periorbital hematomas, bilateral. Atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries with myocardial fibrosis noted.

Police officers Schonnesen and Holmes of traffic squad 516 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent are two sisters, Mrs. F. R. Hockabout, California, Mrs. Ida Geesaman, Minneapolis; one brother, Lew F.; and one niece, Mrs. S. A. Solberg.

CORONER'S RECORD

1023

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MYRTLE SERENA PETERSON

Date of Death Fd. November 13

Place of Death	Lenox Hotel, 403 Washington Ave. S.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	\$38.83; 1 wrist watch (Pathe); 1 spectacles; 3 keys; 2 rings.
Birthdate	6-25-1903 Age 51		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Waitress - Valhalla Lunch		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Ole Peterson Ingeborg Nelson		
CAUSE OF DEATH			
Natural			
Accident	Basal skull fracture, with hematoma..		
Suicide			
Homicide			
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	William N. Peterson, brother
Funeral Director	Sundseth Anderson Funeral Home	Address	436 Second Ave. S.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:29 p.m., November 13, 1954.

According to Detective Everson, Wasla Kashlesko, Room 95, same address as the deceased, states he heard a loud thud and clatter outside his room about 9:00 p.m.. Upon investigation, he found the deceased lying at the foot of the east stairs to second floor of hotel beside bannister in pool of blood. Another roomer, Olaf Braas, Room 110, summoned the police, Officers Roehl and Carlson of squad 117 responding, and also notified Tony Majerus, Room 86, the night caretaker.

Mr. Majerus states he talked to the deceased that evening, November 13, shortly after 8:30 p.m. at which time she came in from work. She appeared to be in good health at that time.

MYRTLE SERENE PETERSON (continued)

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the hotel. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the woman dead at 9:10 p.m.

Charlie Brodd, Room 96, a friend of the deceased, had talked to her about 4:00 p.m., November 13, as she was leaving for work at the Valhalla Bar. She complained of not feeling well, aching all over and having a stomach upset.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on back with head and shoulders near newel post of bannisters in well between stairs and rear wall of stairwell on second floor landing (first floor landing of hotel quarters) of east stairway of hotel. Her feet were out in the hallway area, however, deceased had apparently been moved partly from well for examination by ambulance physician. Bannister was very unstable and loose; two spokes of bannister had been knocked out by impact. Apparently the deceased had staggered and fell over the third floor bannister or she may have collapsed and fallen over the bannister.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:30 a.m., November 14. This revealed cirrhosis of the liver; fracture of skull; laceration of the vertex of the scalp slightly to left of midline; also a massive subdural hematoma at base of brain and brain stem in to foramen magnum.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Mrs. Oscar Carlson; brother, William N.; three nieces, Mrs. Leo Villagomez, Mrs. Harold Johnson and Mrs. Otto Neumann; two nephews, William A., Jr. and Robert Peterson.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME DARLENE ARKUSZEWSKI

Date of Death November 13

Place of Death	University Hospitals	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Route 2, Foley, Morrison County, Minn.	Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Female	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	3-13-1946 Age 8		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Edward Arkuszewski		
Names of Parents	Maire Katke		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Tetanus due to penetrating wound of foot.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Morrill Cemetery Foley, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J.	Funeral Director Leon W. Bock, Foley, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the University Hospitals at 8:05 a.m., November 15, 1954.

Approximately one week preceding admittance to University Hospitals, the deceased was running barefoot in the barn and apparently stepped on an unknown object which penetrated her heel. The deceased's parents did not consult a physician regarding their daughter's injury, believing it to be something of a minor nature. The foot was soaked in lysol and hot water for several days, until infection had developed, and red streaks were noted on the child's leg. She was then taken to a local physician, who, after treating the infected foot, had her taken to University Hospital where she was admitted on August 21, 1954. Anti-tetanus serum was immediately given at the hospital (it was stated the deceased had never received this type of serum at any time previously).

DARLENE ARKUSZEWSKI (continued)

On September 6, 1954, an operation was performed on her foot and during surgery, the deceased developed cardiac arrest and it was necessary to do a tracheotomy. A chicken bone was removed from her foot, however, the child developed tetanus, expiring at 8:25 a.m., November 13.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arkuszewski.

CORONER'S RECORD

1025

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

JOHN D. PHILLIPS

Date of Death

November 14

Place of Death

Doctors Memorial Hospital (Eitel Hospital)

Autopsy

Yes

Place of Accident

Same

Pathologist

Dr. Gordon Vosti

Residence

1612 Seventh St. S. E.

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

None

Birthdate

4-20-1868 Age 86

Birthplace

Wales

Occupation

Rancher

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Widower

Name of Husband or Wife

Sarah A. Phillips

Names of Parents

Phillip H. and ? Phillips

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Pulmonary hemorrhage; esophagitis, suppurative, severe; diffuse myocardial fibrosis, mild; renal arteriolosclerosis, moderately severe; mild chronic cystitis with bladder stones; fracture right os calcis.

None except listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Hillside Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director

Welander Quist Co.
2301 Dupont Avenue S.

Address

Social Security No.

None

Veteran Yes No

WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Eitel Hospital at 7:50 p.m., November 14, 1954.

On November 4, 1954, the deceased was admitted to Eitel Hospital for the treatment of urinary retention. In some manner, the deceased fell while getting out of bed on November 8 sustaining a fractured heel and possible back injuries. Dr. F. A. Rice was the attending physician.

Surgical repair of the heel was done by Dr. Paul Blake on November 11 and a plaster cast was applied. The deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 7:05 p.m., November 14.

JOHN D. PHILLIPS (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 10:00 a.m., November 15. There were no gross findings, therefore, specimens of the organs were released for microscopic study and chemical analyses.

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Mrs. William P. Hicks, Pipestone, Mrs. Edward H. Malmberg, Minneapolis; two sons, Daniel W., Minneapolis and Dr. Hugh D. Phillips, Atherton, California; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers and one sister.

CORONER'S RECORD

1026

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME OSCAR BLACKFELNER

Date of Death Fd. November 15

Place of Death	109 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Ave. S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	1-17-1886 Age 68		
Birthplace	Austria		
Occupation	Laborer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Joseph E. Blackfelner Susanne Hinterthaler		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide ^x		
	Homicide ^x		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Mound Cemetery, Brooklyn Center, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J.	Funeral Director	Knaeble Company	Address

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Social Security No. 469-18-4966

Veteran Yes^x No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:30 a.m., November 15, 1954.

The deceased, a known alcoholic, has lived at the above address for many years. He has always kept very much to himself and has been known to stay in his room for long periods, however, he had not been seen for some time so the hotel clerk went to investigate. After failing to receive an answer when knocked on the deceased's door, the clerk looked through a crack in the door and noted the deceased lying on the floor of his room. The police were summoned, Officers Strom and Bessner responding. Entry was forced, and the deceased was found dead in his room at 6:25 a.m., November 15, 1954.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

OSCAR BLACKFELNER (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are three brothers, Joseph, Hugo and Max; three sisters, Mrs. Caroline Peterson, Mrs. Cecelia Hicks and Marie.

CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME KALLE (a/k/a CHARLES) WUORI

Date of Death November 16

Place of Death 3025 Edgewood Ave.,
St. Louis Park, Minn.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence

Palo, Minn.

Inquest No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate

9-19-1878 Age 76

Birthplace

Finland

Occupation

Farmer

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Lydia Wuori

Names of Parents

Otto and ? Wuori

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Pulmonary embolism due to
coronary disease.

Place of Burial

Palo Cemetery
Palo, Minnesota

Effects
Released to

R.G.J.

Funeral Director

Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dean Christophersen of the Thomson Brothers Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m., November 17, 1954.

The deceased, who had been a patient in University Hospitals, and later a patient of the out-patient department of the hospital, became critically ill during the early morning of November 16, 1954. A member of the deceased's family called University Hospitals, and were advised to bring the man to the hospital by ambulance. The James ambulance service, St. Louis Park, was called and upon arrival of the ambulance staff, it was noted the man had already expired, death apparently occurring about 4:30 a.m.

Information received from the medical records at University Hospitals indicates the deceased was admitted to University Hospital as a cardiac patient on September 29, 1954 and was discharged on October 6, 1954. He had failed to keep an appointment during the

KALLE (a/k/a CHARLES) WUORI (continued)

early part of November with the Out-Patient Department. About 4:30 a.m., November 16 the hospital received a telephone call from a relative of the deceased's stating the man had severe chest pains radiating to the right shoulder, and requesting that he be admitted to the hospital as an emergency case. Shortly after 5:00 a.m. the same morning, the hospital received another call, this time from a James ambulance driver, stating the deceased had expired. However, upon being contacted, staff physicians refused to sign the death certificate, therefore, the case was referred to this office.

Death was attributed to pulmonary embolism due to coronary disease.

CORONER'S RECORD

1028

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HYACINTH M. HEINEN

Date of Death Fd. November 17

Place of Death 3022 East 26th Street

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 11-11-1901 Age 53

Birthplace New Prague, Minn.

Occupation Maintenance worker-ret.-Hotel Dyckman

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Maymee Heinen
Frank H. Heinen

Names of Parents Mamie F. Mertins

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver at 7:55 a.m., November 17, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased has been in failing health for some time and has been unable to work since last September. He had been under the care of Minneapolis General Hospital out-patient department for the treatment of hardening of the arteries. According to his mother, with whom he lived, he had periods of unconsciousness, however, she had talked to him on the evening of November 16, 1954 at which time he appeared to be all right. On the morning of November 17, 1954, shortly after 7:00 a.m., she came up to his room and found him collapsed in a chair. The Fire Department rescue squad and the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance were summoned. Upon arrival, the physician aboard pronounced the deceased dead.

Approximately two weeks ago, the deceased consulted a physician at the Phalen Clinic be-

HYACINTH M. HEINEN (continued)

cause of pain in chest and back. About 4:00 p.m., November 16, the deceased complained to a roomer, Frank Kowalczyk, same address as the deceased, of chest and arm pains and also stated that his heart was beating so fast.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Nelson and Tobson responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Maymee; one daughter, Patricia Ann; two brothers, Harold and George; his mother, Mrs. Mamie H. Heinen.

CORONER'S RECORD

1029

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ABRAM A. STEVENS

Date of Death November 19

Place of Death	St. Barnabas Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	510 Cross St., Anoka, Minn.	Pathologist	No
Residence	510 Cross St., Anoka	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-28-1865 Age 89		
Birthplace	Houlton, Maine		
Occupation	Real estate broker (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Carrie Lindsay Stevens		
Names of Parents	George Stevens Zilpha Tozier		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Forest Hill Cemetery, Anoka, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	Thurston & Sons, Anoka, Minn.	Address	
		Social Security No.	None
		Veteran Yes No	WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Barnabas Hospital at 4:55 p.m., November 19, 1954.

According to the deceased's son, Akeley L. Stevens, 4015 Washburn Avenue North, the deceased had arisen from a chair in his home with some difficulty during the afternoon of November 14, 1954, and then walked into the hall, where he lost his balance and fell to the floor. Dr. Arthur H. Mork of Anoka was summoned to the home and he had the deceased taken to St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis by ambulance where he was admitted at 5:00 p.m. that day.

X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right femur. Due to the condition of the deceased's heart, a decision was reached by Doctor Mork and one of the staff surgeons to forego surgical repair of the deceased's hip. The man expired at 4:30 p.m., November 19.

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Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; the fracture of the right femur being a contributing factor.

The decedent is survived by a son, Akeley L. of Minneapolis.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME MARY HENDERSON

Date of Death November 20

Place of Death 2726 Grand Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Female

Effects Taken in charge No

Birthdate 9-11-1878 Age 76

Birthplace Easton, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife George S. Henderson

Names of Parents Jacob Aplan

Maggie Murphy

Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director The Burr Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:50 a.m., November 20, 1954.

According to husband of deceased, the deceased had had high blood pressure and had been under the care of Dr. Lamb of Grand Rapids, Minnesota who last treated the deceased in September of 1954. At that time, the doctor had been pleased with her condition.

On the morning of November 20, 1954, Mr. Henderson states he left the house for approximately 15 minutes and on his return at 11:30 a.m., the deceased was lying on the living room floor in an unresponsive condition. On the opposite side of a table from the deceased, the vacuum cleaner was leaning and still running. A window and the front door were open. He was unable to get a doctor and finally summoned the police, squad 151 responding. The Fire Department rescue squad and an ambulance were dispatched to the

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Henderson residence. Upon arrival of the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance, the physician aboard pronounced the woman dead.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased lying on floor with slight bruise on left supra-orbital ridge. Cyanosis noted. A needle puncture was noted in right antecubital fossa, however, there was no other evidence of external trauma. The hospital physician had attempted to revive the deceased by administering coramine intravenously. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, George S.; sons, Henry G. and Ernest J. Henderson, Albuquerque, N. Mexico; daughters, Mrs. Robert Nolan and Mrs. Arnold Enius; sister, Mrs. Mike O'Dowd, St. Paul; brothers, Will and Jack Apland; also 7 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

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CORONER'S RECORD

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

MARY THELEN

Date of Death

November 20

Place of Death

University Hospitals

Place of Accident

Albertville, Minn.

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

8-21-1865 Age 79

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife

Nicholas Thelen
Michael Niesen

Names of Parents

Mary Ackerman

CAUSE OF DEATH

~~Natural~~

Accident

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Pulmonary embolism; right pulmonary infarct; subtrochanteric fracture of right femur.

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Folsom

Funeral Director

Knaeble Company

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the University Hospitals at 8:30 a.m., November 22, 1954.

On September 13, 1954, the deceased fell on a wet floor in her home sustaining an injury to her right femur. She was brought to University Hospitals by ambulance being admitted at 11:00 p.m. that day. X-ray examination revealed a subtrochanteric fracture of the right femur. Surgical repair of the hip was done on September 18 and a blade plate was inserted. While in the hospital, examination also revealed an umbilical hernia. This was corrected by surgery. The deceased, however, failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 3:45 p.m., November 20.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed that death resulted from a

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pulmonary embolism and right pulmonary infarct.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME DWIGHT W. ANDERSON

Date of Death Fd. November 21

Place of Death	Talmadge Hotel, 1217 Marquette Ave.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Ralph Nelson
Residence	Watford City, North Dakota	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.40; 2 rings.
Birthdate	11-19-1918 Age 36		
Birthplace	Stanley, North Dakota		
Occupation	Proprietor - Retail clothing store		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Eleanor Anderson Arthur L. Anderson		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Andrine Rasmusson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Hemorrhagic gastritis; chronic	
	Accident	alcoholism.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Rosehill Cemetery, Minot, North Dakota	Effects Released to	D. Shelley, Mortician The Albin Chapel
Kaplan Funeral Director	The Albin Chapel	Address	2200 Nicollet Avenue

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:20 a.m., November 21, 1954.

According to Thorwald Hagen, night clerk at the Talmadge Hotel, the deceased came into the hotel about 4:30 a.m., November 21, 1954, accompanied by Rollin Grand, 40, 322 Marquette Avenue. Both men were intoxicated apparently and went directly to their room, No. 107. About 6:15 a.m., Mr. Hagen looked into the room and found both of the men in bed. Later, at 6:30 a.m., Rollin Grand came out to the clerk's desk and told him it was cold in the room, then went out of the hotel for coffee. Mr. Hagen states he went to the room and closed the window, throwing a blanket over the deceased.

While in the deceased's room, Hagen states he did not see any cigarette in the deceased's hand, however, he smelled smoke about 6:40 a.m. At this time, Joe Elliott, the day clerk,

DWIGHT W. ANDERSON (continued)

arrived and together they went to the deceased's room where they found the blankets burning. They tried unsuccessfully to put out the fire; however, at 7:06 a.m., Elliott summoned the Fire Department. Upon their arrival, they found the deceased unconscious and summoned a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance which arrived at 7:13 a.m. Dr. Ruth Hase, the physician in attendance, pronounced the deceased dead at 7:15 a.m.

Rollin Grand, when questioned in City Jail in the presence of David Jamieson, Arson Investigator of the Fire Department, admits being with the deceased at various times from Friday afternoon up to a short time preceding the deceased's death, however, he disagrees with the clerk's statement as to the time he spent in the deceased's room on the morning of November 21. He states he was in the deceased's room between 3:00 and 4:30 a.m. at which time he left to get a sandwich and coffee for the deceased. According to his statement, he went to the Griddle Cafe at Grant and Nicollet, taking approximately one and one-half hours to do so. Upon his return, he was refused admittance because the police and Fire Department were present. This was between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m.

Relatives of the deceased were later interviewed, a Dr. A. M. Anderson and wife of Montevideo, Minnesota, brother of deceased, Mrs. Dwight Anderson, wife of deceased, and a second brother from Stanley, Minnesota. They stated the deceased was somewhat of an alcoholic and had received treatment for this condition at hospitals in North Dakota and also at the Murray Institute in Minneapolis.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on floor of his room, clothed in underwear. A bottle of wine was found in the room and a quantity of seconal capsules. Several small bruises noted above the right eye.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 11:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed hemorrhagic gastritis; petechial hemorrhage in the duodenum; hemorrhages (spotty) in pancreas; also congestion of the kidneys and the lungs noted. A subsequent report from the toxicologist disclosed 0.04% alcohol upon analysis of the deceased's blood and it was negative for carbon monoxide. A minimal amount of barbiturates were found in the organs. Chemical analyses failed to reveal the presence of any alkaline or alkaloidal drugs nor morphine.

Police officers Johnson and Kallars of squad 118 made the initial investigation. This was followed up by Detectives Noonan and Gugisberg as well as Masica and Van Poll.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Eleanor, and four daughters, all of Watford City, N. Dakota.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19⁵⁴

FULL NAME WILLIAM SHERMAN FILES

Date of Death November 22

Place of Death	1715 Newton Avenue North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	Same	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	8-30-1875 Age 79		
Birthplace	Nebraska		
Occupation	Installation specialist of truck scales		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Peter Jones Files Elizabeth Hogan Jackson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary heart disease.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No. 476-03-4343

Veteran Yes^x No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. R. O. Quello at 7:40 a.m., November 22, 1954.

The deceased had been a patient of Dr. R. O. Quello, however, the physician had not treated the deceased during the past two years.

On the evening of November 21, 1954, the deceased complained of pain in chest and back. During the night, the deceased took some anacin, however, he was very restless all night. About 6:45 a.m., November 22, the deceased developed difficult breathing and Dr. R. O. Quello was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring at 7:00 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed in second floor bedroom. Death was attributed to coronary heart

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disease and the body was released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Ross and Kondzielski of squad 144 responding.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME ALBERT H. P. HOUSER

Date of Death November 22

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident
Residence 5529 Queen Avenue South
Sex Male
Birthdate 4-6-1881 Age 73
Birthplace Pennsylvania
Occupation Bank clerk (ret.)-National Bank
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Lucille Houser
William Houser
Names of Parents Esther M. Parsons

Autopsy Yes
Pathologist Dr. Gordon Vosti
Inquest No
Effects Taken in charge None

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Retroperitoneal hemorrhage due to rupture of arteriosclerotic plaque aorta; generalized arteriosclerosis.
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery
Funeral Director Kaplan Welanders Quist Co.
2301 Dupont Avenue S.

Effects Released to
Address
Social Security No. 473-18-7236
Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 9:00 a.m., November 23, 1954.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., November 22, 1954, the deceased was driving south on Nicollet Avenue in his car, a 1950 Buick sedan, bearing 1955 Minnesota license No. FA 5577. About 80 feet south of West 35th Street, the deceased apparently suffered a heart attack and crashed into the rear of a parked car, a 1950 Ford coach, bearing 1955 Minnesota license No. EN 4122. The vehicle, owned by Elmer Creech, 605 E. Franklin, Minneapolis, as well as the deceased's car, received only minor damage, however, the deceased was removed to Minneapolis General Hospital via ambulance, being admitted at 7:40 p.m., in critical condition. He was not injured in the accident. The man expired at 8:40 p.m., November 22.

ALBERT H. P. HOUSER (continued)

The deceased's lower extremities were swollen on admittance to hospital, and it was stated, he had been under the care of Dr. George D. Eitel.

An autopsy was performed at the Welander Quist Company's west chapel at 12:00 P.M., November 23.. This revealed severe coronary sclerosis, with a probable thrombus (this will be determined microscopically); also retroperitoneal hemorrhage due to rupture of the arteriosclerotic plaque aorta.

Police officers Noble and Robinson of Traffic squad T-555 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Lucille; daughter, Mrs. Donald (Dorothy) Renn, Wichita, Kansas; four grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Bessie Woods, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME HARRY NATHANSON

Date of Death November 23

Place of Death	Asbury Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. S. T. Nerenberg
Residence	6201 Bryant Ave. S. Richfield, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	None
Birthdate	5-10-1875 Age 79		
Birthplace	Roumania		
Occupation	Wholesale fruit dealer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Sabina Nathanson		
Names of Parents	Nathan and ? Nathanson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, Edina, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Hodroff & Sons Funeral Homes	Address	

Wright

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Asbury Hospital at 5:58 a.m., November 23, 1954.

At 12:05 a.m., October 12, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell out of his bed while hospitalized at Asbury Hospital sustaining an injury to his left hip. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip. Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, the attending physician, and Dr. Henry E. Hoffert, who was also called onto the case, performed an open reduction and internal fixation of the intracapsular fracture of the left hip on October 16. The man failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 4:30 a.m., November 23.

An autopsy was performed at Asbury Hospital at 10:00 a.m. on the date of death. This

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revealed that death resulted from coronary thrombosis; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME FRANK C. FORTIER

Date of Death November 23

Place of Death St. Barnabas Hospital

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident 6724 Garfield Avenue S.
Richfield, Minn.

Pathologist Dr. N. S. Lufkin
Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken
in charge None

Birthdate 4-7-1873 Age 81

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Grinder - Pillsbury Mills, Inc.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Cora Fortier

Names of Parents Charles Fortier & Mary Gagne

~~Natural~~

Accident Fracture of 2d cervical vertebra
due to fall downstairs.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Folsom Funeral Director Flynn & Son Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 468-03-6435

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Barnabas Hospital at 6:32 a.m., November 23, 1954.

The deceased, it was stated, was walking up the stairs in his home on the night of November 21, 1954 when in some manner he lost his balance, falling backward down the stairs. He was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital by ambulance, being admitted at 11:55 p.m. and placed under the care of Dr. William E. Proffitt. Examination revealed bruises in the left temporal region and on the thighs. The man expired at 5:55 a.m., November 23.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed a fracture of the second cervical vertebra.

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Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Manson; two brothers, Sidney A. and Raymond C., and also two sisters, Mrs. Arthur L. Sayre and Emma Fortier, all of Minneapolis. The deceased lived with a granddaughter, Veronica Hovind.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ELMER C. HANSON

Date of Death November 23

Place of Death 125 East 19th Street

Autopsy Yes

Place of Accident

Pathologist Dr. Craig W. Freeman

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge None

Birthdate 6-25-1909 Age 45

Birthplace Nelson, Minn.

Occupation Maintenance man - Abbott Hospital

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Evelyn Hanson

Names of Parents ? Hanson & Mamie Iverson

Natural Coronary thrombosis

Accidentx

Suicidex

Homicidex

Undeterminedx

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 475-07-8324

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. John T. Pewters at 8:50 a.m., November 23, 1954.

Shortly after 8:30 a.m., November 23, 1954, the deceased suddenly collapsed while at the breakfast table. His wife, Evelyn Hanson, summoned her doctor, Dr. John T. Pewters, to the home. Upon the physician's arrival, he pronounced the man dead, death apparently occurring about 8:45 a.m.

The deceased had not been under the care of a doctor and apparently had not complained of any symptoms of ill health.

An autopsy was performed at the Enger Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. on the date of death.

ELMER C. HANSON (continued)

This revealed that death resulted from coronary thrombosis.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Mrs. G. L. (Patricia) Thiebault of Minneapolis; mother, Mrs. Mamie Lund; three sisters; one brother and one grandchild.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ROBERT T. ROBERG, JR.

Date of Death November 23

Place of Death	Rear, 7630 Excelsior Blvd. Hopkins, Minn.	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Same	Pathologist	Dr. Erland Nelson
Residence	1425 Cambridge St. Hopkins, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$1.00; 1 Bulova Wrist watch; 1 ring- (2 white & 1 red stone); 2 keys; 1 billfold; 1 cigarette lighter.
Birthdate	6-23-1928 Age 26		
Birthplace	Hopkins, Minn.		
Occupation	Truck Driver - Wm. V. Terrey Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Names of Parents	Robert Roberg, Sr. Othelia Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☒ Suicidal ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Grandview Cemetery, Edina, Minn.	Effects Released to	Arvid Roberg, brother
Funeral Director	Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel Hopkins, Minn.	Address	1425 Cambridge Street
Kaplan			

Social Security No. 469-26-9711

Veteran ☒ Yes ☐ No WW I ☐ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:05 p.m., November 23, 1954.

On the morning of November 23, 1954, the deceased, an employee of the William V. Terrey Company, was working with a crew of men unloading 1' x 18' lengths of water pipe weighing 1100 pounds per length at 7630 Excelsior Boulevard from a trailer. According to Nick Jarsko, a fellow employee, 7714 South Street, St. Louis Park, who was on the opposite side of the trailer, three lengths of the pipe rolled off when the chains holding the pipe were loosened, striking the deceased. The deceased died at the scene before the arrival of an ambulance which had been summoned, death occurring at 11:53 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased

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found lying on back on right side, bleeding from mouth and ears. One length of pipe lay across his left leg. Remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue, and the death was ruled accidental.

An autopsy was performed at the morgue at 4:00 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed multiple skull fractures with brain contusions and lacerations. There were also fractures of the left humerus and left mandible as well as multiple superficial skin abrasions.

Officers Jim Dahl and John Parker of the Hopkins Police Department were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberg, Sr.; four brothers, Seymour, Arvid, Alfred and Floyd; three sisters, Mrs. Violet Smart, Mrs. Evelyn Ess, Mrs. Frances Trisler.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME BENJAMIN HABEL

Date of Death Fd. November 24

Place of Death	Richfield Nursery, 911 East 66th St., Richfield,	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident		Pathologist	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Residence	5736 Standish Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$11.50; 1 billfold; 1 Waltham watch; 12 keys.
Birthdate	10-17-1893 Age 61		
Birthplace	Burt, Iowa		
Occupation	Truck driver -Richfield Nursery		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Fern Habel Chester H. Habel		
Names of Parents	Alice Archer		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Pleasant View Memorial Gardens, Dakota County, Minn.	Effects Released to	Lester P. Habel, son
E.J. Funeral Director	Goggins Funeral Home	Address	5736 Standish Avenue S.

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No. 475-03-7238

Veteran Yes No WW I WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:10 a.m., November 24, 1954.

At 9:30 a.m., on the morning of November 24, 1954, Glennie Epland, bookkeeper at the Richfield Nursery, returned to the nursery after a short absence to perform an errand. On her return, she found the deceased, an employee of the nursery, lying on the floor, unresponsive. An ambulance was summoned to the scene and upon arrival of the ambulance, the deceased was pronounced dead.

It was stated, the deceased had complained approximately one month ago of chest and arm pain. At that time, he had stopped smoking.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Apparently,

BENJAMIN HABEL (continued)

the deceased had been changing a spark plug in the company's truck when he became ill.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 2:00 p.m. on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from coronary sclerosis.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Fern; son, Lester; daughter, Alice; three step-children; one sister, Mary Tollefson.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 19 54

FULL NAME RUDOLPH HAGEN

Date of Death November 25

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	Yes
Place of Accident	Washington Ave. S. & 12th St.	Pathologist	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Residence	1021 Washington Avenue S.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$0.30 1 Illinois pocket watch; 1 billfold; 1 packet Misc. papers.
Birthdate	5-10-1891 Age 63		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Plumber's helper		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Ole C. Hagen Inga Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Auto Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	W. C. Hagen, brother
E.J. Funeral Director	Henry W. Anderson Mortuary	Address	4246 Irving Avenue N.

Social Security No. 468-14-1716

Veteran Yes No WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 6:25 a.m., November 25, 1954.

At approximately 1:00 a.m., Thursday, November 25, 1954, the deceased and two companions, Albert P. Buman, 53, 1800 Park Avenue and Pearl Nordlund, 62, 202-12th Avenue South, were crossing Washington in the crosswalk at its intersection with 12th Avenue South when they were struck by a car traveling west on Washington Avenue. The vehicle failed to stop or leave any information with anyone. A taxicab driver came upon the scene shortly afterward and notified his dispatcher, who in turn informed the police, Officers Allen J. Aigner and Harold Finney of Traffic squad 515 responding.

The deceased, critically injured, was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital where he expired several hours later, death occurring at 4:05 a.m.

RUDOLPH HAGEN (continued)

Both of the pedestrians accompanying the deceased were injured and also taken to Minneapolis General Hospital, Albert Buman being admitted to the hospital with multiple fractures of both legs. Admitting diagnosis stated the right leg was nearly amputated at the ankle. Pearl Nordlund suffered multiple fractures of both legs and a hip injury. It was stated, the car made approximately 66 feet of skid marks and one of the pedestrians was knocked nearly 80 feet from the point of impact.

It was also stated, a man who had been near the scene at the time told the police he heard the impact and had seen a car back up to the intersection, turn north on 12th Avenue, then swing west on Second street, which leads into the Milwaukee yards.

Later the car, a 1954 Chevrolet sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 827-940, was recovered at Portland and Second Street South. Driver of the car, Joe Colby, 50, 1016-13th Avenue South, Minneapolis, was apprehended at his home. The car bore visible signs of identification linking it with the accident involving the deceased. Parts of the car found at the accident scene matched those which fit the car. There was also blood, bones and teeth of the pedestrians imbedded in the grill of the car. After questioning, Colby admitted he had been driving at the time of the accident and stated his wife, Dora, was riding with him. They had abandoned the car in the railroad yards.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:00 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed a ruptured bladder with intraabdominal and retroperitoneal hemorrhage; fracture of the pelvis and compound fractures of both tibia and fibula; also a subarachnoid hemorrhage with cerebral contusion.

Other officers who also attended the scene of the accident and investigated this case are Inspector Hart and Sergeant Brucciani of squad 132.

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REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CLARA BATTIG

Date of Death November 25

Place of Death 200 Penn Avenue South

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 8-27-1882 Age 72

Birthplace Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Herman H. Battig

Anton Schmitz
Anna Fidler

Names of Parents

Natural Coronary thrombosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Resurrection Cemetery
Mendota, Minn.

Effects
Released to

R.G.J.

Funeral Director Richard M. Gill Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Harvey Nelson at 8:40 p.m., November 25, 1954.

According to a member of the family, the deceased was putting the car in the garage on the evening of November 25, 1954, when she suddenly collapsed and became unresponsive. Dr. Harvey Nelson was summoned to the residence. Upon arrival, he pronounced the woman dead, death occurring at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Nelson had treated the deceased, however, he had not seen her professionally since February 1953. It was, therefore, necessary for this office to sign the death certificate.

CLARA BATTIG (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

CORONER'S RECORD

1042

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME EMMA LARSON

Date of Death November 25

Place of Death

Groveland Terrace Rest Home,
15 Groveland TerraceAutopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence

2921 - 17th Avenue South

Sex

Female

Birthdate

11-13-1882 Age 72

Birthplace

Sweden

Occupation

Housekeeper

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents

Erick Larson & Sarah Anderson

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

~~Accident~~~~Suicide~~~~Homicide~~~~Undetermined~~Coronary disease; metastatic
adenocarcinoma.

Place of Burial

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director

Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home at 6:00 p.m., November 26, 1954.

On October 21, 1954, the deceased was admitted to the Groveland Terrance Rest Home with arteriosclerotic heart disease and also metastatic adenocarcinoma. She was very dehydrated on admittance, and was placed under the care of Dr. Stevens of Minneapolis General Hospital. The woman expired in bed at 8:25 p.m., November 25.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the rest home and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and metastatic adenocarcinoma and remains

EMMA LARSON (continued)

were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1043

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM LE ROY MORAN

Date of Death November 26

Place of Death St. Barnabas Hospital

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge Dr. N. S. Lufkin

Place of Accident
Residence Route #3
Hopkins, Minn.

None

Sex Male

Birthdate 5-16-1915 Age 39

Birthplace North Dakota

Occupation Asst. Cashier-First Nat'l. Bank of Hopkins

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Alice Moran

Names of Parents William F. Moran
Marie Moran

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Terminal bronchial pneumonia
due to localized peritonitis
due to ruptured appendix.
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~ (Jumped from third floor window
of hospital; wound broke open and
was surgically repaired; there
were no injuries resulting from
this jump). Staphylococcus
septicemia.
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Grandview Cemetery, Edina

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel,
Hopkins, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WW II
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. W. G. Schaefer at 7:45 a.m., November 26, 1954.

On November 14, 1954, the deceased was admitted to St. Barnabas Hospital for the removal of a ruptured appendix. Later, on November 18, the deceased jumped from the third floor window of his hospital room while his nurse had momentarily stepped out of the room. X-ray examination disclosed no fractures, however, the wound broke open from the jump and it was necessary to repair it surgically. Blood cultures showed staphylococcus septicemia of the same type as found in the pelvic abscess. The man developed bronchial pneumonia and expired at 12:15 a.m., November 26, 1954.

An autopsy was performed at the St. Barnabas Hospital on the date of death. This re-

WILLIAM LE ROY MORAN (continued)

vealed that death resulted from terminal bronchial pneumonia due to localized peritonitis and staphylococcus septicemia. Uremia was also noted.

CORONER'S RECORD

1044

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ROZALKA CLEFTON

Date of Death November 26

Place of Death 1022-26th Avenue S. E.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

2-25-1894 Age 60

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Herbert Clefton

Names of Parents

C. J. Smersh
Cmelia Slazak

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Cardiac decompensation

Place of Burial

Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Washburn-McReavy Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. F. P. Army at 3:00 p.m., November 26, 1954.

According to the deceased's husband, Herbert, the deceased has a history of alcoholism and has been drinking heavily the past three months. He had been doing the housework and taking care of her, however, she has had no medical attention. It was stated, the deceased's mother has been quite ill and the deceased visited her about July 1st of this year. Since that time, she has been drinking continuously.

On the afternoon of November 26, 1954, the deceased's husband took a nap, awaking about 2:00 p.m., at which time he found the deceased lying on the bed in an unresponsive condition. Unable to arouse his wife, Mr. Clefton summoned Dr. F. P. Army. Upon the physician's arrival, he pronounced the woman dead.

ROZALKA CLEFTON (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the Clefton residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed in a first floor bedroom. There was 4+ edema of the legs and swelling noted around the eyes. No rigor or bruises were noted. Death was ascribed to cardiac decompensation, and remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of her husband, Herbert E. Clefton, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

1045

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME

EDWARD BAMEN

Date of Death Fd. November 26

Place of Death

125 1/2 S. Washington Ave.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Pathologist

No

Residence

Same

Inquest

No

Sex

Male

Effects Taken in charge

* **
\$5.29; 1 wallet; 1 key; 1 watch & chain (Illinois); 1 overcoat; 1 suit; 1 pair pants; 1 cap.

Birthdate

5-17-1887 Age 67

Birthplace

Sweden

Occupation

Laborer - farming and railroad

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Mons Boson;
Botilda Albrektson

Names of Parents

Natural
Coronary disease.

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

* Kozlak Mortuary
By N. N. Nelson, Fun. Dir.
** August Boman, brother
** Granite Falls, Minn.

Folsom

Funeral Director

Kozlak Funeral Home

Social Security No.

323-05-6196

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:55 p.m., November 26, 1954.

On November 26, 1954, the deceased went to the hotel clerk's desk and requested him to call Minneapolis General Hospital for an ambulance. Shortly thereafter, he collapsed and upon arrival of the ambulance, the deceased was pronounced dead by the physician aboard at 4:45 p.m.

This man had been a patient of the out-patient department of Minneapolis General Hospital off and on for several months up to the time of his death. He had been a patient in the hospital from July 31, 1954 to September 3, 1954. A diagnosis of arteriosclerotic heart disease had been made by the hospital physicians. It was stated, the deceased had complained from time to time of severe chest pains.

EDWARD BAMEN (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers J. Fretag and Knickerbocker of squad 117 responding.

He is survived by a brother, August, living in Granite Falls, Minnesota, Route 3.

CORONER'S RECORD

1046

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M.D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME ARVID W. ENGSTROM

Date of Death November 26

Place of Death 3956-24th Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Pathologist No

Residence Same

Inquest No

Sex Male

Effects Taken in charge

\$18.48; 1 wrist watch (Marvin);
1 ring (plain); 1 wallet; 1 spectacles;
1 cigar lighter; 1 jack knife; 10 keys.

Birthdate 3-10-1889 Age 65

Birthplace Isanti, Minn.

Occupation Carpenter

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Sophie Engstrom
Swan Engstrom

Names of Parents Marie Frederickson

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Natural Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Mrs. Aaron Carlson, daughter

Folsom

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Minneapolis, Minn.

Social Security No. 472-10-2750

Veteran Yes No

WW I ☒ WW II ☐

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:25 p.m., November 26, 1954.

Apparently the deceased collapsed while shoveling snow on the evening of November 26, 1954 and was reported to the police by an unknown person who saw his body while driving past his residence. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician, Dr. Hanson, confirmed the man's death at 7:15 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased's body was lying on lawn at edge of sidewalk, face down. Body was warm and there was no edema, no marks and no rigor. A long walk was completely shoveled. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

ARVID W. ENGSTROM (continued)

Police officers Butler and Dahline of squad 165 were notified and attended the scene of death.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Sophie, who was out of town at the time of his death. It was stated, he is also survived by a daughter living in the Minnetonka area.

CORONER'S RECORD

1047

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME DENNIS R. NOVY

Date of Death November 26

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident Van Buren & Excelsior Avenues, Hopkins, Minn.
Residence 218 Tyler Avenue North, Hopkins,
Sex Male
Birthdate 11-22-1938 Age 16
Birthplace Superior, Wis.
Occupation Student-Hopkins High School
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single
Name of Husband or Wife
Names of Parents Raymond Novy
Bernice Trisko

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen
None

None except listed
On Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Truck
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined
Pulmonary edema due to maceration of cerebral cortex due to skull fracture; fractures of right femur and left forearm.

Place of Burial Resurrection Cemetery
Excelsior, Minn.
Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel
Hopkins, Minn.

Effects Released to
Address

Folsom

Social Security No. 472-38-8666

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis General Hospital at 8:00 a.m., November 27, 1954.

On November 26, 1954, at approximately 10:45 a.m., the deceased was seriously injured when he apparently slipped from his motor scooter and slid under the wheels of a moving truck at Van Buren and Excelsior Avenues in Hopkins, Minnesota. A Smith ambulance brought the deceased to Minneapolis General Hospital where he was admitted at 11:22 a.m., November 26, with a fractured femur and head injuries. He expired at 11:26 p.m., the same day.

It was stated, the deceased was riding his motor scooter when it was very slippery. The back end of the scooter whipped around throwing the deceased to the ground and he slid under the truck. Driver of the truck was Gordon Winick, 3115 Eleventh Avenue South, Minneapolis.

DENNIS R. NOVY (continued)

Police officer Ira Leitzow and Howard Fucks, Hopkins Police Superintendent, were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 9:00 a.m., November 27. This revealed a skull fracture with maceration of the cerebral cortex and also the left and right frontal lobes and right temporal lobe; pulmonary edema; fracture of the left forearm; also fracture of right femur.

Survivors of the decedent include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Novy; one brother, Dale; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trisko and Frank Novy.

CORONER'S RECORD

1048

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HANS J. HANSON

Date of Death November 26

Place of Death	Northwestern Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2545 Portland Avenue	Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	9-9-1864 Age 90		
Birthplace	Nerstrand, Minn.		
Occupation	Farmer		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Hannah Caroline Hanson		
Names of Parents	John and ? Hanson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Veblen, S. Dak.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Welander Quist Co. 2301 Dupont Avenue S.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Harold Kaplan at 2:30 p.m., November 27, 1954.

On October 15, 1954, the deceased had fallen in his home in some manner sustaining an injury to his left hip. He was removed to Northwestern Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. J. M. Feeney. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip. Due to the man's weakened condition and other physical complication, he failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 11:00 a.m., November 26.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner viewed the body. On examination, decubitus

HANS J. HANSON (continued)

ulcers were noted on the deceased's body. Death was attributed to myocardial insufficiency; the ununited fracture of the left hip being a contributing cause. The remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1049

Year 19.....54

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CARL ALBERT PIERSON

Date of Death Fd. November 27

Place of Death 3115 Hennepin Avenue

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 8-23-1902 Age 52

Birthplace Monterey, Minn.

Occupation Decorating Contractor

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Isabel P. Pierson

Names of Parents Nels Persson
Alvina Jacobson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery
Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
2301 Dupont Avenue S.

Effects
Released to

Address

Social Security No. 473-10-6770

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:08 a.m., November 27, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, they had had coffee with some friends about 10:30 p.m., on the evening of November 26, 1954 and the deceased had retired about 11:00 p.m. that evening. At this time, he complained of some diarrhea. The following morning, November 27, at approximately 8:30 a.m., when the deceased's wife attempted to awaken him, she found him unresponsive. The Fire Department rescue squad and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the residence. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

It was stated, the deceased had been treated at the Bloomington Lake Clinic in September of this year, however, he felt well enough to go deer hunting, returning home again on Thanksgiving Day. There is also family history of coronary disease. Apparently the

CORONER'S RECORD
CARL ALBERT PIERSON (continued)

deceased had also been in a car accident at some time, however, his injuries were thought to be very minor.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officer Axel of squad 151 responding.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is the wife, Isabel Pierson.

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CORONER'S RECORD

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

Year 1954

FULL NAME RALPH T. STAY

Date of Death November 27

Place of Death	2211-37th Avenue N. (garage)	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Pathologist	No
Residence	4734 Twin Lake Ave. N. Brooklyn Center, Minn.	Inquest	No
Sex	Male	Effects Taken in charge	\$83.75; checks - \$28.50, 15.10, and \$25.86; 1 billfold; 7 keys.
Birthdate	10-31-1917 Age 39		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Mechanic - automobile repairs		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Regina Grejtak Stay John Stay		
Names of Parents	Valberg Rusta		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary disease	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Glenhaven Gardens, Crystal, Minn.	Effects Released to	Mrs. Regina Stay, wife
Kaplan Funeral Director	Gearty-Davis Funeral Chapel	Address	4734 Twin Lake Ave., Mpls. 22,

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

WW I ☐ WW II ☒

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:50 a.m., November 27, 1954.

On the morning of November 27, 1954, about 10:30 a.m., the deceased was in the process of opening a garage door at his place of employment when he suddenly collapsed. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene, however, the deceased expired before its arrival and was pronounced dead by the physician aboard.

William Sullivan, who works with the deceased, saw the deceased collapse. He stated the deceased had complained of fainting spells.

There is history of heart disease and, it was stated, the deceased was under the care of Dr. E. J. Lillehei this spring for treatment of a heart attack.

RALPH T. STAY (continued)

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officer Schaefer of squad 143 responding.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Death was ascribed to coronary disease.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Regina; one son, Ralph, Jr.; one daughter, Bernice; three brothers, Louis and Julius of Benson, Minnesota, and Henry of Minneapolis; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Danielson, Mrs. Lillian Edstrom and Mrs. Selma Haskins, all of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1051

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME EDWARD L. ENGEN

Date of Death November 27

Place of Death 2027 Emerson Avenue N.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence 8880 Syndicate Avenue
New Brighton, Anoka Co.
Sex Male

Birthdate 7-3-1914 Age 40

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Truck driver

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Kathryn Engen
Gilbert Engen

Names of Parents Minnie A. Engelstead

CAUSE OF DEATH { Natural Cerebral vascular accident.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director Welander-Quist Co.
1200 West Broadway

Address

Social Security No. 470-14-4128

Veteran Yes WW II
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:10 p.m., November 27, 1954.

The deceased had gone to his brother's home to help him lay floor tile on November 27, 1954. Later, he felt ill and complained of diarrhea and pains in his chest and stomach. In the afternoon, he decided to rest on the couch for awhile and about 2:40 p.m., the deceased's wife found him lying on the couch in an unresponsive condition. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the residence. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

A deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Death was attributed to a

EDWARD L. ENGEN (continued)

cerebral vascular accident and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officer Steele of squad 142 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Kathryn; stepsons, Frederick James and Michael Dehnel; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Engen; sister, Mrs. Robert Harvey; brothers, Kenneth and Henry.

CORONER'S RECORD

1052

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME EDWARD LAWRENCE O'CONNELL

Date of Death Fd. November 27

Place of Death 4238 - 25th Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 5-24-1898 Age 56

Birthplace Marinette, Wis.

Occupation Railroad yard clerk (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Agnes O'Connell
Charles P. O'Connell

Names of Parents Jane Geelan

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary thrombosis; coronary sclerosis.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Resurrection Cemetery
Mendota, Minn.

Effects Released to

Kaplan Funeral Director McDivitt Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by McDivitt Funeral Home at 8:10 p.m., November 27, 1954.

About 7:30 a.m., November 27, 1954, Mrs. O'Connell found her husband lying in bed. He appeared to be unconscious or dead. She summoned Dr. Howard C. Chandler who lived next door at 4234-25th Avenue South. Upon arrival of Dr. Chandler, he confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had been a patient of Dr. Frederick H. K. Schaaf for a cardiac condition, however, this physician had not seen the deceased for a period of about one year. It was, therefore, necessary for this office to sign the death certi-

CORONER'S RECORD

EDWARD LAWRENCE O' CONNELL (continued)

ificate.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Agnes; one brother, Bernard W. ; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cassidy.

CORONER'S RECORD

1053

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME EMIL ANDERSON

Date of Death Fd. November 27

Place of Death 5816 Standish Avenue S.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 2-4-1886 Age 68

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Carpenter

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Anna Lundberg Anderson

Names of Parents ? and Alma Anderson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

1 Suitcase; misc. policies; deeds;
letters etc.; 1 bankbook #5816 - \$1.00-
Fourth N. W. National bank.

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Mrs. Dorothy M. Fratzke, daughter

Kaplan

Funeral Director O. E. Larson Mortuary

Address

5525 - 25th Ave. S.

Social Security No. 473-01-6727A

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:20 p.m., November 27, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased was an eccentric widower who lived alone at the above address. Lately, he had appeared rather senile. Neighbors living at 5816 Standish S., a Mr. and Mrs. Orville Martini, had not seen the deceased around his home for the past ten days and thought it unusual, therefore, they requested the police to investigate.

Officers Butler and Dahlen of squad 165 went to the deceased's home about 7:00 p.m., November 27, 1954. They were unable to get any response and found all doors and windows locked. Entry was forced and the deceased was found lying on his bed, fully clothed.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body which was in an advanced

EMIL ANDERSON (continued)

state of decomposition. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease, and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The decedent is survived by a brother, Andrew, of Nipawin, Sask., Canada.

CORONER'S RECORD

1054

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HARA ANDREASEN

Date of Death November 29

Place of Death 4321-43rd Avenue North

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No
None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 6-28-1886 Age 68

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Anton Andreasen

Names of Parents Oluf and Thora Havan

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Coronary sclerosis; carcinoma
of intestines.
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m., November 29, 1954.

The deceased, a Christian Scientist, has been under the care of a practitioner, Robert W. Moser, Crystal Village, however, the deceased has had no medical attention. He expired in his home at 4:20 a.m., November 29, 1954.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the Andreasen residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; carcinoma of the intestines being a contributing factor. The remains were released directly to a mortuary.

HARA ANDREASEN (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lauderdale of Robbinsdale and Mrs. Helen Fremstad of St. Cloud; seven grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. A. E. Nelson of Minneapolis; four brothers, William and Heier Hauan, Minneapolis, Lief of Sanborn and Omar of Willmar.

CORONER'S RECORD

1055

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CARL AUGUST SWANSON

Date of Death November 29

Place of Death D.O.A. at Swedish Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge

\$5.95; 1 Official R. R. Standard watch; 1 knife; 1 bankbook #20380 - \$2139.88; 1 key.

Residence 1526 Fifth St. South

Sex Male

Birthdate 1-26-1887 Age 67

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Lumber business

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Hans O. Johnson, Gen'l. Adm.

R.G.J.

Funeral Director Anderson-Abrahamson Fun. Chapel

Address

Minneapolis, Minn.

Social Security No. 395-05-7627

Veteran Yesx
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 10:45 a.m., November 29, 1954.

Hans O. Johnson, 5441-26th Avenue South, came to the deceased's room and called for him on the morning of November 29, 1954. They started to walk downtown. When they arrived at the corner of Fifth Street and Eleventh Avenue South, the deceased complained of shortness of breath and suddenly collapsed into the arms of Hans Johnson, his half brother. A passing motorist, Ed Kallman, 2916-9th Street South, noticed the incident and stopped to aid them. The deceased was placed in the front seat of Kallman's car and taken to Swedish Hospital, however, he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital by a staff physician.

It was stated, the deceased had had a cold for the past two weeks and has complained

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CARL AUGUST SWANSON (continued)

of shortness of breath on various occasions.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and death was attributed to coronary disease.

Police officers McHale and Page of 307 were also notified and investigated this case.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister, Mrs. Emmeli Swensson in Sweden; two brothers, Axel Theodore Johnson and Hans Oscar Johnson.

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CORONER'S RECORD

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME IDA JULIA SINGER

Date of Death November 29

Place of Death 3733-39th Avenue South

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 3-8-1869 Age 85

Birthplace Germany

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Joseph Singer

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Generalized arteriosclerosis.

~~Accident~~

~~× Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Welander Quist Company
1200 West Broadway

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Welander Quist Company, 1200 West Broadway, at 11:30 a.m., November 30, 1954.

The deceased has been in ill health for a long period of time. It was stated, she had received medical attention from Dr. M. S. Belzer, however, Dr. Belzer has not treated the deceased since 1952.

On the morning of November 29, 1954, the deceased expired suddenly in bed at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to generalized arteriosclerosis and the remains were released directly

IDA JULIA SINGER (continued)

to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1057

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME IDA K. LORING

Date of Death 11-30-54

Place of Death 3014-18th Avenue S.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No
None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 10-11-1886 Age 68

Birthplace Crary, N. Dak.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Harry Loring

Names of Parents Martin Kolstad & Marit Hagen

Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accidentx

Suicidexx

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Anderson Abrahamson Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:25 p.m., November 30, 1954.

On the afternoon of November 30, 1954, the deceased was sitting in a chair visiting with her sister when she suddenly complained of severe chest pain, collapsed and became unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the home, however, the deceased expired before its arrival, death occurring at 3:00 p.m. The ambulance physician confirmed the woman's death upon arrival.

It was stated, the deceased has not received medical attention for a long time.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

IDA K. LORING (continued)

was attributed to coronary heart disease and the remains were released to a mortuary.

Police officers Conroy and Brink of squad 164 also received a call to investigate this death.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Clyde R. Parkhurst in California; four sisters, Mrs. Anna Blomberg, Mrs. Ella Kolstad, Mrs. Marie Blomberg and Mrs. Minnie Collins, all of Minneapolis; two brothers, Arthur Kolstad of Grand Forks, N. D., Martin Kolstad of Reynolds, N. D., two grandchildren, Marcia Parkhurst of San Jose, Calif. and Diane Parkhurst of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1058

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME JOHN LOKTU

Date of Death November 30

Place of Death	Fairview Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	2107 Fourth St. N.	Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	3-18-1865	Age	89
Birthplace	Norway		
Occupation	Maintenance man (ret.)-Creamery		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Anna Loktu		
Names of Parents	John and ? Haugen		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident	Bronchopneumonia due to fractures of right tibia and left wrist.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan Funeral Director	Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. None

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 9:38 p.m., November 30, 1954.

The deceased, an aged man, in some manner fell down the stairs in his home sustaining injury to his right tibia and left wrist. He was removed by ambulance to Fairview Hospital being admitted at 10:50 p.m., November 27, 1954, and placed under the care of Dr. E. G. Oppen. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right tibia and left wrist, however, due to the man's advanced age and weakened condition, no surgery was attempted. The deceased developed bronchopneumonia, expiring at 9:15 p.m., November 30.

A deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to

JOHN LOKTU (continued)

bronchopneumonia; the fractured right tibia and left wrist being contributing factors.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Anna; daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Dittrick (Amanda); grandson, Ronald; great grandchild, Lynnette.

CORONER'S RECORD

1059

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

VIRGINIA MARY ELIZABETH OLSON

Date of Death December 1

Place of Death

3746 Logan Avenue North

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

1 Wedding ring; 1 Engagement ring.

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

4-7-1910 Age 44

Birthplace

Harron Lake, Wis.

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Alfred O. Olson

Names of Parents

Charles and Carrie Slough

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Strangulation due to hanging

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

M. P. Quist, Funeral Director
Welander Quist Company

R.G.J.

Funeral Director

Welander Quist Company
1200 W. Broadway

Address

2301 Dupont Avenue S.

Social Security No. 468-05-5526

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Logan, Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver, at 11:12 a.m., December 1, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had attempted suicide on December 22, 1953, but was hospitalized at Northwestern Hospital and attended by Dr. A. J. Leemhuis. Later, she was taken to a hospital at Prescott, Wisconsin for treatment and subsequently discharged to her home.

According to the deceased's husband, the deceased has been very nervous since September of this year. On the morning of December 1, 1954, Alfred Olson, the deceased's husband, left home about 9:45 a.m. About 10:30 a.m., she called her husband and stated she wanted to go and see Dr. Leemhuis, therefore, he returned home. Upon arrival, he found the deceased hanging from a water pipe in the basement by a four-strand clothesline. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the home.

VIRGINIA M. OLSON (continued)

Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the woman's death.

A deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Death was attributed to strangulation due to hanging and was ruled a suicide. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Police officers Kuffel and Cleveland of squad 143 were notified and attended the scene of death. Detectives Page and Malinosky continued the investigation.

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, Alfred O.; sons, Richard, Robert and John.

CORONER'S RECORD

1060

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HENRY E. MIREAULT

Date of Death December 2

Place of Death 510 East 14th St., Apt. 3

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 10-5-1885 Age 69

Birthplace St. Paul, Minn.

Occupation Warehouse laborer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife Helen Proux Mireault

Names of Parents Noah Mireault
Clementine DeRosier

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Joseph's Cemetery,
Rice Lake, Wis.

Effects Released to

R.G.J.

Funeral Director Gleason Mortuary

Address

Social Security No. 473-12-4358

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:50 p.m., December 2, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 2, 1954, at approximately 3:00 p.m., the deceased was found dead in his apartment by a friend and neighbor, Anna Willcock, 508 E. 14th Street. It was necessary for her to force the door open when she was unable to arouse the deceased. She stated this was in accordance with the deceased's wishes if he did not answer. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician aboard confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had last been seen alive about 11:30 p.m., December 1st, at which time he had been seen by another tenant while on his way to the bathroom. Apparently the deceased has been a patient in Minneapolis General Hospital on various

HENRY E. MIREAULT (continued)

occasions for the treatment of a cardiac condition.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on back on bed clothed in shorts. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Police officers Fort and Kolars of squad 118 also received a call to investigate this death.

Survivors of the decedent include a sister, Mrs. Harold I. Stewart and a niece, Mrs. Leo Fleetham of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1061

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ALICE LINDSTROM

Date of Death Fd. December 2

Place of Death 1828 Park Avenue, Apt. 25

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge

\$0.59; 1 black handbag; 1 billfold; 1 colored glasses; 1 ball pen; 4 keys; 1 flashlight.

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 9-11-1879 Age 75

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Nels Lindstrom

Names of Parents Frank and ? Larson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects Released to

June Lindstrom, daughter

E.J.

Funeral Director Welander Quist Company
1825 Chicago Avenue

Address

1828 Park Avenue S.

Social Security No. 473-09-5067

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:40 p.m., December 2, 1954.

On the evening of December 2, 1954, Mrs. Robert Kuntz, living at the same address as the deceased in Apartment 23, came out of her apartment and found the deceased sitting on the hall steps gasping for breath. She summoned a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance immediately. Upon arrival, the physician in attendance pronounced the woman dead at 7:15 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased had received medical treatment from Dr. O. T. Kalin at one time.

ALICE LINDSTROM (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Fort and Kolars of squad 118 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are two daughters, June Lindstrom and Mrs. Lester Thompson, both of Minneapolis; two sons, Clarence, Milwaukee, Wis. and Merrill of Minneapolis; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, David Larson in Texas and Arthur Larson, St. Paul, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

1062

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHERYL ANNETTE CHRISTENSEN

Date of Death Pd. December 3,

Place of Death 4517-28th Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 10-8-1954 Age 1 Mo. 25 days

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Infant

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Don Evan Christensen
Mary Lou Benedict

Names of Parents

Natural Bronchial pneumonia

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling Nat'l. Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director The Albin Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:25 a.m., December 3, 1954.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., December 3, 1954, the deceased's father, Don Evan Christensen, found the baby lying face down in her crib, which was in the kitchen, and the child was apparently dead. The last time the infant had been seen alive was at 1:00 a.m. this morning.

It was stated, the baby has had a cold and had been seen by Dr. Thorson of the Bloomington Clinic.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the Christensen residence and viewed the

CORONER'S RECORD

CHERYL ANNETTE CHRISTENSEN (continued)

body. Death was attributed to bronchial pneumonia and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officer Butler of squad 165 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Christensen; brother, Don; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Christensen, Mr and Mrs. Warren Benedict; great grandmother, Mrs. Mary Okstad.

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1063

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME LLOYD A. JOHNSON

Date of Death Fd. December 3

Place of Death	Rex Hotel, Room 229 253 Second Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$4.10; 1 billfold; misc. letters etc.
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	11-14-1914 Age 40		
Birthplace	Duluth, Minn.		
Occupation	Cook - restaurant		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Dorothy Johnson		
Names of Parents	John and Elna Johnson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Oneota Cemetery Duluth, Minn.	Effects Released to	M. A. Wilson, Fun. Dir. Bell Funeral Home
E.J.	Funeral Director	The Albin Funeral Chapel	Address Duluth, Minn.

Social Security No. 470-09-8168

Veteran Yes WWII
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 2:00 p.m., December 3, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 3, 1954, at 1:00 p.m., the deceased was found dead in bed by the bedmaker, Walter Nielson. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was at the hotel on a sick call when the deceased's body was discovered. The ambulance physician, therefore, went to the man's room and pronounced him dead.

Apparently the deceased had been dead for several days. A letter which had been pushed under the door of his room by the manager of the hotel, Clyde Hicks, two days ago was still on the floor. It was stated, the deceased had lived at the Rex Hotel for the past three years and had been a patient of Veterans Hospital during his residence at this hotel.

LLOYD A. JOHNSON (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found sitting in a chair, clothed in underwear, by an open window. There were signs of emesis in the sink. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Roehl and Carlson of squad 117 responding.

Only survivor known to the Coroner's Office is his mother, Mrs. Elva Johnson, 4211 Regent Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

1064

Year 19...54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME LARRY ERVIN MAASS

Date of Death Fd. December 3

Place of Death Dutch Lake, Mound, Minn.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident Same

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Mound, Minn.

Sex Male

Birthdate 7-14-1947 Age 7 years

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation None

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Norman G. Maass Edina Fabel

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident Suffocation due to drowning

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

None except listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Lake Auburn Cemetery, Victoria, Minn.

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Yetzer Funeral Home, Waconia, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 9:20 p.m., December 3, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 3, 1954, the deceased and a companion, Bradley Cressy, both first grade pupils at Mound, Minnesota went home from school and started off with their sleds. At 4:30 p.m., they had not returned, therefore, their parents began a search. At 7:00 p.m., the boys were still missing and their disappearance was reported to the police. Dutch lake is just one block from the Cressy home and a fireman's searchlight spotted a hole in the ice about 60 feet off shore. Firemen recovered the bodies of both boys about 9:00 p.m. It was stated, the depth of the water was approximately six feet at the point where they had drowned.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the bodies which

LARRY ERVIN MAASS (continued)

were later removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Death was attributed to suffocation due to drowning and was ruled an accident.

Police officers Vern Anderson and Paul Farren of the Mound Police and Deputy sheriffs Rohlen and Brittain of Hennepin County assisted in the search.

Survivors of the decedent include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Maass and one brother, Norman.

CORONER'S RECORD

1065

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME BRADLEY MELVIN CRESSY

Date of Death Fd. December 3

Place of Death	Dutch Lake Mound, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Mound, Minn.	Other effects listed on Morgue Record	
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	8-23-1948 Age 6 years		
Birthplace	Mound, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Melvin M. Cressy Alvina Persian		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Union Cemetery Mound, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Rettinger Funeral Home, Long Lake, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 9:20 p.m., December 3, 1954.

The facts surrounding this death are identical with those of the preceding case, Larry Ervin Maass, Case No. 1064.

Only survivors of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Cressy.

CORONER'S RECORD

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHARLES H. CROUSE

Date of Death December 3

Place of Death	Eitel Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	322 Groveland Ave.	Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	9-13-1850 Age 104		
Birthplace	Detroit, Michigan		
Occupation	Freight agent - railroad		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Husband or Wife	Jessie Stevens Crouse		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Davies Mortuary at 4:00 p.m., December 6, 1954.

On November 21, 1954, the deceased fell on floor in his home in some manner while walking to the bathroom. He was removed by ambulance to Eitel Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. George D. Eitel. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip. On November 21 a plate was inserted into the fractured hip.

It was stated, the decedent has a history of arteriosclerosis extending over a period of twenty years. Due to the man's advanced age and other physical complications, he failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 8:55 p.m.

A deputy coroner viewed the body at the mortuary. Death was attributed to uremia;

CHARLES H. CROUSE (continued)

chronic myocarditis; pulmonary edema; the fractured left hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are a son, Professor C. Stevens Crouse, Lexington, Ky. and a sister, Mrs. Anna Dawson, Chicago; two great-granddaughters.

CORONER'S RECORD

1067

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MIKE DUNN

Date of Death Fd. December 4

Place of Death 239 Cedar Avenue

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$0.25; 1 billfold; 2 keys.

Residence

Same

Sex

Male

Birthdate

3-4-1903 Age 51

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Truck Driver

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Esther Clara Dunn

Mike Dunn

Names of Parents

Anna Novack

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Coronary disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Mary Mateyko, sister,

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Anderson-Peterson Mortuary, Inc.

Address

5320-37th Ave. S.

Social Security No. 471-184-435

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:20 a.m., December 4, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had a cardiac condition and had been an out-patient at Minneapolis General Hospital for some time.

The deceased had not been seen since Thursday night, December 2, 1954, therefore, the caretaker, O. Vitne, entered the deceased's room on December 4, 1954, at 11:00 a.m., when he failed to receive any response in his efforts to arouse the deceased. Upon entry, the deceased was found dead on the floor, lying face down, partially under the bed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

MIKE DUNN (continued)

attributed to coronary disease and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Parker and Meagher responding.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is a sister, Mrs. Mary Mateyko.

CORONER'S RECORD

1068

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME Elizabeth Weber

Date of Death December 4

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident	Little Sisters of the Poor, 215 Broadway N. E.
Residence	626-Fourth St. N. E.
Sex	Female
Birthdate	4-28-1862 Age 92
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.
Occupation	Housewife
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Albert Weber Peter Deutscher
Names of Parents	Mary Schmidt

Autopsy	No
Effects Taken in charge	None

CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	
	Accident	Bronchopneumonia due to fracture of right hip.
	Suicide	
	Homicide	
	Undetermined	

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Bertch Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 4:15 p.m., December 4, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 3, 1954, the deceased fell while attempting to get out of bed sustaining an injury to her right hip. She was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 4:22 p.m. An internal fixation was performed the same day. The deceased failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 3:25 p.m., December 4.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was

ELIZABETH WEBER (continued)

attributed to bronchopneumonia; the fracture of the right hip being a contributing factor. The remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Mrs. Peter J. Vos; 8 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; also one sister, Mrs. William Gernes, Ames, Iowa.

CORONER'S RECORD

1069

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME JORDAN DRABANT

Date of Death December 4

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to University Hospitals	Autopsy	Dr. Joel G. Brunson
Place of Accident	Pease, Mille Lacs County, Minn.	Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Milaca, Mille Lacs County, Minn.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	6-18-1944 Age 10		
Birthplace	Milaca, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	John Drabant Cornelia Hoffius		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Auto Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined	Crushing injury of chest and abdomen, with multiple rib fractures, rupture of spleen, hemorrhage into chest, lungs and abdominal cavity; fracture of pelvis; fracture of left femur.		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery, Milaca, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director Peterson-Johnson Funeral Home, Milaca, Minn.	Address	

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by University Hospitals at 6:30 p.m., December 4, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 4, 1954, about 2:15 p.m., the deceased was sliding down the family driveway on his sled and across a county road, about one-half mile west of State Highway 169. Apparently he did not see the approaching automobile and coasted into its path, sustaining critical injuries. The vehicle, a 1950 Chevrolet two-door sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 196-099, was driven by Archie Hennager, age 49, Route #1, Foreston, Minnesota.

The injured boy was taken to Milaca Hospital by ambulance, being admitted with a fractured left hip, fractured tibia and internal injuries. Later the same day, at approximately 5:00 p.m., it was decided to transfer him by ambulance to University Hospitals.

JORDAN DRABANT (continued)

Upon arrival at the hospital, the deceased was pronounced dead by a staff physician.

Body of the deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on December 5. This revealed bilateral hemothorax; multiple rib fractures; pulmonary hemorrhages; hemoperitoneum; rupture of the spleen; fracture of upper one-third of left femur; and also a fractured pelvis.

Deputy sheriff J. R. Johnson of Milaca County was notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Only survivors of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Drabant.

CORONER'S RECORD

1070

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHARLES E. STRAKE

Date of Death December 4

Place of Death 3010-12th Avenue South

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 10-8-1886 Age 68

Birthplace Muscatine, Iowa

Occupation Printing pressman

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Mary C. Strake

Names of Parents John Strake
Louise Strajack

Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Elmhurst Cemetery
St. Paul, Minn.

Effects
Released to

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Funeral Director Abrahamson Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 471-05-2432

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:30 p.m., December 4, 1954.

On the evening of December 4, 1954, the deceased complained of indigestion. Dr. A. Elliott Vik, who had attended the deceased previously, was phoned and he suggested the deceased try some gingerale. This was given the deceased, however, shortly thereafter the man suddenly collapsed and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the home. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead, death occurring at 7:00 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

CHARLES STRAKE (continued)

was attributed to coronary disease and body of deceased was released directly to a mortuary.

Several years ago, it was stated, the deceased had been attended by Dr. H. S. Trueman. At that time, an electrocardiogram was taken.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Marx and Gruman responding.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is his wife, Mary C.

CORONER'S RECORD

1071

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHRISTIAN NELSON

Date of Death December 4

Place of Death	1511 Stevens Avenue, Apt. 4
Place of Accident	
Residence	Same
Sex	Male
Birthdate	4-11-1874 Age 80
Birthplace	Delafield Twp., Jackson Co., Minn.
Occupation	Farmer & Laborer (retired)
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single
Name of Husband or Wife	
Names of Parents	Christian and Karen Nelson
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural
	Accident
	Suicide
	Homicide
	Undetermined
Place of Burial	Elmhurst Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.
Funeral Director	McDivitt Funeral Home

Autopsy	No
Effects Taken in charge	\$0.66
Less:	.66 (Telephone to Grand Forks)
	.00
1 key; 1 Illinois watch; misc. letters, etc.; 6 Indian pennies; 3 tie clips.	

Other effects listed on Morgue Receipt

Effects Released to	Kenneth L. Witt, Fun. Dir. McDivitt Funeral Home
Address	2825 E. Lake St.

Social Security No. 470-18-7808

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:58 p.m., December 4, 1954.

The deceased, an old age assistance recipient, has been ill for some time, and, it was stated, he has been a patient in Minneapolis General Hospital about one year ago.

Mrs. Opal Rowan, living at the same address in Apartment No. 2, went to the deceased's apartment on the evening of December 4, 1954, to check on the deceased's condition and found him critically ill. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned, however, the man expired before its arrival, death occurring about 8:00 p.m. He was pronounced dead by the physician aboard at 8:15 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased

CHRISTIAN NELSON (continued)

found lying in bed clothed in underwear. Death was attributed to bronchopneumonia and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Mattson and Keller of squad 117 responding.

The decedent is survived by a brother, Clem Nelson, Grand Forks, N. Dakota, and also a sister living in Tacoma, Washington.

CORONER'S RECORD

1072

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHARLES A. THIELE

Date of Death Fd. December 6

Place of Death	On bus Emerson and Plymouth Avenues No.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$7.36; 1 billfold; 1 folder; misc. letters; 5 keys; 1 nail clipper; 1 knife; 3 tokens.
Residence	1613 Morgan Ave. N.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	1-2-1883 Age 71		
Birthplace	St. Louis, Missouri		
Occupation	Bookkeeper - State of Minnesota		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Thora Thiele Julius Thiele		
Names of Parents	Clara Von Lock		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Enger Funeral Home Donald Moe, Fun. Dir.
E.J.	Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 472-38-8164

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:50 a.m., December 6, 1954.

On the morning of December 6, 1954, the deceased boarded a Twin City Transit Company bus, No. 1114, at Morgan and Plymouth Avenues, North. About a block north of Seventh Street, a lady informed the bus driver, Michael Wachlorwicz, badge #1963, that one of his passengers was ill. The bus was stopped at Emerson and Plymouth Avenues North and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the deceased dead - at 7:45 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death

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CORONER'S RECORD

CHARLES A. THIELE (continued)

was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Officers Haefner and Davis of squad 549 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Thora; daughter, Mrs. Donald A. Olson; son, Charles N.; sisters, Mrs. Ida Bosse, Mrs. Clara Bader and Mrs. Emma M. Shepard; two grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

1073

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CLARENCE TAYLOR

Date of Death FD, December 6

Place of Death	Room 20, 800 Portland Avenue	Autopsy Effects Taken in charge	Dr. Erland Nelson \$0.61;
Place of Accident			
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	2-26-1926 Age 28		
Birthplace	Ponsford, Minn.		
Occupation	Mpls. Society Broom winder - for the Blind		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	George Taylor Edna Arthur		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Pulmonary edema; tracheal- bronchitis, with hemorrhage.	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Hillside Cemetery	Effects Released to	Evelyn Taylor, sister
Folsom	Funeral Director	Albinson-Peterson Funeral Chapel	Address 2409 26th Ave. S.

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
 No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:50 p.m., December 6, 1954.

On December 6, 1954, at approximately 9:00 a.m., John Shaugobay, caretaker at the above address, went to room 20 to get a broom and found the deceased lying on floor behind bed, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

According to the caretaker, he had last seen the deceased alive about 10:00 p.m., December 4, 1954, at which time he was in the company of Gilbert and Ellen of Apartment No. 18. Floyd Biessel, Apartment 806, Room 7, states he saw the deceased between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., December 5, at Ray's Tavern, 818 Portland Avenue. It was stated, the deceased was blind.

CLARENCE TAYLOR (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found on hands and knees between bed and wall in Room No. 20. There was 4+ rigor and blood was noted from nose and mouth. Some cyanosis also noted.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed on day of death. This revealed hemorrhagic tracheal-bronchitis; pulmonary congestion; and/or hemorrhage. Death apparently was due to blood in trachea.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Kline and Hannon responding. Detectives Malinosky and Monahan and also Winslow continued the investigation.

CORONER'S RECORD

1074

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME JOHN LOUIS BALLWEBER

Date of Death Fd. December 6

Place of Death

On street -
42nd & Lyndale Avenue North

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$5.15; 1 billfold; 1 key.

Residence

4147 Lyndale Avenue North

Sex

Male

Birthdate

6-11-1881 Age 73

Birthplace

Iowa

Occupation

Carpenter (retired)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Irene Ballweber

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Coronary heart disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Mound Cemetery,
Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Louis F. Ballweber, son

Folsom

Funeral Director

Welander-Quist Company
1200 West Broadway

Address

5038 N. Queen

Social Security No.

None

Veteran Yesx
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:00 a.m., December 6, 1954.

On December 6, 1954, at approximately 9:45 a.m., the deceased suddenly collapsed on the street at the corner of Lyndale Avenue North and 42nd Street. He was observed by Arthur L. Johnson, druggist of Johnson's Drugs which is located at this corner, who noted the deceased's pulse was very slow and deceased was unable to speak. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned immediately, however, the deceased expired before its arrival. The ambulance physician pronounced the man dead on arrival at 10:00 a.m.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and death was attributed to

JOHN LOUIS BALLWEBER (continued)

coronary heart disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Boldt and Cleveland of squad 43 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include four daughters, Mrs. Lillian Hietla, N. Dakota, Mrs. Violet Graves, Ohio, Mrs. Gertrude Wagner, Oregon, and Mrs. Irene Schwartz, Minneapolis; sons, John, Edward, Louis, Howard, all of Minneapolis, James and Jacob of Oregon; 36 grandchildren; and 7 great-grand-children.

CORONER'S RECORD

1075

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME GUSTAV B. TONN

Date of Death December 6

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	3245 Fifth Avenue S.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	11-21-1888 Age 66		
Birthplace	Winsted, Minn.		
Occupation	Car repair man-C. M. St. P. & P. RR.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Selma V. Lindahl Tonn John Gustav Tonn		
Names of Parents	Ottillie Brandenburg		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address	

Folsom

Social Security No. 707-10-6391

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 5:23 p.m., December 6, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 6, 1954, the deceased was walking home when he suddenly staggered and fell. He was taken into a bar in the 2200 block on Lake Street where he complained of severe chest pain. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and the man was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 4:31 p.m. He expired shortly thereafter, death occurring at 4:55 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Slight

GUSTAV B. TONN (continued)

cyanosis was noted. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Selma V.; a son, Earle E. Johnson of Seattle, Washington; brothers, Amandus of Glencoe, Minn. and Ewald of Gaylord, Minn.; sisters, Mrs. Wanda Nelson, Mrs. Gertrude Speth, Mrs. Olga McQuery and Mrs. Lentina Moline, all of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1076

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME NELS ANDERSON

Date of Death December 6

Place of Death University Hospitals

Autopsy

Dr. Russell J. Eilers

Place of Accident 3645 - Third Avenue
Minneapolis, Minn.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Route #3
Anoka, Minn.

Sex Male

Birthdate 6-4-1878 Age 76

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Farmer (retired)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Benthia Anderson

Names of Parents Knute Anderson
Anne Nelson

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Bronchopneumonia due to septicemia;
intertrochanteric fracture of
right hip.

Place of Burial Forrest Hill Cemetery
Anoka, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Folsom

Funeral Director Thurston Funeral Home,
Anoka, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by University Hospitals at 12:50 a.m., December 7, 1954.

On September 27, 1954, the deceased got out of bed and fell to the floor in some manner in a private boarding home at 3645 Third Avenue South, incurring an injury of the left hip. He was removed to University Hospital where x-ray examination revealed an intertrochanteric fracture of the right hip. Surgical repair of the hip was performed on October 1 and the deceased was subsequently discharged from the hospital on October 13.

On October 18, 1954, the deceased was readmitted to University Hospital with a diagnosis of septicemia. He failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 9:30 p.m., December 6.

NELS ANDERSON (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 2:00 a.m., December 7.
This revealed that death resulted from bronchopneumonia due to septicemia.

Survivors of the decedent include three sisters, Mrs. Martin Paulson, Rochester, Minnesota, Mrs. Sophie Jensen, St. Peter, Minnesota, Mrs. James Wampler, Minneapolis; and one brother, Rudolph, Rock Dale, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

1077

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME JAMES L. SWEIGER

Date of Death December 6

Place of Death	Veterans Hospital	Autopsy	Dr. H. M. Broker
Place of Accident*	Near Rapidan, Blue Earth Co. Minn.	Effects Taken in charge	None
	" Mankato, Blue Earth Co., Minn.		

Residence	2220 Third Ave., Mankato, Minn.
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Sex	Male
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Birthdate	8-3-1935	Age	19
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Birthplace	Minnesota
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Occupation	(active duty- Serviceman-(U. S. Army
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Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single
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Name of Husband or Wife	
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Names of Parents	David and ? Sweiger
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CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	
	Auto & Motorcycle	
	Accidents	Right cerebral contusion and hemorrhage and bilateral hematomas.
	Suicide	
	Homicide	
Undetermined		

Place of Burial	Mankato Cemetery, Mankato, Minn.	Effects Released to	
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Funeral Director	Thomson Funeral Chapel	Address	
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Social Security No.

Veteran ^{Yes}~~No~~ Korean Conflict

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Donald Gleason of Veterans Hospital at 11:35 a.m., December 7, 1954.

According to information received from Deputy Sheriff Nicholson of Mankato, about 10:10 p.m., November 4, 1954, the deceased was driving a 1954 Ford sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license No. 849-462, on County Road 109, near the dam, in the vicinity of Rapidan, Minnesota, when in some manner he lost control of the car. The vehicle overturned and was completely demolished. Two young women passengers and the deceased were injured. They were taken to Emanuel Hospital in Mankato, however, the deceased was released the following morning. A remark, supposedly made by a brother of the deceased, was that the latter had acted rather "peculiar" since this accident.

On November 8, 1954, about 1:30 a.m., it was stated, the deceased was riding as a

JAMES L. SWEIGER (continued)

passenger on a motorcyle which was involved in an accident near Mankato. He sustained critical injuries in this accident and was given emergency treatment by Dr. Anthony A. Schmitz of Mankato, who then ordered the man taken to Veterans Hospital by ambulance where he was admitted at 4:30 p.m. that day.

Bilateral trephining was done on November 8, followed by a right craniotomy. He failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 1:12 p.m., December 6.

After the first accident, according to information received from Dr. Schmitz of Mankato, the decedent had a small abrasion or laceration on vertex of scalp but x-rays of skull were negative and the deceased was discharged from Emanuel Hospital the following morning. The deceased was a difficult patient and stayed in the hospital overnight only after much persuasion.

Dr. Schmitz states that after the second accident, the deceased had no mark of injury that he recalls excepting a soft area on palpation over the right frontal region of the head. He states there were no abrasions or other evidence of head injury but the deceased was in such poor condition that he had him transferred to Veterans Hospital immediately. The physician had heard that the decedent, an active service man who was home on leave, had been out drinking late on the night prior to the accident. Driver of the motorcycle made the statement that he hadn't thought they had taken a very bad "spill".

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed a right cerebral contusion and hemorrhage; also bilateral hematomas.

CORONER'S RECORD

1078

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

JEANNE MARIE SHERIDAN

Date of Death

December 6

Place of Death

Fairview Hospital

Autopsy

Dr. R. W. Koucky

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

2207 Penn Avenue North

Sex

Female

Birthdate

12-22-1953 Age 11 Mos. 14 days

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

None

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Edwin J. Sheridan
Mary G. McDonnell

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Natural

Meningitis; measles.

Accident

Meningitis due to hemophilus.

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

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DeGraff, Minn.

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director

Malone-Heinrich Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 11:30 a.m., December 8, 1954.

The deceased became critically ill and on December 6, 1954, her parents telephoned Dr. L. J. Leonard who advised sending the child to the hospital. She was taken to Fairview Hospital, being admitted at 3:50 p.m., December 6. Dr. Leonard did not attend the child, however, he called Dr. Henry P. Staub, a pediatrician, to attend the baby, however, the child expired before the physician's arrival, death occurring at 4:20 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed that death resulted from

JEANNE MARIE SHERIDAN (continued)

meningitis and measles.

Survivors of the decedent include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Sheridan.

CORONER'S RECORD

1079

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HENRY G. CONRAD

Date of Death Fd. December 7

Place of Death	On bus - 26th Street & Fremont Ave. N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$35.82; 1 billfold; 2 tokens; 1 Canadian penny; 1 comb; 5 keys.
Residence	3326 Chowen Avenue N. Robbinsdale, Minn.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	1-27-1891 Age 63		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Advertising Artist-Surplus		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Leone Conrad		
Names of Parents	Edward Wm. Conrad Christine Witte		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery Welanders Quist Co.	Effects Released to	Mrs. Henry Conrad, widow
R.G.J. Funeral Director	1200 W. Broadway	Address	3326 Chowen N.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:15 a.m., December 7, 1954.

On the morning of December 7, 1954, the deceased boarded a Twin City Transit Company bus near his home while on his way to work in Minneapolis. M. G. Bryant, 4122 Midred Place, Robbinsdale, also a passenger on the bus, saw the deceased suddenly slump over in his seat and informed the bus driver, Earl Schaapveld, 2823 Garfield Street, Northeast. The bus was stopped at 26th Street and Fremont Avenue North, and a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician, Dr. A. F. Johnson, pronounced the man dead at 8:05 a.m.

According to the deceased's wife, Leone Conrad, the deceased had never complained of any symptoms of illness previous to his death.

HENRY G. CONRAD (continued)

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Upon examination of the body, death was ascribed to coronary disease.

Police officer W. C. Berg was notified and attended the scene of death.

Only survivor known to the Coroner's Office is his wife, Leone.

CORONER'S RECORD

1080

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME EUGENE D. MORIN

Date of Death December 7

Place of Death	Fifth Avenue South, between 4th and 5th Streets.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$24.28
Residence	Hamel, Minn.	LESS: .50 (Telephone call)	
Sex	Male	Balance	\$23.78
Birthdate	10-17-1893 Age 61	1 check - Red Owl Stores, Inc.-\$15.30; 4 keys;	
Birthplace	Medina Township, Minn.	1 glasses; 1 tie clip; 1 ball pen; 1 pair	
Occupation	Farmer	license tags; 1 billfold; 1 Rosary.	
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Peter Morin Eugenie M. Laurent		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
	Accident	Coronary disease.	
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
Undetermined			
Place of Burial	St. Ann's Cemetery, Medina Twp., Minn.	Effects Released to	Knaeble Company
Funeral Director	Knaeble Company	Address	Minneapolis, Minn.

Wright

Social Security No. 473-28-0395

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:36 p.m., December 7, 1954.

According to Police officers Ray Anderson and John Brucciani of squad 566, about 8:30 p.m., December 7, 1954, Irving Anderson, 681 Glencoe, Northeast, states he was driving on Fifth Avenue South between Fourth and Fifth streets when he was flagged down by the deceased who appeared very ill. The deceased had pulled his car, a 1949 Buick, over to the curb and stepped out. He bent over as if he were about to vomit and asked Anderson to get help quick as he was very sick. Anderson drove immediately to Minneapolis General Hospital and asked that an ambulance be sent, then returned to the scene finding the deceased lying on ground propped up on his elbow. As the ambulance arrived, the deceased rolled over and stopped breathing. The physician in attendance pronounced the man dead, death occurring at 8:35 p.m.

EUGENE D. MORIN (continued)

According to Dr. C. J. Martinson of Wayzata, Minnesota, the deceased was a regular patient of his and states that electrocardiograms had revealed old myocardial damage. The deceased also had mild hypertension and Dr. Martinson feels he had coronary disease.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on back with shoulder and right side of body partly under left rear fender of his car. He was very cyanotic and emesis was noted on street and face. There was considerable pinkish froth at mouth. Death was attributed to coronary disease and remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are three sisters, Sister Marie Modeste OSJ, St. Paul Seminary, Rose and Emma of Hamel, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

1081

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME GROVER C. BORGEN

Date of Death December 8

Place of Death	1066 8th Avenue N.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	12-12-1884 Age 69		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Machinist		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Hattie Borgen		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary sclerosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Mound Cemetery Brooklyn Center, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander Quist Co. 1200 W. Broadway	Address	

Social Security No. 468-07-3346

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Logan, Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver, at 12 o'clock noon, December 8, 1954.

The deceased has been in failing health for some time, however, he has not consulted a doctor for the past six years.

On the morning of December 8, 1954, the deceased had breakfast about 9:00 a.m. Shortly thereafter, he complained of severe chest pain and dyspnea. He was given some aspirin by his wife and rested for awhile on his bed, however, his condition did not improve. Mrs. Borgen wanted to call a doctor but her husband would not give his consent. About 11:00 a.m., the deceased suddenly collapsed to the floor and became unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the physician in

GROVER C. BORGEN (continued)

attendance pronounced the man dead, death occurring at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on floor in his bedroom. Death was attributed to Coronary sclerosis and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Kornovich and Stiras of squad 144 responding.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is his wife, Hattie Borgen.

CORONER'S RECORD

1082

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CLARENCE CLIFFORD TOMKINS

Date of Death Fd. December 8

Place of Death 516-16th Avenue S.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$134.04; 1 billfold; 1 key;
1 Hamilton watch and chain.

Residence

Same

Sex

Male

Birthdate

6-24-1890 Age 64

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Miller - Standard Milling Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Augusta Marie Tompkins

Names of Parents

Clarence Tompkins
Looloo Finleson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary sclerosis

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Jim C. Reinholdson, Spec. Adm.

Funeral Director

Miller Funeral Home,
Columbia Heights, Minn.

Address

4424 Van Buren St. N. E.

Social Security No. 472-03-5618

Veteran Yes WWI
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HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:25 p.m., December 8, 1954.

The deceased had lived at the above address for approximately six months. He had recently had some teeth pulled and was not feeling well, therefore, the land lady, Mrs. James Anderson, same address, went to the deceased's room to check on him when he failed to appear on December 7, 1954 or on the following day. She discovered the deceased kneeling at the side of his bed, apparently expired, at 1:20 p.m., December 8.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body.

CLARENCE CLIFFORD TOMKINS (continued)

Considerable blood was noted from the deceased's mouth. Death was ascribed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Police officers J. Meagher and L. Thernell were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include a sister, Mrs. Nellie Reinholdson, Columbia Heights; stepson, Joe Valentine; four nieces and five nephews.

CORONER'S RECORD

1083

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM S. ODSON

Date of Death December 8

Place of Death University Hospitals

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 2010½ N. Second Ave., Anoka,

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 7-24-1877 Age 77

Birthplace Union Springs, N. Y.

Occupation Farmer (retired)

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Husband or Wife Caroline Odson
Edgar Odson

Names of Parents ? Schobey

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident Pulmonary edema due to inhalation of smoke.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Forest Hill Cemetery
Anoka, Minn.

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Thurston & Sons,
Anoka, Minn.

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by University Hospitals at 2:13 p.m., December 8, 1954.

Deceased was found lying on a smouldering army mattress on December 8, 1954. When admitted to University Hospitals, examination failed to reveal burns or injuries. While in the emergency room, the deceased suddenly expired at 1:45 p.m. The skin was noted to be cyanotic.

It was stated the deceased had been a patient in University Hospital on several previous occasions. There is a history of varicose veins, for which ailment ligation and strapping was done. He had received treatment for dermatitis, and had also been a patient of the

WILLIAM S. ODSON (continued)

orthopedic department, having had some foot trouble, as well as arthritis.

A deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to pulmonary edema due to inhalation of smoke.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME SIGNE ISABEL PEIR Date of Death December 8

Place of Death 5724 Second Avenue S.
Place of Accident
Residence Same
Sex Female
Birthdate 10-5-1891 Age 63
Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.
Occupation Book binder and housewife
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Walter Peir
Names of Parents Gustaf Botvidson
Margaret Nyland

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge No
None

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Coronary sclerosis
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Gleason Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:50 p.m., December 8, 1954.

The deceased arrived home at about 5:20 p.m., December 8, 1954, and sat down to eat her dinner. She commenced choking almost at once. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the home, however, the deceased expired before its arrival, death occurring at 5:30 p.m. The physician in attendance confirmed the woman's death on arrival.

It was stated, the deceased had complained to a neighbor, Mrs. Anna Johnson, 5728 Second Avenue, of experiencing severe chest pain recently. Several years ago, she had also had similar chest pain, and a slipped disc for which she received treatment from a chiropractor.

SIGNE ISABEL PEIR (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Sorenson and Strand of squad 152 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, Walter J.; a daughter, Mrs. Donald L. Thompson, a sister, Mrs. Ann Williams; a brother, Philip Boch; and also one granchild, all of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1085

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MANUEL ULIBARRI

Date of Death Fd. December 8

Place of Death	Rear of - 35 S. Washington	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	219 Marquette Ave.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	1-20-1905 Age 49		
Birthplace	Las Vegas, New Mexico		
Occupation	Laborer - railroad		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Pedro Ulibarri Sara Jacainillo		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Rosedale Cemetery, Rosedale, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 525-44-3561

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:20 p.m., December 8, 1954.

On the evening of December 8, 1954, at 7:00 p.m., Ernest Paulson, 2408 Portland Avenue South, found the deceased lying on the rear service area at 35 South Washington and summoned the police, Officers Heinemann and Gustafson responding. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival of the ambulance, the attending physician, Dr. Joe Anderson, pronounced the deceased dead.

James Crawford, 3822 Colfax Avenue North, employed at parking station on Third street with an office on alley states he saw the deceased stagger into the alley from Nicollet Avenue and at that time, deceased appeared to be breathing hard. This was at 6:45 p.m.

MANUEL ULIBARRI (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on back with head pillowed on Christmas trees. An empty whiskey bottle lay beside the body. There were no marks of violence noted. Death was ascribed to coronary heart disease and acute and chronic alcoholism.

CORONER'S RECORD

1086

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME GEORGIA KAY DREVD AHL

Date of Death December 8

Place of Death	Minneapolis General Hospital
Place of Accident	2122-24th Avenue S.
Residence	Same
Sex	Female
Birthdate	6-9-1949 Age 5 years
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.
Occupation	None
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single
Name of Husband or Wife	
Names of Parents	James Drevdahl Betty Baker
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined
Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery Welander Quist Company
E. J. Funeral Director	1825 Chicago Avenue

Autopsy	Dr. Gordon Vosti
Effects Taken in charge	None

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Effects Released to	
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Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 11:55 p.m., December 8, 1954.

On November 18, 1954, the deceased and other youngsters were lighting matches while her mother, Mrs. Betty Drevdahl, was in the basement. The child's dress caught fire and her screams were heard by her mother who rushed upstairs, snatched a blanket from the couch and wrapped it around the girl to smother the flames, however, the child received critical burns over most of her body.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned and the deceased was removed to the hospital, being admitted at 11:00 a.m., November 18. She failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 11:15 p.m., December 8.

GEORGIA KAY DREVD AHL (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:00 p.m., December 9. This revealed that death resulted from atelectasis with hemorrhage of the lungs due to third degree burns over 70% of the body.

Survivors of the decedent are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Drevdahl; three sisters, Mary Lou, Janet Lee and Elizabeth Ann; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Drevdahl, Minneapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Erickson of Pasco, Wash.; two aunts and one uncle.

CORONER'S RECORD

1087

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME EMMA REESE

Date of Death December 8

Place of Death Asbury Hospital

Autopsy No

Place of Accident 2611-17th Avenue S.

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 1-26-1871 Age 83

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife J. Seal Reese

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary sclerosis; fracture of left forearm.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Lutheran Cemetery Granite Falls, Minn.

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Asbury Hospital at 2:30 a.m., December 9, 1954.

On December 3, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell downstairs in her home sustaining injury to her left arm and bruises about her body. She was removed by ambulance to Asbury Hospital, being admitted the same day. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left forearm, near wrist. It was stated, the deceased also had a cardiac condition.

On December 5, 1954, reduction of the fracture was done with application of a cast. Due to the woman's advanced age and weakened condition, she failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 12:35 a.m., December 8.

EMMA REESE (continued)

A deputy coroner viewed the body and attributed death to coronary sclerosis; the fracture of the left forearm being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Sharp, Jamestown, North Dakota, Mrs. Mabel Dunn, St. Paul, and Mrs. Evay Raschke, Minneapolis; sons, W. S. Custer, S. Dakota, and E. M., Upland, California; sister, Mrs. Christina Peterson, Sacred Heart; also 13 grandchildren and six great-grand-children.

CORONER'S RECORD

1088

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ARTHUR HELMUT KLEWENO

Date of Death Fd., December 9

Place of Death	3920 Chowen Avenue S.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	2-22-1899 Age 55		
Birthplace	Edgeley, Minn.		
Occupation	Claims adjuster-N. W. Power Company		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Harriette Kleweno		
Names of Parents	J. Henry Kleweno Elizabeth Shonberg		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Murder Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	
E. J. Funeral Director	Welandar Quist Company 2301 Dupont Avenue S.	Address	

Social Security No. 469-05-1065

Veteran Yes WWI and II
~~No~~

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver at 4:05 a.m., December 9, 1954.

According to the deceased wife, Harriette Kleweno, the deceased retired as usual on the evening of December 8, 1954. In the early morning hours of December 9, he awoke feeling very uncomfortable and complaining of severe stomach pains. He took some soda and went back to bed, however, his condition did not improve. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the residence. The ambulance physician found the deceased dead on arrival at 4:00 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had been turned down by an insurance company but he appeared to be in good health. On December 6, 1954, the deceased had a similar attack but shortly

ARTHUR HELMUT KLEWENO (continued)

after taking some soda, the symptoms disappeared.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Green and Hokens of squad 152 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Harriette; mother, Elizabeth Klenweno of Alexandria; three sisters, Mrs. Esther Rodenburg, St. Paul, Mrs. John (Amanda) Roschen, Lake City, Mrs. Hertha Wacther, Alexandria; three brothers, Henry in Japan, Victor, St. Louis; Hugo, Los Angeles.

CORONER'S RECORD

1089

Year 19...54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

NORBERT PHILIP BABLER

Date of Death December 9

Place of Death

Rogers, Minn.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Same

Sex

Male

Birthdate

9-1-1917

Age 37

Birthplace

Hassan Twp., Minn.

Occupation

Automobile mechanic

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Bernice G. Babler

Names of Parents

Jesse Babler

Elizabeth Dahlheimer

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary heart disease; congenital
heart disease.

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Evans Funeral Home,
Osseo, Minn.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WWII
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. B. Smorstok at 9:40 a.m., December 9, 1954.

On the morning of December 9, 1954, the deceased became very ill. His symptoms were nausea, vomiting and severe chest pain. Dr. M. B. Smorstok was summoned to the home and the physician pronounced the man dead on arrival at 8:30 a.m.

It was stated, the deceased had not been seen by a physician for some time, however, he has history of congenital heart disease. Dr. Smorstok diagnosed the cause of death as an acute coronary attack.

NORBERT PHILIP BABLER (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. The remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Bernice G.; daughter, Susan L.; son, Steven J.; brothers, Edgar J. of Hassan, Bennie R. and Christopher H., both of Minneapolis; sisters, Mrs. Alice Geist, Mrs. Stanley Kolasa, both of Rogers, Mrs. Lewis Noske and Mrs. Alfred Boeckman, both of Watkins, Mrs. Vincent Kelly of Preston, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

1090

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME JOHN H. KNOPH

Date of Death Fd. December 9

Place of Death	9905 Nicollet Ave., Bloomington, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	4-14-1874 Age 80		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	Salesman - real estate		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Frances Knoph		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Cerebral hemorrhage	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lakewood (cremation)	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address

Social Security No. 469-26-8625

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. James S. Cole at 3:30 p.m., December 9, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 9, 1954, the deceased was found lying face down on his bedroom floor, bleeding from the nose, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Dr. James S. Cole was summoned to the home, however, the deceased expired before his arrival.

It was stated, the deceased had not been under the care of a physician for some time.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage and the remains were released directly to a

JOHN H. KNOFH (continued)

mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Frances; sons, Maurice and Earl, both of Minneapolis; brothers, Ludwig, Portland, Oregon, Adolph, New Brunswick, Canada; sisters, Mrs. Amina Olson, Sidney, Montana, Mrs. Marie Nelson, Helena, Montana.

CORONER'S RECORD

1091

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME AGNES VOGT

Date of Death December 9

Place of Death Northwestern Hospital

Autopsy Dr. F. H. Lott

Place of Accident Donaldson's Store

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence 2906 Golfax Avenue N.

Sex Female

Birthdate 5-3-1896 Age 58

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Mender - American Linen Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife John T. Vogt

Names of Parents Paul Mayer Agnes Tutewohl

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident Pulmonary embolism due to fracture of left hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Knaeble Company

Address

Social Security No. 469-10-2450

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Harvey Nelson of Northwestern Hospital at 3:30 p.m., December 9, 1954.

On December 4, 1954, it was stated, the deceased fell to the floor while in Donaldson's store incurring an injury to her left leg. The woman was removed by ambulance to Northwestern Hospital, being admitted at 3:00 p.m. that day and placed under the care of Dr. Harvey Nelson. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip.

The deceased was taken to the operating room for surgical repair of the hip. After the anesthetic had been administered and before surgery commenced, the deceased suddenly expired at 2:30 p.m., December 9.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on the date of death. This revealed that death

AGNES VOGT (continued)

resulted from a pulmonary embolism due to fracture of the left hip.

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, John; sister, Mrs. William (Ida) Healy.

CORONER'S RECORD

1092

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

GERHARD PETER THEDER

Date of Death

December 9

Place of Death

Sixth Ave. N. between Third and Washington Avenue.

Place of Accident

3806 Major Ave. N.
Robbinsdale, Minn.

Residence

Male

Sex

Birthdate 12-22-1912 Age 41

Birthplace

Watkins, Minn.

Occupation

Shipping clerk-Wholesale Grocer

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Margaret Loebertman Theder

Names of Parents

Gerhard Theder
Mary Denk

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Coronary disease.

Accident

~~Stroke~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial

St. Vincent's Cemetery,
Osseo, Minn.
Gearty-Davis Funeral Chapel
Robbinsdale, Minn.

Funeral Director

Kaplan

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

Dr. Lee Wattenberg

\$2.92; 1 billfold; 1 knife; 2 keys.

Other effects listed
on Memento Record

Effects
Released to

B. J. Gearty, F. D.
Gearty-Davis Funeral Chapel

Address

Robbinsdale, Minn.

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:50 p.m., December 9, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 9, 1954, the deceased had been unloading a car load of canned goods. After finishing, he took the snow scraper and scraped the snow away from the loading platform. Then, he returned to the shipping department office and changed jackets. Shortly thereafter, at 4:35 p.m., the deceased was found lying on floor in an unresponsive condition by Tim Corbett, 3454 Penn Avenue North, the foreman.

A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

Gerhard Peter Theder (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on December 10. This revealed that death resulted from coronary disease.

Officers Erickson and Baker of squad 512 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Carol Ellen; two brothers and five sisters.

CORONER'S RECORD

1093

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

DENICE RENEE SQUIER

Date of Death

December 10

Place of Death

3035 California St. N. E.

Autopsy

Dr. G. Aurebeck

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

5-22-1952 Age 2 yrs.

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

None

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Verle Squier

Names of Parents

Anna Mae Johnson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Bronchopneumonia

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Billman Hunt Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mr. Roy Hunt of the Billman-Hunt Chapel at 1:55 a.m., December 10, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been ill for three weeks. It was thought that she had whooping cough. On the morning of December 10, 1954, at 12:50 a.m., the deceased had a severe coughing spell in which she expired.

An autopsy was performed at the Billman-Hunt Chapel at 11:00 a.m., on the date of death. This revealed that death resulted from bronchopneumonia.

CORONER'S RECORD

1094

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ELLEN GERTRUDE REDDIN

Date of Death . Fd. December 10

Place of Death 2407 Pierce St. N. E.
Place of Accident
Residence Same
Sex Female
Birthdate 4-23-1896 Age 58
Birthplace Wisconsin
Occupation Housewife
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow
Name of Husband or Wife William Reddin
Names of Parents William Henessy & Ellen Crotty
CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Pulmonary congestion with edema; marked pyelonephritis.
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined
Place of Burial St. Patrick's Cemetery
Irin, Wis.
Funeral Director Billman-Hunt Chapel
Folsom

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge Dr. G. Aurebeck
None

None except Noted
by Morgue Record

Effects Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Olson ambulance service at 5:20 p.m., December 10, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had recently been in Rochester for an extensive examination and had subsequently been released to her home. On the Monday preceding her death, she had returned to Rochester for a follow-up examination. The Mayo Clinic diagnosed her condition as polymyositis.

Dr. Herbert W. Peterson who has attended the deceased in Minneapolis states he has not personally seen the deceased during the last three months but has been kept advised of her condition by letters from the Mayo Clinic.

The deceased returned from Rochester on Monday and on the following day, December 7, 1954, she commenced having headaches. She phoned Dr. Herbert Peterson and complained of severe

ELLEN GERTRUDE REDDIN (continued)

headaches, therefore, Dr. Peterson prescribed a medication for the deceased. On the day of death, December 10, the deceased took 8 of the prescribed tablets and commenced vomiting about 3:30 p.m. Her condition became critical and Dr. Peterson was called. He sent an ambulance to the residence to remove the deceased to the hospital, however, the deceased expired before its arrival at 5:15 p.m.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying in bed in small first-floor bedroom. The body was warm and there was no rigor.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:30 a.m., December 11, 1954. This revealed pulmonary congestion with edema and marked pyelonephritis.

Survivors of the decedent include her mother, Mrs. William Hennessy; two sisters, Mary Bonga and Margaret Gleason; two daughters, Mrs. Bert Hegg, Ellen Reddin; two sons, William and Francis Reddin, all of Minneapolis; four brothers, James of Wisconsin, Bill, Jack and Joe Hennessy of Minneapolis; and four grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

1095

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ERVIN C. HOWARD

Date of Death Fd. December 10

Place of Death 5320-46th Avenue S.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken *
in charge

\$1.00; 1 billfold.

Residence

Same

** 1 Double barrel Stevens shot gun

Sex

Male

Birthdate

5-23-1890 Age 64

Birthplace

Fall Creek, Wis.

Occupation

General mechanic - Veterans Hospital

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Lucy Howard

Names of Parents

Edwin Howard
Adelaine LePlin

CAUSE OF DEATH
~~Natural~~
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Gun shot wound of chest.

** Mrs. E. C. Howard by Roy Murphy, friend

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects *
Released to

Wilson E. Roy, F. D.,
McDivitt Funeral Home

Folsom

Funeral Director

McDivitt Funeral Home

Address

2825 E. Lake St.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WWI
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:18 p.m., December 10, 1954.

On December 10, 1954, the deceased's wife, Lucy Howard, left the house about 1:45 p.m. and returned again at 4:45 p.m. When she entered the house, her husband was not around. She felt that something was wrong and summoned a neighbor, Charles W. Knilians, living at 5312-46th Avenue South. Together, they went to the attic where they found the deceased lying on his side with a wound in his chest. A double-barrelled 12 gauge shotgun lay beside him. Apparently the deceased had used a wooden cleaning rod inserted into the trigger hole, to fire the gun. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

According to the deceased's wife, the deceased had been receiving treatment from

ERVIN C. HOWARD (continued)

Veterans Hospital and has a long medical history there. He had also been attended by Dr. William Nessel of the Bloomington Clinic. The deceased has had several strokes and became paralyzed on his right side. His latest stroke was on June 7, 1954 when he became paralyzed in his voice and arm. His last checkup at the Veterans Hospital was on September 12th of this year.

It was also stated, the deceased had attempted suicide on the Sunday preceding his death at which time his wife found him in the attic with a revolver. She took the revolver from him and hid it.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on right side on attic floor with shotgun beside him. One shell was fired from gun. There were powder burns and wound in mid-chest area. Death was attributed to the gun shot wound of chest and was ruled a suicide.

Police officers Maas and Mann of squad 165 conducted the initial investigation, which was continued by Detectives Taplin and Van Poll.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Lucy M.; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Rockwood, Harvey, Illinois; two brothers, Clarence V., River Falls, Wis., and Otis M. of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1096

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

EDITH JOSEPHINE ROEBER

Date of Death

December 10

Place of Death	Star of Bethlehem Home 4500 Minnetonka Blvd. St. Louis Park, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	3146 Portland Avenue		
Sex	Female		
Birthdate	8-6-1887 Age 67		
Birthplace	St. Paul, Minn.		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Carl F. Roeber August J. Anderson		
Names of Parents	Christine Malmberg		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Cerebral hemorrhage.	
	Accident		
	Self		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	
Folsom	Funeral Director	Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
 No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the matron at the Star of Bethlehem Home at 7:20 p.m., December 10, 1954.

The deceased, a Christian Scientist, had been under the care of Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, 4617 Grand Avenue South, a practitioner. According to information received from the deceased's brother, Sidney W. Anderson, the deceased had a stroke approximately three weeks ago and her condition had gradually deteriorated. First she lost her speech, but had been able to sit up in a chair until the day preceding her death. She expired quietly at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of December 10, 1954, in the presence of her brother.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

EDITH JOSEPHINE ROEBER (continued)

Survivors of the decedent include her husband, Carl F.; son, Irving F.; two granddaughters; mother, Mrs. Christine Anderson; brother, Sidney Anderson, all of Minneapolis; and sisters, Mrs. George Mehl, Altadena, California, and Mrs. William Piper of Los Angeles.

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Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

CECELIA VAN ELSBERG

Date of Death

Fd. December 10

Place of Death

3326 Fremont Ave. N.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$21.04; 1 check - Tennant Company-
\$53.32; 1 billfold.

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

9-1-1902

Age 52

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Worker - G. H. Tenents Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Herbert Van Elsberg

Gudard Bauer

Names of Parents

Margaret Brick

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Monicker

Undetermined

Strangulation due to hanging

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

St. Mary's Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Mrs. Mary Anderson, daughter

Folsom

Funeral Director

Washburn-McReavy Mortuary

Address

883 Weeks Avenue S. E.

Social Security No. 468-05-1656

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 8:00 p.m., December 10, 1954.

The deceased lives in an apartment on the second floor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matson. It was stated, the deceased had a nervous breakdown approximately two weeks ago and was a patient in St. Mary's Hospital during this time. She went back to work on Monday, December 6, 1954, against the advice of her doctor. Apparently she worked all day at her place of employment on the day preceding her death from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but did not report for work on the morning of December 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matson arrived at their home at approximately 7:30 p.m., December 10, 1954, and Mrs. Matson went into the basement at this time for an item of food and observed the deceased hanging by the neck in the basement. Mr. Matson notified the police, Officers

CECELIA VAN ELSBERG (continued)

Behrend and Wedeking responding. Deceased was cut down by Mr. Matson at the suggestion of the police dispatcher and an ambulance was dispatched to the home. Upon arrival of Dr. Carlin, the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance physician, the deceased was pronounced dead.

According to Mrs. Matson, she had been home on the morning of December 10 and had talked with the deceased on two occasions, the last being at 10:00 a.m. During their conversation, the deceased had stated, "It seems like everything is going against me today". Mrs. Matson left home at 10:45 a.m., leaving the deceased alone in the house. However, Mr. Matson returned home for approximately two and one-half hours during the afternoon, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. During this interval, he recalls the sounds of footsteps above him emanating from the deceased's apartment.

The decedent has received medical attention from Dr. Frank B. Mach; also from Dr. F. J. Grimmell and a Dr. Roberts who is associated with Dr. Grimmell.

Upon arrival of the deputy coroner, the deceased was found lying on basement floor in the southwest corner. About her neck was a length of doubled binder twine of a very rough texture which was knotted at the front of the neck. Extending down from a 4 x 4 post attached to the ceiling was a section of an identical twine, which had been looped double over the post. Death was attributed to strangulation due to hanging.

Detectives Taplin and Van Poll were also notified and investigated this case.

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. Mary Anderson, 883 Weeks Avenue Southeast; an uncle, Jack G. Brick, 3922 Colfax Avenue North.

CORONER'S RECORD

1098

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WALLACE W. LUPIENT

Date of Death December 11

Place of Death St. Mary's Hospital

Autopsy

Dr. Walter Subby, Jr.

Place of Accident 37th & University Aves. N. E.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence 3700 Jackson St. N. E.

Sex Male

Birthdate 11-23-1906

Age 48

Birthplace South Dakota

Occupation Machinist - Northern Pump Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Husband or Wife Ester Lupient

Fred Lupient

Names of Parents Bertha Kushman

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Auto
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Multiple injuries due to
automobile accident (hemorrhage
of brain due to trauma; fracture
of pelvis and lumbar spine).

Place of Burial St. Anthony Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Miller Funeral Home
Columbia Heights, Minn.

Address

Social Security No. 504-09-6866

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Mary's Hospital at 9:00 a.m., December 11, 1954.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1954, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the deceased, a pedestrian, was seriously injured when struck by a car driven by George T. Schnapp, 41, 3559 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street, Northeast, at the intersection of 37th Avenue Northeast and University Avenue. The vehicle, a 1949 Studebaker coach, bearing 1955 Minnesota license #CB 2822, was proceeding south on University at the time the accident occurred.

The injured man was removed by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital, being admitted at 6:15 p.m. and placed under the care of Dr. W. L. Herbert. On admission, the deceased was in shock and in coma. A laceration of the right forehead was noted and a severe hematoma of the left lateral occipital area of the scalp. There was an abrasion of the right temporal area of the scalp and blood was noted coming from the urethra. His course was progressively downhill and the man expired at 8:35 a.m., December 11.

WALLACE A. LUPIENT (continued)

According to records at St. Mary's Hospital, the deceased had longstanding hypertension and had had a bilateral sympathectomy for this condition several years ago. His usual blood pressure systolically was said to be 200.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 9:30 a.m. on the date of death. This revealed severe ecchymosis, both cerebral hemispheres; hemorrhage into the brain stem; intraventricular hemorrhage; fractures of both pubic rami of the pelvis; and fractures of the lumbar spine. Moderate retroperitoneal hemorrhage was noted. There were also fractures of the rib and fibula; multiple contusions and abrasions; and cardiomegaly, left ventricular type.

Police officers Everson and Beske of traffic squad T-422 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Ester; one son, James; three daughters, Irene, Yvonne, and Virginia; one brother, Francis of Custer, S. Dak.

CORONER'S RECORD

1099

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHARLES GARFIELD SHARON

Date of Death Fd., December 11

Place of Death 2714 Washington Avenue North

Autopsy Dr. R. Nelson

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge \$91.90; 9 keys; 1 bankbook #24804-
First State Bank, St. Paul, \$51.93;

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 12-25-1882 Age 72

Birthplace Boston, Mass.

Occupation Steward - railroad

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Evelyn Sharon

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary disease.

~~Accident~~

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to F. J. Donahue, Attorney, .

Wright Funeral Director Albinson-Peterson Chapel

Address 224 Baker Bldg.

Social Security No. 477-03-4594

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:35 p.m., December 11, 1954.

According to Mrs. Daline Boyden, same address as the deceased, she had last seen the deceased alive at approximately 5:45 p.m. at which time he was lying on his bed reading. Shortly thereafter, she left the house to attend a Christmas party at the home of a friend, returning about 10:45 p.m.

When she arrived home, the deceased was lying back on the couch in the front room and the television was on. He had had a few drinks during the day and she thought he was sleeping. Later, when she was preparing to retire she returned to the living room and noted the peculiar position in which the deceased was lying and tried to arouse him. He had apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

CHARLES GARFIELD SHARON (continued)

Mrs. Boyden claims that she and the deceased had lived at this apartment together for the past seven years and that they owned the apartment jointly. She also states the deceased had been to a Dr. M. L. Larson of St. Paul about one year ago and that deceased had bursitis. He frequently rubbed his left arm because of aching.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on couch facing television set. Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed. This revealed cerebral and coronary arteriosclerosis.

Police officers Fitzgerald and Behrens and Ekblad and Kondzielski of squad 142 were notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1100

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME: IGNATIUS GULCZYNSKI a/k/a FRANK WOLSKI Date of Death: December 12

Place of Death	Pioneer Hotel 8 S. Second St.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$3.50
Residence	Same	Less:	1.35 (Phone to Chicago)
Sex	Male		\$2.15; 1 billfold; 1 glass case;
Birthdate	1-4-1908 Age 46		1 New Haven Watch; misc. papers.
Birthplace	Chicago, Ill.		
Occupation	Laborer - Railway		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced		
Name of Husband or Wife	Bernice		(Other effects listed on Morgue Record)
Names of Parents	Felix Gulczynski Sophie Plotkowski		(clothing destroyed account unsanitary)
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Indeterminate		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Walter Gulczynski, brother 2004 W. Cullerton St. Chicago 8, Ill.
E.J. Funeral Director	Thomson Brothers Funeral Home	Address	

Social Security No. 710-05-0298 & 324-12-2868

Veteran Yes WW II
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Dispatcher at 10:15 a.m., December 12, 1954.

About 9:15 a.m., December 12, 1954, the hotel clerk went to the deceased's room, No. 86, to check on him and found him lying in bed, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

It was stated, the deceased had last been seen alive about 8:00 p.m., December 11 at which time he appeared to be intoxicated. He had been living at the above address for about two months.

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IGNATIUS GULCZYNSKI a/k/a FRANK WOLSKI

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. A fifth of whisky and also a fifth of wine, both partially empty, stood on the dresser. Papers found on deceased indicated he was a retired railroad worker. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; chronic alcoholism being a contributing factor. The remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Police officers Fretag and Knickerbocker were also notified and attended the scene of death.

Survivors of the decedent include Edward and Alexander Gulczynski, 3012 South Tripp Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

CORONER'S RECORD

1101

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ANNIE S. HOLMLUND

Date of Death December 12

Place of Death Mount Sinai Hospital

Autopsy

Hospital post

Place of Accident 3400 Logan Avenue N.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 3-3-1881 Age 73

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Owner - Rest Home

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Erick Holmlund

Names of Parents Carl Carlson
Marie Olson

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Multiple pulmonary embolism due
fracture of neck of left hip.

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Chapel Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Mount Sinai Hospital at 7:25 p.m., December 12, 1954.

On November 2, 1954, the deceased in some manner fell in her home sustaining a fracture of the left hip. She was removed by ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital, being admitted the same day. Due to her advanced age and other physical ailments, she failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 7:20 p.m., December 12.

Upon being notified a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. An autopsy was performed at the hospital. This revealed that death resulted from multiple pulmonary

ANNIE S. HOLMLUND (continued)

embolism due to fracture of the neck of left hip.

Survivors of the decedent include six daughters, Mrs. Edith Dzubay, Mrs. Eleanor Snodgrass, Mrs. Marion Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Gordienko, Minneapolis; Mrs. Helen Pazandack of California, Mrs. Annabel Erkkila, Grand Rapids, Minnesota; three sons, Erick, James and Paul, Minneapolis, twenty grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Augusta Carlson and brother, August Carlson.

CORONER'S RECORD

1102

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME FRANK WILHELM UNRUH

Date of Death December 12

Place of Death St. Barnabas Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident 2514 Taylor St. N. E.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 3-5-1877 Age 77

Birthplace Germany

Occupation Factory worker - Door Co. Wabash Screen

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widower

Name of Husband or Wife Adeline M. Unruh

Names of Parents Fritz and Wilhelmina Unruh

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident Coronary sclerosis; fracture of right hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E. J. Funeral Director Billman-Hunt Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 468-10-7900

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by St. Barnabas Hospital at 3:45 p.m., December 13, 1954.

On December 5, 1954, the deceased got up to go to the bathroom and in some manner fell to the floor in his home sustaining an injury to his right hip. He was removed by ambulance to St. Barnabas Hospital, being admitted the same day, and placed under the care of Dr. Charles A. Friend.

X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the right hip and an open reduction was done. The deceased, however, failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 12:30 a.m., December 12.

CORONER'S RECORD

FRANK WILLIAM UNRUH (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; the fracture of the right hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Horn; two sons, William F. and Herbert; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

1103

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

OLIVER OLESON

Date of Death

December 13

Place of Death

3905 - 15th Ave. S.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$2.00; 1 billfold; 1 glasses;
1 pencil; 3 keys.

Residence

3425 - 15th Ave. S.

Sex

Male

Birthdate

11-30-1900 Age 54

Birthplace

Mankato, Minn.

Occupation

Accountant - Railroad Supply Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Frances K. Oleson

Names of Parents

Amund Olson & Mary Severson

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

A lbin Chapel, by
M. A. Wilson

E.J.

Funeral Director

The Albin Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

472-03-1858

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 7:34 p.m., December 13, 1954.

On December 13, 1954, the deceased was delivering some Christmas cards for his son at 3509-15th Avenue South, the home of friends. As he was leaving, he suddenly collapsed in the hallway. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned, however, the deceased expired before its arrival, death occurring at 7:25 p.m. He was pronounced dead by the ambulance physician.

It was stated, the deceased had complained of feeling ill on the morning of December 13 and had, therefore, remained home from work.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

OLIVER OLESON (continued)

attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Gruman and Marx responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Frances; son, Clayton; three sisters, Mrs. Al Klugherz, Mrs. Selma Meixner, Mrs. Anna Smith of Mankato; three brothers, Engwal, Sioux City, Iowa, Adolph and Clarence of Mankato.

CORONER'S RECORD

1104

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MARY LOU MELLINGER

Date of Death Fd. December 13

Place of Death	2429-15th Avenue S.	Autopsy	Dr. Loren Nelson
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Female		
Birthdate	5-28-1949 Age 5 years		
Birthplace	Minnesota		
Occupation	None		None except listed On Morgue Record
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	George Mellinger Martha Klinger		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Spring Vale Baptist Cemetery Isanti County, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J.	Funeral Director	Carlson Funeral Home, Cambridge, Minn.	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:14 p.m., December 13, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been ill with a cold. About 9:30 a.m., December 13, 1954, the deceased commenced having diarrhea. While in the bathroom, she apparently fell off the toilet and wanted to go to bed. According to Mrs. Martha Mellinger, the child was breathing hard at 6:00 p.m. that evening. On checking the deceased at 6:30 p.m., it was noted the child was not moving and did not appear to be breathing. However, Mrs. Mellinger delayed any report claiming that she did not know what to do until her husband arrived home. Upon his arrival at home at 11:15 p.m., Mr. Mellinger notified the police, Officers Gruman and Marx of squad 164 responding.

According to mother, the deceased weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. at birth. She most recently

MARY LOU MELLINGER (continued)

weighed the deceased in June 1954, at which time she weighed 23 lbs. She stated that her daughter was very thin and had not grown to the proper height for a girl of her age, and further that Mary Lou did not walk until she was 2½ years old. Although 5 years old at the time of her death, the deceased had not attended school due to a decision by the Minneapolis School Board after mental tests had been given her. Deceased was allergic to certain foods and drinks such as milk, chocolate and apples. She suffered from frequent attacks of diarrhea and lost considerable weight after each attack. Mrs. Mellinger had planned to take the deceased to University hospitals in January of 1955 to determine why she had not developed properly. She stated a Dr. F. A. Lengby of Minneapolis had rendered the most care to the deceased. Further investigation revealed that Dr. Frederick A. Lengby died September 20, 1953 and his records of care given the deceased could not be located.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 1:00 p.m., December 14. This revealed marked cachexia; bronchial pneumonia, left lower lobe; severe bronchitis; and a contusion of the scalp, left, frontal, was noted without skull fracture or hemorrhage or gross brain damage. Weight was 13.4 pounds.

Detectives Taplin and C. Egeland continued this investigation and felt there was some evidence of neglect on the part of the mother.

CORONER'S RECORD

1105

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MARY ELIZABETH CYPHER

Date of Death December 13

Place of Death Mount Sinai Hospital

Autopsy Hospital post.

Place of Accident 526-17th Avenue S.

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 3-26-1873 Age 81

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife William Cypher

Names of Parents Robert and ? Oxborough

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~

Accident Aspiration pneumonia; fracture of left hip.

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Oak Hill Cemetery

Effects Released to

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Funeral Director Washburn-McReavy Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Washburn-McReavy Mortuary at 11:15 a.m., December 15, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased has been attended by Dr. William R. Goodchild since October 5, 1954. She was admitted to Mount Sinai Hospital by order of Dr. Goodchild on November 17, 1954. On November 30, surgical repair of the fracture of the left hip was done, and the presence of myositis ossificans was noted at this time. The attending physician, nor anyone else for that matter, had any knowledge as to how or when the deceased incurred the hip fracture referred to. She was quite senile and was unable to furnish any information in this respect. The deceased's condition became progressively critical and the woman expired at 11:55 p.m., December 13.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on December 14. This revealed that death re-

MARY ELIZABETH CYPHER (continued)

sulted from aspiration pneumonia; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent include a son, Eugene; one daughter, Mrs. William Poppoff of Minneapolis; one grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Layman, Goldendale, Washington, Mrs. B. Land, Buffalo, Minnesota, and Mrs. William Kell of Edina; two brothers, Walter Oxborough of Edina and Robert Oxborough, Bloomington.

CORONER'S RECORD

1106

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME LYMAN WALLACE COLE, SR.

Date of Death Fd. December 14

Place of Death	Rex Hotel, 237 ¹ / ₂ Marquette Ave.	Autopsy	Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$0.26; 1 billfold; 1 Bulova wrist watch; 1 hotel key.
Residence	Beaufort Hotel 112 S. Third St.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	12-15-1891 Age 62		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Office work - U. S. Army Engineers		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Divorced - Mary D. Cole		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Name of Husband or Wife	Mary D. Cole		
Names of Parents	Frederick Romaine Cole Emma Mathilda Carlson		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Davies Mortuary A. Y. Yandon, Fun. Dir.
E.J. Funeral Director	Davies Mortuary	Address	1403 Harmon Place

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No WWI

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 11:45 a.m., December 14, 1954.

On the morning of December 14, 1954, the deceased was found, apparently expired, in his bed by the hotel clerk, Iver Lindstadt. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

According to the hotel clerk, he had last seen the deceased alive about 4:00 p.m. on December 13 at which time he had talked to the deceased.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. Deceased

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LYMAN WALLACE COLE, SR. (continued)

found lying in bed clothed in underwear.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed at 9:00 a.m., December 15. This revealed that death was due to severe pulmonary tuberculosis.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Shumway and Engel responding.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is a son, Lyman Wallace Cole, Jr.

CORONER'S RECORD

1107

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MABEL GERTRUDE STONEHOUSE

Date of Death Fd. December 14

Place of Death Dayton, Minn.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge No
None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 2-29-1883 Age 70

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Arthur E. Stonehouse

Names of Parents John A. Davis
Lidia Love

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary heart disease

~~Accident~~

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Lakewood (cremation)

Effects
Released to

E.J. Funeral Director Dare's, Inc.
Elk River, Minn.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Gordon H. Tesch, Elk River, Minnesota, at 1:30 p.m., December 14, 1954.

The deceased was brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. Grace Davis LeClair, Dayton, Minnesota, from Portland, Oregon about ten months ago, it was stated. According to Mrs. LeClair, the deceased had been receiving treatment for anemia from a Dr. Stump while in Portland and shortly before leaving Portland, she had been given blood transfusions.

Today, December 14, 1954, the deceased felt ill and complained of chest pain. Mrs. LeClair summoned Dr. Gordon H. Tesch of Elk River, however, the deceased expired before the physician's arrival. Dr. Tesch pronounced the woman dead on arrival at 12:50 p.m.

MABEL GERTRUDE STONEHOUSE (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is her sister, Mrs. Grace Davis LeClair, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

1108

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MICHAEL BACHINSKY Date of Death December 14

Place of Death	9th St. & Excelsior Ave. Hopkins, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	102 Fifth Ave. N. Hopkins, Minn.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	8-18-1876 Age 78		
Birthplace	Chicago, Ill.		
Occupation	Machinist (retired)		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Ella Bachinsky		
Names of Parents	Unknown		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	Coronary thrombosis	
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	John Hus Cemetery Hopkins, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel Hopkins, Minn.	Address	

Kaplan

Social Security No. 472-10-7193
Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel at 8:52 p.m., December 14, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 14, 1954, at approximately 1:15 p.m., the deceased was walking down the street when he suddenly collapsed to the ground. A passing motorist took the deceased to the Blake Clinic which was nearby. He was pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Allan Blake at 1:20 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner viewed the body at the mortuary and death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

MICHAEL BACHINSKY (continued)

The Hopkins Police were also notified and attended the scene of death.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is a daughter,
Mrs. Ivan Shaul, Hopkins, Minnesota.

CORONER'S RECORD

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Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHARLES G. SUO

Date of Death December 14

Place of Death Minneapolis General Hospital

Autopsy Dr. Gordon Vesti

Place of Accident 821-26th Avenue N. E.

Effects Taken
in charge None

Residence Orr, St. Louis County, Minn.

Sex Male

Birthdate 12-21-1873 Age 80

Birthplace Finland

Occupation Farmer (retired)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Ida Lahti

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
☒ Natural
☐ Accident
☒ Suicide
☒ Homicide
☒ Undetermined
Severe comminuted skull fractures,
with subdural and subarachnoid
hemorrhage; moderately severe
coronary artery sclerosis.

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial Leiding Cemetery
Orr, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Billman-Hunt Chapel

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital
at 5:14 p.m., December 14, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased lived with his daughter, Mrs. Howard Orr, at the above
address. Apparently the deceased fell down a flight of stairs in the home. He was
found lying at the bottom of the stairs by a grandson and was removed by ambulance to
Minneapolis General Hospital, being admitted at 1:58 p.m., December 14. The deceased
expired on the day of admittance at 4:25 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:00 a.m., December 15.
This revealed a severe comminuted skull fracture with subdural and subarachnoid

CHARLES G. SUO (continued)

hemorrhage; also moderately severe coronary artery sclerosis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1110

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

MAY DOROTHY ARNELL

Date of Death

December 14

Place of Death

910 Second Avenue S.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$5.18; 1 handbag; misc. costume
jewelry etc.; 1 glasses; 1 coin
purse; 1 notebook.

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

6-23-1894 Age 60

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Saleswoman - ready-to-wear

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Thomas E. Arnell
Helen Bretningen

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Coronary sclerosis; chronic
alcoholism.

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Rosedale Cemetery,
Rosedale, Minn.
Hanson-Nugent Funeral Chapel
Minneapolis, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Mrs. Clarence H. Posz, sister

E.J.

Funeral Director

Address

5501 Brookview

Social Security No. 345-01-5934

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:30 a.m., December 14, 1954.

The deceased had lived at this address for approximately five months and, it was stated, she had been drinking heavily for the past two months. For the past week, she had been in bed constantly.

On the morning of December 14, 1954, at approximately 4:23 a.m., Walter J. Remjeske, same address, found the deceased lying in bed, apparently expired. He had called her at 3:30 a.m. and received no answer, therefore he entered her room and found her unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician in attendance confirmed the woman's death.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Examination of the body

MAY DOROTHY ARNELL (continued)

by a deputy coroner revealed no unusual marks. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis; chronic alcoholism being a contributing factor.

Police officers Short and Campbell of squad 117 were also notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

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Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MARGARET JADWIN

Date of Death Fd. December 16

Place of Death	Farm home - County Rd. #6 Minnetrista Township	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident	Same	Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Female		
Birthdate	9-1-1872 Age 82		
Birthplace	Minnetrista Township		
Occupation	Housewife		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widow		None except listed On Morgue Record
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Jasper A. Jadwin		
Names of Parents	Fletcher Ingerson Eliza Wolsey		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Complete charring of body. Self Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Lewis Cemetery Maple Plain, Minn.	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director	Webster Funeral Chapel, Maple Plain, Minn.	Address	

Card

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 11:23 p.m., December 15, 1954.

The deceased and her twin sister lived alone in the farm home in Minnetrista Township on County Road No. 6 which their father built shortly after the Civil War.

On the evening of December 15, 1954, Robert Ferguson, Maple Plain, Minnesota, was driving past their home when he saw flames coming from the house. He notified the Maple Plain fire department from a nearby farm house. Emerson Dressel, chief of the Maple Plain volunteer fire department stated the alarm was received at 10:20 p.m. and the fire was out of control when the chief and ten volunteers arrived.

Martha Ingerson, the deceased's twin sister, was outside when help arrived. She stated

MARGARET JADWIN (continued)

she went outside about 10:15 p.m. and saw flames on the roof of the house. She ran back into the house, called to her sister to get out of the house because it was on fire, then turned and ran out again, thinking her sister was following her. The deceased, however, suffered from a rheumatic condition and may not have been able to move fast enough to reach safety. Her charred body was recovered from the burning home by a Hennepin County Morgue attendant at 12:30 a.m., December 16. The body was found about 4 feet west of the chimney and 4 feet south of the outside foundation.

According to Emerson Dressel, the fire apparently started from an overheated coal stove at east end of house.

A telephone operator at Wayzata stated a call was apparently made from the farm when the fire first broke out. She was able to distinguish only the words, "We've got a fire," then heard only noise on the line and was unable to trace the call.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Remains were charred beyond recognition.

The decedent is survived by her twin sister, Martha Ingerson, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

1112

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

GRACE E. O'NEIL

Date of Death

December 16

Place of Death

1509 Second Avenue South

Place of Accident

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

8-5-1898 Age 56

Birthplace

Chicago, Ill.

Occupation

Dictaphone operator

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Husband or Wife

Cornelius J. O'Neil

Richard E. Tipton

Rey Durham

Names of Parents

Natural

Cardiac decompensation

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Funeral Director

Davies Mortuary

Autopsy

No

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Effects
Released to

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 1:51 a.m., December 16, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been in ill health for at least five years. She was subject to convulsions.

About 1:30 a.m., December 16, 1954, the deceased awakened her husband and asked him to bring her a glass of water. When he returned to the room, he found the deceased in a convulsion and she suddenly stopped breathing. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the woman's death, death apparently occurring at 1:40 a.m.

According to the deceased's husband, the deceased had recently been in Minneapolis General Hospital for treatment of a cardiac condition.

GRACE E. O'NEIL (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Examination revealed an old bruise on the left lateral thigh from the knee to the hip but there was no apparent fracture. Small contusions (old) were noted on both knees and legs, also edema of both legs and sacral area. Death was attributed to cardiac decompensation.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Fox and Lehman responding.

Only survivor of the decedent known to the Coroner's Office is the husband, Cornelius J. O'Neil.

CORONER'S RECORD

1113

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

EMIL A. ROCKENBRANDT

Date of Death Fd. December 16

Place of Death

In garage -
Rear of 3824 Second Ave. S.

Autopsy

Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$5.40; 1 billfold.

Residence

Mora, Minn.

Sex

Male

Birthdate

7-10-1890 Age 64

Birthplace

Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation

Resort owner

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Florence Rockenbrandt

Names of Parents

William and Pauline Rockenbrandt

CAUSE OF DEATH
~~Natural~~
~~Accident~~
Suicide
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Carbon monoxide poisoning.

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Werness Brothers Funeral Home

Wright

Funeral Director

Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

3700 Nicollet Avenue

Social Security No. 476-34-3401

Veteran Yes WWI
 No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 3:35 p.m., December 16, 1954.

The deceased operated a resort near Mora, Minnesota and lived during the winter with a sister-in-law, Mrs. Hesse, 3809 Stevens Avenue South. According to information from Officers Vick and Revak of Squad 151, the deceased was missed from home at approximately 8:30 a.m., December 16, 1954. About 2:30 p.m., December 16, the deceased's wife, Florence Rockenbrandt called Mrs. A. C. Johnson of 3824 Second Avenue South from whom the deceased rented garage space requesting her to check the garage and see if the deceased's car was in garage. Upon entering the garage, she found the deceased dead in front seat of car. According to Mrs. Johnson, the garage door was locked and she had to use a key to unlock door which was contrary to usual practice of deceased. Ignition switch was on, however, engine was not running. The radiator was cold.

EMIL A ROCKENBRANDT (continued)

Dr. Robert Potter was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, he pronounced the deceased dead.

Dr. Potter states that the deceased was considered highly nervous but there was no known psychosis or acute depression. He states the deceased had received most of his treatment for high blood pressure at the Veterans Hospital out-patient department.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found slumped to right in driver's seat of 1949 Pontiac sedan, bearing 1955 Minnesota license No. GJ 1902, in early rigor. The right side of face and dependent parts of body show pinkish settling. A marked odor of exhaust fumes noted in garage and in car. One 3/4 grain nembutal capsule found in seat beside deceased and a bottle containing 7 similar capsules found on person of deceased. Body was fully clothed.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:00 a.m., December 17. This revealed cardiac hypertrophy and dilatation. A subsequent report from the toxicological chemist revealed a lethal amount of carbon monoxide.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Florence; two brothers and a sister.

Detectives Stenberg and Cronstrom of 301 were also notified and investigated this case.

CORONER'S RECORD

1114

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

OLE P. LEE

Date of Death

December 16

Place of Death

Fairview Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

3829-29th Avenue S.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Same

Sex

Male

Birthdate

8-28-1872

Age

82

Birthplace

Norway

Occupation

Custodian

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Marie Lee

Names of Parents

Peder Johnsen Lillenflot (Hoilen)

Rachel Kristendatter (Granskogen) (Granskou)

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Uremia; congestive failure due to
generalized arteriosclerosis; fracture
of left hip.

Place of Burial

Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Henry W. Anderson Mortuary

Address

Social Security No.

476-18-5340

Veteran ☒ Yes
☐ No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Fairview Hospital at 7:50 p.m., December 16, 1954.

On November 14, 1954, the deceased apparently fell to the floor at his residence in some manner incurring an injury to his left hip. He was removed by ambulance to Fairview Hospital, being admitted that day. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the left hip. An open reduction was performed on November 17, 1954 by Dr. H. B. Hall. The deceased was subsequently discharged to his home for convalescent care on December 7.

It was stated, the deceased's physical condition deteriorated and he was readmitted to the hospital at 6:00 p.m., December 14. He failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 7:25 p.m., December 16.

OLE P. LEE (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body which was later released directly to a mortuary. Death was attributed to uremia and congestive failure due to generalized arteriosclerosis; the fracture of the left hip being a contributing factor.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Marie; son, Woodrow; three daughters, Mrs. Rachel Knutson, Mrs. Martha Solsness and Mrs. Agnes Moden; also four grandchildren and three brothers, Ryer, Anton and John.

CORONER'S RECORD

1115

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME OTTO F. WIECKHORST

Date of Death Fd. December 17

Place of Death 119 Nicollet Avenue

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge

\$37.75; 1 billfold; 1 leather pouch; 1 knife; 4 keys.

Residence

Same

Sex

Male

Birthdate

4-6-1886 Age 68

Birthplace

Germany

Occupation

Lumberjack - laborer

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Johan T. Wieckhorst
Emma S. Von Dohren

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Coronary disease.

Other effects listed on Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Rosedale Cemetery
Rosedale, Minn.

Effects Released to

Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home, by
J. B. Hanson, F. D.

Wright

Funeral Director

Hanson-Nugent Funeral Home

Address

2116 Nicollet Avenue

Social Security No. 710-14-2815

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:00 a.m., December 17, 1954.

According to Morris Weston, same address as the deceased, states that when he returned from his work as swamper at a cafe located at 104 Hennepin Avenue South, shortly after 5:00 a.m., December 17, 1954, the landlady asked him to go and see if the deceased was ill. Upon investigation, he found the deceased lying in bed, apparently expired.

June Boyum, owner and operator of hotel at 119 Nicollet, states she was away yesterday but in the evening when she returned she thought it somewhat unusual that the deceased was so quiet. Finding no one else had seen the deceased, she sent Weston to check. Apparently the deceased was habitually noisy and drunken in behavior. She states she took him as a tenant only a couple of months ago when he was evicted at 117 Nicollet only because he was a friend and fellow- worker to Weston.

OTTO F. WIECKHORST (continued)

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on bed, fully clothed, in marked rigor. There was no indication of external trauma. Some bloody purging noted from nose and mouth. Death was attributed to coronary disease.

Police officers Rhodes and Baufield were also notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

1116

Year 19...54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME LE ROY FRANCIS PORTER

Date of Death Fd. December 17

Place of Death 3508 West 55th St., Edina

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 7-14-1894 Age 60

Birthplace Camden, N. Y.

Occupation President - Edina Realty Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Mary Leahy Porter

Names of Parents Winfred Porter
Anna White

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial St. Agnes Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E. J.

Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. 469-05-3295

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. James G. Myhre at 1:10 p.m., December 17, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. James G. Myhre since January 1954 for the treatment of diabetes and hardening of the arteries. The deceased had also had several strokes in the past, however, he had not been seen by Dr. Myhre since July 29, 1954.

On the morning of December 17, 1954, at approximately 6:45 a.m., the deceased became critically ill and Dr. Myhre was summoned to the home. The physician pronounced the man dead on arrival at the Porter home.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

LE ROY FRANCIS PORTER (continued)

was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mary; two sons, Roy, Jr. of Clayton, Mo.; Thomas of Minneapolis; daughter, Marianne, also of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1117

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME LUELLA I. BERGER

Date of Death Fd. December 17

Place of Death	D.O.A. Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy	No	
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$19.14; 1 cigarette lighter; 1 handbag; 1 glasses; 1 ball pen; 1 ring; 1 Hamilton wrist watch; 2 Christmas savings club books; 1 check-book-Midland Bank; 1 payment book-Midland; 1 Savings book #21567 - \$109.52; 1 Chargeaplate; 7 keys; 1 coin purse; 1 billfold; 1 thermos; 1 manicure set; 1 compact pouch.	
Residence	Box 147, Eden Prairie Road, Minnetonka Township			
Sex	Female			
Birthdate	1-29-1898 Age 56			
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.			
Occupation	Supervisor - Hennepin County Welfare			
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single			
Name of Husband or Wife				
Names of Parents	Adolph W. Berger Helen Spriestersbach			
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural			
	Accident			
	Suicide			
	Homicide			
	Undetermined			
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Frances M. Berger, sister,	
E.J.	Funeral Director	Enger Funeral Home	Address	Glen Lake, Minn.

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Social Security No. 477-38-0846

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance at 4:25 p.m., December 17, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased was on her way home from her place of employment on the afternoon of December 17, 1954.

Shortly after boarding a Glen Lake bus at Seventh Street and Hennepin Avenue about 4:00 p.m., the deceased suddenly collapsed. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene and the deceased was removed to the hospital, however, the deceased apparently expired en route and was pronounced dead on arrival in receiving department at 4:17 p.m.

According to the deceased's sister, Frances Berger, the deceased has had a coronary

LUELLA I. BERGER (continued)

condition for the past four years and has been under the care of Dr. A. N. Bessesen.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue. Upon examination of the body by a deputy coroner, death was ascribed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include her mother, Mrs. Helen Lydia Berger, Glen Lake; a brother, Delmer, Minneapolis and two sisters, Mrs. Albert Diedrich, Chaska, and Frances, Glen Lake.

CORONER'S RECORD

1118

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

KATHERINE ADALINE MAYLAND

Date of Death

December 17

Place of Death

5901 Portland Avenue

Autopsy

Dr. G. Aurebeck

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Same

Sex

Female

Birthdate

6-17-1914 Age 40

Birthplace

Louisville, Kentucky

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Martin L. Mayland, Jr.

Names of Parents

George H. Rumpel

Katherine A. Riechle

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Arteriosclerotic heart disease

Accident

due to sclerosis of coronary

Suicide

arteries; fatty metamorphosis of liver,
moderate; diffuse degenerative cerebral
changes, mild; mild atrophy of pancreas
and acute pancreatitis.

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial

Acacia Park, Mendota, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Thomson Brothers Fun. Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 12:20 p.m., December 18, 1954.

According to Dr. Harlow J. Hanson, the attending physician, the deceased was admitted to Asbury Hospital in June of this year and remained overnight. At this time an electrocardiogram was done and Dr. Hanson wanted the deceased to stay in the hospital, however, her husband took her home in a cab.

On November 6, 1954, Dr. Hanson was called to the Mayland residence to attend the deceased who had a severe case of influenza.

About 4:00 p.m., December 17, 1954, Dr. Hanson was again summoned to the home at which

KATHERINE ADALINE MAYLAND (continued)

time he found the deceased in very poor condition and advised taking her to the hospital. The deceased's husband protested and suggested waiting awhile. At 6:00 p.m. the same evening, the deceased phoned Dr. Hanson and at this time wanted the deceased taken to the hospital, therefore, an ambulance was dispatched to the Mayland residence. Upon arrival, the ambulance driver found the deceased had expired and notified Dr. Hanson at 6:30 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel on December 18. In the opinion of the pathologist, it was deemed advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination and chemical analyses before determining the cause of this woman's death.

Charles Wetherille, Inspector of detectives, stated a telegram from relatives of the deceased in Louisville, Kentucky, requested further investigation of her death.

The decedent is survived by her husband, Martin L. Mayland, Jr., previously mentioned in this report; also four sons, Martin L. III, Wesley, James and Philip.

CORONER'S RECORD

1119

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME BERTELLO B. WELLS

Date of Death December 18

Place of Death Minnesota Soldiers Home

Autopsy

Dr. Julian Pawlyszyn

Place of Accident Minnehaha Avenue bridge

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Minnesota Soldiers Home

Sex Male

Birthdate 3-2-1878 Age 76

Birthplace Cresco, Iowa

Occupation Laborer (retired)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Names of Parents T. J. Wells
Charlotte E. Bucklin

CAUSE OF DEATH
☒ Natural
☒ Automobile
☒ Accident
☒ Suicide
☒ Homicide
☒ Undetermined
Bronchopneumonia; bruising of brain
caused by automobile accident;
coronary sclerosis; aneurysm of
abdominal aorta and hypogastric
artery; superficial traumatic injuries
of skin.

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Peterson's Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. William O. Hearn of the Minnesota Soldiers Home at 2:25 p.m., December 18, 1954.

About 11:00 a.m., December 4, 1954, the deceased was driving his automobile, a 1939 Pontiac coach, bearing 1955 Minnesota license No. EJ 5581, toward the Minnesota Soldiers Home. The street, it was stated, was quite icy. As the vehicle approached the Minnehaha Avenue bridge it skidded, crashing into the approach of the bridge. The accident occurred about 75 feet east of Minnehaha Avenue on the Old Soldiers Home road.

A stranger brought the deceased to the infirmary at the Soldiers Home where the deceased complained of dizziness. Dr. William O. Hearn examined the deceased and admitted him to the hospital. The deceased failed to respond to hospital care, expiring at 2:05 p.m., December 18.

BERTELLO B. WELLS (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 8:00 a.m., December 19. This revealed subdural lesion (probably due to hematoma); bronchopneumonia; aneurysm of the abdominal aorta and bilateral aneurysm of the hypogastric arteries; also a bilateral inguinal hernia.

CORONER'S RECORD

1120

Year 19...54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CARL A. SJOBERG

Date of Death December 18

Place of Death 45 Washington Avenue S.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 12-10-1897 Age 57

Birthplace Skalfater, Sweden

Occupation Hotel Clerk

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Frances C. Sjoberg

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary disease.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Russell G. Peterson, Spec. Adm.

Kaplan

Funeral Director Peterson's Funeral Home

Address

1838 Central Ave.

Social Security No. 701-07-3946

Veteran Yes
No WW II

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:00 p.m., December 18, 1954.

On December 18, 1954, the deceased was standing by a chair in the second floor lobby when he suddenly collapsed to the floor and became unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, Dr. Evans, the ambulance physician, confirmed the man's death, death occurring at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Mark Russell, Room 84, and John Freman, Room 72, both of the same address, were present at the time the deceased expired. They stated deceased had not complained of any symptoms of illness nor had he appeared ill previous to the time he collapsed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hotel and viewed the body. Death was

CARL J. SJOBERG (continued)

attributed to coronary disease and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Wallace and Gardner responding.

CORONER'S RECORD

1121

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME FRANK J. MAUREN

Date of Death FD, December 19

Place of Death 4338 Shoreline Drive, Robbinsdale, Minn.
Place of Accident
Residence Same
Sex Male
Birthdate 12-5-1886 Age 68
Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.
Occupation Printer - Miller Davis Co.
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Agnes Mauren
Names of Parents Nicholas Mauren Anna Thelan

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge None

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary disease
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery
Funeral Director Gearty-Davis Funeral Chapel Robbinsdale, Minn.

Effects Released to Address

Kaplan

Social Security No. 468-05-1467

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Kenneth St. Cyr at 1:40 a.m., December 19, 1954.

According to Dr. St. Cyr, he had treated the deceased on July 17, 1954 for a gangrenous appendix and states he last saw the deceased professionally on July 31, 1954.

On the evening of December 18, 1954, the deceased's wife, Agnes, states they had dinner about 7:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter, the deceased commenced vomiting and complaining of severe pains in his left arm. About 1:00 a.m., December 19, 1954, Mrs. Mauren went into the bedroom to check on her husband and found him unresponsive. Dr. Kenneth St. Cyr was summoned to the home and upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

FRANK J. MAUREN (continued)

was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Agnes Mauren, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

1122

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ERNEST EUGENE PIKE

Date of Death Dec. 19

Place of Death 718 - 20th Avenue N. E.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge No
None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 12-25-1883 Age 70

Birthplace South Dakota

Occupation Storekeeper - Great Northern Ry.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Diana Maude Pike

Names of Parents James S. Pike
Harriet L. Weed

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Coronary disease
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Buchinger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No. No

Veteran Yes WW I
~~No~~

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Ernest R. Anderson at 9:05 a.m., December 19, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, the deceased had been up and around on the morning of December 19, 1954 and was dressing to go to church. At approximately 8:30 a.m., the deceased's wife, Diana Pike, found her husband collapsed on the bathroom floor and unresponsive. She summoned Dr. Ernest Anderson to the home. Upon arrival, the physician pronounced the man dead.

It was stated, the deceased had had no recent medical attention.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

ERNEST EUGENE PIKE (continued)

was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The decedent is survived by his wife, Diana Maude Pike.

CORONER'S RECORD

1123

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME VINTON L. ALLEY

Date of Death December 19

Place of Death	Holy Angels Academy, 6600 Nicollet Ave., Richfield,	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	6004 Clinton Avenue		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	11-19-1878 Age 76		
Birthplace	Hartford, Maine		
Occupation	Holy Angels Chief Engineer- Academy		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Josephine C. Alley		
Names of Parents	Albert Alley Lizzie M. Woodward		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Suicide		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial	St. Mary's Cemetery	Effects Released to	
Kaplan	Funeral Director	Flynn & Son Mortuary	Address

Social Security No. 472-01-8777

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Holy Angels Academy at 2:51 p.m., December 19, 1954.

According to Sister Corinne of the Holy Angels Academy, she had seen the deceased standing beside the desk in the boiler room at approximately 2:25 p.m. She returned to the boiler room about five minutes later and found the deceased lying face down on the floor, apparently expired. Dr. James J. Arms was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, he pronounced the deceased dead, death apparently occurring about 2:30 p.m., December 19, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been receiving medical attention from Dr. M. E. Schottler.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

VINTON L. ALLEY (continued)

attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Nordstrom and Eckstein of the Richfield Police Department responding.

CORONER'S RECORD

1124

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON A/K/A JOHNSON Date of Death December 20

Place of Death 1924 Fifth St. N. E.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 11-11-1892 Age 62

Birthplace Hillsboro, N. Dak.

Occupation Maintenance man - Despatch Oven Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Elizabeth Johnston

Names of Parents Samuel Johnston
Mary Johnston

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary heart disease.

Accident x

Suicide xxx

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Card

Funeral Director Billman-Hunt Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 472-05-1908

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Leonard A. Borowicz at 3:30 p.m., December 20, 1954.

According to the deceased's family, the deceased had been ill on December 19 and December 20, 1954 and had remained home from work. On December 20, Dr. Leonard A. Borowicz was called to the home and he gave the deceased a medication hypodermically. Shortly thereafter, the deceased went to sleep and expired in his sleep at 2:45 p.m.

Dr. Leonard A. Borowicz states he had previously treated the deceased for a heart condition but had not attended the deceased for approximately one year until he was called to the home today, December 20.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the Johnston residence and viewed the body.

WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON a/k/a JOHNSON (continued)

Death was attributed to coronary heart disease and the remains were re-leased directly to a mortuary. There were no unusual marks on the body and no unusual color noted.

Consent for an autopsy was refused by the deceased's family.

CORONER'S RECORD

1125

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME C. LINDSAY BROWER-ANCHER

Date of Death Fd., December 20

Place of Death	In automobile - 4th St. and Marquette Ave.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$6.75; 1 billfold; 1 folder; 1 notebook; 1 Deposit envelope \$97.40; 1 Hamilton watch & chain; 1 glass case; 1 manicure set; 15 keys; 1 present; 1 Check book-Midland Bank; Christmas cards.
Residence	3245 Pleasant Avenue		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	4-1-1887 Age 67		
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn.		
Occupation	Salesman and operator - Monarch Label Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Merle Brower -Ancher		
Names of Parents	John F. Brower-Ancher Jeanne Pratt		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Gleason Mortuary by John O'Neil, F. D.
E.J. Funeral Director	Gleason Mortuary	Address	Minneapolis, Minn.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 4:20 p.m., December 20, 1954.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., December 20, 1954, the deceased was driving east on Marquette Avenue when he suddenly stopped his car, bearing Minnesota license No. FE 7862, in the middle of the street about 50 feet south of Fourth Street. Officers Hektner and Davis of squad 544 were summoned to the scene to investigate. They found the deceased slumped over wheel of his car, apparently unresponsive. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead at 4:10 p.m.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death

CORONER'S RECORD

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

C. LINDSAY BROUWER-ANCHER (continued)

was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

FULL NAME

BERGER LARSON

Date of Death

December 21

Place of Death

Veterans Hospital

Autopsy

Dr. Donald Larson

Place of Accident

Littlefork, Koochiching Co.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Little Falls, Minn.

Sex

Male

Birthdate

10-11-1891 Age 63

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Laborer - (woodsman)

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Unknown

Names of Parents

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Auto
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Fat embolism of lung and brain
due to comminuted fracture of
left femur and trochanter due
to automobile accident.

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Welander-Quist Company
1825 Chicago Ave.

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Veterans Hospital at 3:00 p.m., December 22, 1954.

On December 19, 1954, at approximately 2:20 p.m., the deceased incurred critical injuries in an accident about three-tenths of a mile north of the junction of Highways No. 71 and No. 65, in the vicinity of Littlefork, Minnesota. The deceased was a passenger in an automobile driven by William J. Anderson, Littlefork, Minnesota. The vehicle, a 1947 Chevrolet was struck in the rear by a car, a 1954 Oldsmobile coupe, driven by Dennis Johnson of International Falls while the latter was attempting to pass the Anderson vehicle. It was stated, the Anderson car moved over the center line of the highway into the pathway of the Johnson vehicle after the Johnson car had pulled out to pass them. The car driven by Dennis Johnson was owned by Stuart Johnson, also of International Falls.

CORONER'S RECORD

BERGER LARSON (continued)

Apparently the deceased was given first aid by a local physician and later transferred by ambulance from Littlefork to Veterans Hospital where he was admitted at 5:00 p.m., December 21. He expired the same day at 10:10 p.m.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital on December 22. This revealed a comminuted fracture of the left femur and trochanter, with extensive hemorrhage at the fracture site; hemorrhagic shock; also fat embolism of lung and brain noted.

According to Dr. Wayne A. Chadbourn, pathologist, no one was inside the ambulance with the deceased during the long ride to the Veterans Hospital. He was bounced around a great deal during the ride. This situation, undoubtedly, caused the fat embolism of the lung and brain to develop in Dr. Chadbourn's opinion. Examination at the hospital also revealed the deceased's left leg had not been adequately splinted.

Survivors of the decedent include his mother, Helen Lydia Berger and two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Dietrich and Frances Berger.

Information regarding this accident was obtained from Officer Innis E. Nesbitt, Jr., No. 191, Minnesota Highway Patrol, International Falls, Minn.

CORONER'S RECORD

1127

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ANDREW ENOCH TRANG

Date of Death December 22

Place of Death 4004 Oakland Ave.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge

None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 3-4-1875 Age 79

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Painter and decorator

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Unknown

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Enger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yesx No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Donald P. Fox at 4:05 p.m., December 22, 1954.

On December 22, 1954, the deceased was sitting at the table eating when he suddenly collapsed to the floor and became unresponsive. Dr. Donald P. Fox was summoned to the home, however, the deceased expired before his arrival, death apparently occurring at 3:45 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased has been up and around everyday and has not complained of any symptoms of illness. He has not been under the care of a doctor.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Death was

ANDREW ENOCH TRANG (continued)

attributed to coronary sclerosis, and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Sophie Whitehill and a nephew, John Hagen.

CORONER'S RECORD

1128

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM W. O'BRIEN

Date of Death December 23

Place of Death Veterans Hospital

Autopsy

Dr. Wayne A. Chadbourn

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Building No. 9, Veterans Hospital

Sex

Male

Birthdate

9-15-1894

Age 60

Birthplace

Arlington, Minn.

Occupation

Orderly-Veterans Hospital

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

William O'Brien

Names of Parents

Mary Boyle

CAUSE OF DEATH
(Natural
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~)

Drug (unknown) poisoning, chronic.

Place of Burial

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Welander-Quist Co.
1200 West Broadway

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Caroline Vanstrum, Veterans Hospital, at 10:30 a.m., December 23, 1954.

The deceased was employed as an orderly at the Veterans Hospital. For quite some time of late, he has appeared to be confused, and this fall was placed in the hospital as a patient and attended by the neurological staff. It was felt that some cerebral atrophy probably was causing his mental difficulties. After being discharged from the hospital, he was informed that he would soon be retired from his government post. Since that time, he has appeared to be more confused and depressed.

On December 22, 1954, the deceased collapsed in his room and was, therefore, re-admitted to the hospital for care. He had been taking codeine for migraine headaches. When he was brought into the hospital, Doctor Weeks, more or less on a "hunch", administered hallene (an antagonist of certain drugs), in the event the deceased had taken an over-

WILLIAM W. O'BRIEN (continued)

dose of codeine. A bottle that had contained codeine tablets was brought from the deceased's room to the hospital; it was found to contain 30 or 35 tablets, or about one-sixth of the number the bottle had originally contained.

The deceased's condition became progressively critical, and the man expired at 7:55 a.m., December 23.

An autopsy was performed at the Veterans Hospital on the date of death. The pathological findings, with the exception of pulmonary congestion, were negative. Therefore, specimens of the organs were released for microscopic study and chemical analyses.

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. Donna Larson, Montgomery, Minnesota; sisters, Marie Ykiah, Calif., Ruth, Robbinsdale.

CORONER'S RECORD

1129

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME PAUL STEPHEN JENNIS (WINTER)

Date of Death Fd. December 23

Place of Death 5416 Virginia Ave. N.
New Hope Township.

Autopsy Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 11-24-1954 Age 1 month

Birthplace Minnesota

Occupation None

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Names of Parents Pauline Jennis

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Probable pneumonia secondary to
patent ductus and patent inter-
atrial septal defects.

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Golden Valley Cemetery,
Golden Valley, Minn.
Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
1200 West Broadway

Effects
Released to

Address

Kaplan

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Sheriff's Office at 9:50 p.m., December 23, 1954.

This infant was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William Phillip Winter, 5416 Virginia Avenue, New Hope Township, through the Hennepin County Welfare Department on December 8, 1954. It was stated, the baby's weight at birth was 4 lbs, 7 oz.

According to Mrs. Winter, the baby was given 4 oz. of formula at its six o'clock feeding and appeared all right at that time. At 9:00 p.m., which was time for the infant's next feeding, she found the baby lying on his stomach, cyanotic and cold. She attempted to revive the child and summoned the Crystal Police, Officer Bob Nelson responding. The Hennepin County rescue squad was dispatched to the residence and they applied artificial respiration without success. Dr. Gregory A. Schissel was also called to the scene.

PAUL STEPHEN JENNIS (WINTER) - continued

Upon arrival, Dr. Schissel pronounced the child dead.

It was also stated, the child had been examined by Dr. Charles Aling on the Saturday preceding his death, December 18, and appeared to be in good health at that time.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:00 a.m., December 24. This revealed that death apparently resulted from pneumonia secondary to patent ductus and patent interatrial septal defects.

CORONER'S RECORD

1130

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ALOIS STEPHAN

Date of Death December 23

Place of Death Doctors Memorial Hospital
Place of Accident
Residence 2940 Independence Ave.
St. Louis Park, Minn.
Sex Male
Birthdate 6-13-1889 Age 65
Birthplace Austria
Occupation Watchman - Republic Creosote Co.
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Married
Name of Husband or Wife Tillie Stephan
Names of Parents Julius and Amelia Stephan

Autopsy Dr. George Nelson
Effects Taken in charge None

None except listed
On Morgue Record

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Auto Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined
Skull fracture and multiple injuries and fractures due to automobile accident.

Place of Burial Riverside Cemetery,
Monticello, Minn.
Funeral Director Strobeck-Hauge Funeral Chapel
Hopkins, Minn.

Effects Released to
Address

Kaplan

Social Security No. 468-07-2380

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Eitel Hospital at 11:50 a.m., December 23, 1954.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., December 22, 1954, the deceased, a pedestrian, sustained serious injury when struck by a car at the intersection of Highway No. 7 and County Road No. 18 while crossing highway No. 7. Driver of the vehicle, Clark I. Henrikson, age 40, Route No. 3, Wayzata, Minnesota was traveling west on Highway No. 7, driving a 1954 Chevrolet sedan, bearing 1955 Minnesota license No. EG 4424, at the time the accident occurred. It was stated, Henrikson applied his brakes to avoid hitting the deceased and skidded approximately 75 feet. The deceased was found 42 feet from point of impact.

The injured man was removed by ambulance to Eitel Hospital, being admitted at 10:55 p.m., December 22, in shock with head and leg injuries. He expired on the following day, December 23, at 11:50 p.m.

ALOIS STEPHAN (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 10:30 a.m., December 24. This revealed a skull fracture; compound fracture of the right tibia; simple fracture of the left tibia; fractured pelvis; rib fractures; and a ruptured diaphragm.

Officers W. Scanlan, Ira Lietzow, and Clarence O. Grandstrom of the Hopkins Police were notified and attended the scene of the accident. Officers Fred Steege and Nord of the Minnesota Highway Patrol were also at the accident scene.

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Marie, St. Louis Park; son, Lawrence, Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Day, Grand Rapids, Minn., Mrs. Marie Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

CORONER'S RECORD

1131

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ANNA LUPTON

Date of Death December 24

Place of Death 3139 Johnson St. N. E.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 11-9-1864 Age 90

Birthplace Germany

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Frank Lupton

Names of Parents John and ? Pingel

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary heart disease

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects Released to

Card

Funeral Director Buchinger Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Buchinger Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m., December 24, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased has been attended by Dr. Ronald E. Risch, however, he has not seen her during the past two years.

The deceased has been in poor health for some time and has been bedridden from time to time. Elmer Barfknecht, had been to visit his mother, the deceased, on the afternoon preceding her death and at that time she appeared to be in her usual health. On the morning of December 24, 1954, at 8:30 a.m., the deceased was found dead in bed.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

ANNA LUPTON (continued)

was attributed to coronary heart disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are two sons, Alfred Piehl and Elmer Barfknecht.

CORONER'S RECORD

1132

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM ROSS ZIMMER

Date of Death December 24

Place of Death Veterans Hospital

Autopsy

Dr. Donald Larson

Place of Accident

Near Appleton, Minn.
Mobridge, S. Dakota - and -
1216-6th St. N.,
St. Petersburg, Florida

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence

Sex

Male

Birthdate

3-27-1897 Age 57

Birthplace

Cobb, Wis.

Occupation

Chef

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Divorced

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents

William Zimmer
Ella Kirkpatrick

CAUSE OF DEATH
~~Natural~~
~~Auto~~
~~Accident~~
~~Struck~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Terminal bronchopneumonia and
multiple severe fractures due to
automobile accident.

Place of Burial

Mobridge, S. Dakota
Kessler-Maguire Funeral Home,
St. Paul, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Card

Funeral Director

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Veterans Hospital at 1:10 p.m., December 24, 1954.

On November 28, 1954, the deceased was driving his car on Highway No. 12, about five miles northeast of Appleton, Minnesota, in Swift County, when he apparently lost control of the vehicle which left the highway, crashing into some guard rails. The deceased sustained multiple fractures and was cared for by Dr. Edward Kaufman at Appleton, Minnesota. However, his condition became progressively critical and he was, therefore, transferred to Veterans Hospital, being admitted on December 23, 1954. The man expired at 5:00 a.m., December 24.

An autopsy was performed at the Veterans Hospital on the date of death. This revealed

WILLIAM ROSS ZIMMER (continued)

a fracture of the left femur, upper 1/3; spiral fracture of lower 1/3 of left tibia; fracture of mid 1/3 of left radius and ulna; fracture of left temporal bone and sphenoid bone; sphenoid sinusitis; also bronchopneumonia noted.

CORONER'S RECORD

1133

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HARRIET E. BRIGGS

Date of Death December 25

Place of Death Abbott Hospital
 Place of Accident Sheridan Hotel,
 11th St. & Marquette Ave.
 Residence Same
 Sex Female
 Birthdate 5-5-1869 Age 85
 Birthplace New York State
 Occupation Principal - Mpls. Public Schools
 Single, Married,
 Widowed, Divorced Single
 Name of Hus-
 band or Wife
 Names of Parents Unknown

Autopsy
 Effects Taken
 in charge Dr. Craig Freeman
 None

CAUSE OF DEATH
~~Natural~~
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~
 Acute compression cervical spinal
 cord; fracture odontoid process and
 dislocation 1st and 2d cervical
 vertebrae; bronchopneumonia; cerebral
 arteriosclerosis; hypertensive and
 arteriosclerotic heart disease with
 calcific aortic stenosis and mitral
 stenosis; arteriosclerosis, generalized.

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park
 Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel
 Address

Social Security No. None
 Veteran Yes
 No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Percy Ward at 12:10 p.m.,
 December 25, 1954.

According to Doctors Percy Ward, Child and Caspers, the deceased fell in the dining
 room of the Sheridan Hotel on December 15, 1954 but was able to return to her room
 where she was seen by Dr. Child. Later the same day, the deceased got out of bed and
 fell in the bathroom. She was taken to Abbott Hospital, being admitted December 15.
 X-ray examination revealed fractured 1st and 2d cervical vertebra, and she was found
 to have pneumonia on admission. Dr. Ward stated the deceased also had a long standing
 valvular heart disease.

The deceased refused to accept neck-color support and shortly before death she got out
 of bed and fell. The woman expired suddenly at 10:25 a.m., December 25.

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HARRIET E. BRIGGS (continued)

An autopsy was performed at the Werness Brothers Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m., December 26 and the three doctors mentioned above were present. This revealed calcific aortic stenosis and mitral stenosis; bronchopneumonia; left ventricular hypertrophy; arteriosclerotic kidneys; also contusions noted of the left ankle, left buttocks, left knee, left eyebrow and vertex of scalp. There was compression of the cervical spinal cord at C1 and C2 level and fracture of the first and second cervical vertebrae.

Survivors of the decedent include a niece, Mrs. Paul Loomis of Rapid City, S. Dakota.

CORONER'S RECORD

1134

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME VANCE E. ANDERSON

Date of Death December 25

Place of Death 2923 Girard Avenue North

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge No None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 10-8-1891 Age 63

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Pioneer Cost Accountant-Engineering Co.

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Husband or Wife

Names of Parents Andrew W. Anderson Elizabeth L. Shogren

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency. Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined

Place of Burial Lakewood Cemetery

Effects Released to

Wright

Funeral Director Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 469-10-0293

Veteran Yes WWI No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel at 2:00 p.m., December 25, 1954.

Mrs. Florence Sperzel, the deceased's sister, states the deceased died suddenly about 8:15 a.m., December 25. Dr. F. J. Grimmell had recently prescribed medication for the deceased but had not seen him since his discharge from the Veterans Hospital on September 30, 1954.

Dr. Stanley W. Roberts states the deceased was a cardiac and hypertensive who had coronary disease and gives April 1953 as the last time Dr. Grimmell saw the deceased.

According to Veterans Hospital records, the deceased was treated for hypertensive and

VANCE E. ANDERSON (continued)

arteriosclerotic heart disease; pulmonary emphysema; and pneumothorax due to injury. On a previous admission he had been found to have portal cirrhosis and had had a thyroidectomy and cholecystectomy. He was a severe cardiac and the pneumothorax was apparently incident to thoracentesis done there for diagnosis and treatment of pleural effusions and to relieve his respiratory distress from the effusions. He had also been found to have gout on a previous admission.

A deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to hypertensive and arteriosclerotic heart disease with cardiac insufficiency.

Survivors of the decedent are two sisters, Mrs. Florence Sperzel and Mrs. Leila Anderson; one brother, Lyle V. Anderson, all of Minneapolis.

CORONER'S RECORD

1135

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME OLE HAGEN

Date of Death December 25

Place of Death Glen Lake Sanatorium

Autopsy Dr. George Nelson

Place of Accident 15th and Franklin Aves. S.

Effects Taken
in charge None

Residence 2013-15th Ave. S.

Sex Male

Birthdate 5-3-1872 Age 82

Birthplace Norway

Occupation Carpenter

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Mary Hagen

Names of Parents Peter and ? Hagen

CAUSE OF DEATH ~~Natural~~
Auto
Accident Terminal bronchopneumonia and
pulmonary edema; aortic stenosis
due to calcification of aortic valves;
~~Suicide~~ advanced coronary sclerosis with
myocardial fibrosis; fracture of
~~Homicide~~ pelvis received in automobile
accident.
~~Undetermined~~

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial Sunset Memorial Park

Effects
Released to

Wright Funeral Director Welander-Quist Company
1825 Chicago Ave.

Address

Social Security No. None

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Hutchinson of the Glen Lake Sanatorium at 4:05 p.m., December 25, 1954.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., December 15, 1954, the deceased, a pedestrian, sustained serious injury when struck by a car at the intersection of 15th Avenue South and East Franklin Avenue while attempting to cross the street. The vehicle, a 1951 Dodge sedan, bearing 1954 Minnesota license #351-714, was proceeding east on Franklin at the time the accident occurred. Thomas R. Cameron, age 25, driver of the car, living at 2411 East Franklin Avenue, stated there was an eastbound car to his right that started up with him at the traffic signals on 15th Avenue. This car failed to slow up and let pedestrian cross, therefore, the pedestrian stepped back to avoid this car and in so doing stepped into the path of his car. The other car continued on without stopping.

OLE HAGEN (continued)

The deceased, critically injured was removed by ambulance to Minneapolis General Hospital where a diagnoses of head injuries and fracture of the pelvis were made. Sputum studies because of chest x-ray findings showed acid fast bacilli on smear so deceased was transferred to Glen Lake Sanatorium on December 22.

Transfer note from Minneapolis General Hospital indicates that deceased had regained consciousness and was oriented at time of transfer but the Glen Lake medical personnel say the deceased was comatose to poorly responsive on arrival and continued in that state, expiring at 3:45 p.m., December 25.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue at 2:00 p.m., December 26. This revealed a fractured pelvis; retroperitoneal hemorrhage; advanced coronary sclerosis; aortic stenosis; also calcification of the aortic valve noted. The pathologist felt there was little if any indication of tuberculosis, however, in his opinion, it was advisable to await completion of the microscopic examination before determining the cause of this man's death.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Mary; two sons, Clifford and Edwin; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Noyed and Mrs. Ida Ostvolden; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Police officers C. W. Larson and A. Aigner of squad T-515 were notified and attended the scene of the accident.

CORONER'S RECORD

1136

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME PATRICK STRINGER

Date of Death Fd. December 25

Place of Death Minnesota Soldiers Home

Autopsy

Dr. Russell J. Eilers

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$4.25; 1 billfold; 1 knife.

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 11-1-1895 Age 79

Birthplace Ireland

Occupation Laborer

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Names of Parents Patrick Stringer, Sr.
Helen Roley

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Arteriosclerotic heart disease

~~Accident~~

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Other effects listed
on Morgue Record

Place of Burial Hillside Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Albinson-Peterson Funeral Home
H. T. Elgeson, Fun. Dir.

Wright

Funeral Director Peterson's Funeral Home

Address

1838 Central Ave. N. E.

Social Security No. 708-12-0272

Veteran Yes WW I
~~No~~

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. Nels G. Mortensen of the Old Soldiers home at 7:20 p.m., December 25, 1954.

The deceased was an alcoholic who entered the home in July 1954. He had an old ankylosed hip joint due to a prior injury.

According to Harry A. Smith of Room 210, Building 8, he went to the bathroom about 7:00 p.m., December 25, 1954, and noted deceased sitting on commode. He returned to his room which was next to the bathroom and about five minutes later heard a thud from the bathroom. Upon investigation, he found the deceased lying on back on bathroom floor with scalp laceration, apparently expired. Dr. Nels G. Mortensen was summoned and the physician confirmed the man's death. Dr. Mortenson further states the deceased apparently had been drinking yesterday and today because he found an empty whiskey bottle under the cushion of chair at bedside of deceased.

PATRICK STRINGER (continued)

James Wentzel of same quarters as the deceased states the deceased had complained of severe back condition for several days and the deceased had been "hardly able to straighten up". The deceased had spent most of the day on his bed according to Wentzel and he had last seen the deceased alive after lunch at noon on December 25.

William Carroll of same quarters states he saw the deceased get up with much groaning between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. on December 25 and head for the bathroom.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the home and viewed the body. Deceased found lying on back with laceration on left side of scalp over left ear, fully clothed. There was no blood except under the deceased's head. There was no other evidence of external trauma visible on face or head.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on December 26. This revealed laceration and subgaleal hematoma of scalp, left temporoparietal region; bilateral pulmonary edema; severe coronary artery atherosclerosis; myocardial fibrosis; also slight left ventricular hypertrophy.

CORONER'S RECORD

1137

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME CHARLES H. OLSON

Date of Death December 25

Place of Death Swedish Hospital

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident 42nd St. near 27th Ave. S.

Effects Taken
in charge

None

Residence 4232-24th Avenue S.

Sex Male

Birthdate 10-1-1879 Age 75

Birthplace Wisconsin

Occupation Carpenter

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widower

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Ella W. Olson

Names of Parents Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Cerebral hemorrhage; hypertension;
arteriosclerosis; fracture of
pubic rami, right.

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Kaplan

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Swedish Hospital at 9:30 a.m., December 28, 1954.

According to the deceased's son, Verner H. Olson, the deceased was injured when he slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk on forty-second street just off 27th Avenue South, on December 12, 1954. The following day, December 13, the deceased was admitted to Swedish Hospital at 1:30 p.m. and placed under the care of Dr. Roy A. Lundblad. He failed to respond to hospital care, expiring at 9:15 a.m., December 25.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner viewed the body and death was attributed to cerebral hemorrhage; hypertension; arteriosclerosis; the fracture of the pubic rami, right, being a contributing factor.

CHARLES H. OLSON (continued)

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office with the exception of a son, Verner H. Olson, previously mentioned in this report.

CORONER'S RECORD

1138

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME OTTO O. JANICKE

Date of Death December 26

Place of Death	2734 Alma Place North	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	12-24-1889	Age	65
Birthplace	Berlin, Germany		
Occupation	Freight checker - Murphy Motor Co.		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Esther Janicke		
Names of Parents	Oscar and ? Janicke		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Glenhaven Memorial Cemetery Crystal Village Welande-Quist Co. 1200 West Broadway	Effects Released to	
Funeral Director		Address	

Wright

Social Security No. 468-05-7715

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance driver at 11:29 a.m., December 26, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased was a known coronary patient but he had not been seen by his private physician, Dr. Rudolph E. Hultkrans, for approximately one year.

On the morning of December 26, 1954, at approximately 11:10 a.m., the deceased suddenly collapsed at his residence and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the man's death.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the residence and viewed the body. Death

OTTO O. JANICKE (continued)

was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to the home, Officers Bloomquist and Johnson of squad 143 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Esther; son, Marvin, U. S. Air Force, Tokyo, Japan; sister, Mrs. Herbert (Erna) Janicke, Minneapolis; several sisters and brothers in Germany.

CORONER'S RECORD

1139

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HILMA INGRAHAM

Date of Death December 26

Place of Death 2437 Elliot Avenue S.

Autopsy No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken in charge None

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 7-30-1884 Age 70

Birthplace Sweden

Occupation Maid - Arcola Hotel

Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Husband or Wife Alexander A. Ingraham

Names of Parents Charles Hawkinson
Johanna Nelson

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary disease.

~~Accident~~

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Crystal Lake Cemetery

Effects Released to

Card

Funeral Director Welander-Quist Co.
1825 Chicago Ave.

Address

Social Security No. 473-01-1650

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:10 p.m., December 26, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased was operated on last spring by Dr. H. Peterson for carcinoma of the breast and has been in ill health since that time.

On the morning of December 26, 1954, deceased's son, Clarence Hanson, 5704-42nd Avenue South, attempted to call his mother about 11:00 a.m. but received no answer. Later in the day, at 9:40 p.m., he came over to his mother's house and found her sitting in a chair, fully clothed, apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene and upon arrival, the ambulance physician confirmed the woman's death.

Neighbor living in adjoining apartment states she heard no unusual noise. Kitchen light

HILMA INGRAHAM (continued)

in deceased's apartment was burning and the oven was lighted, apparently for heat. Deceased's coat, gloves and Christmas presents were lying on couch. From all appearances, it was felt the deceased expired during the night of December 25.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Body noted to be cold and rigor was present. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Gruman and Marx responding.

Survivors of the decedent include a daughter, Mrs. Marie Dunn of Anoka; son, Clarence Hansen, sister, Mrs. T. O. Maseline; brother, Carl Hawkinson, all of Minneapolis; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

1140

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME OLIVER NICHOLAI ENGER

Date of Death December 27

Place of Death 4057-44th Avenue S.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 1-6-1895 Age 59

Birthplace Hatton, N. Dak.

Occupation Upholsterer

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Ida M. Enger

Names of Parents
Olaf Enger
Dena Christiansen

CAUSE OF DEATH Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

E.J.

Funeral Director Albinson-Peterson Funeral Chapel

Address

Social Security No. 472-05-4116

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:15 a.m., December 27, 1954.

According to the deceased's family, he had been treating for heart condition for many years and has been taking nitroglycerine tablets, however, he has not been checked by a physician for several years.

This morning, December 27, 1954, the deceased was out in the garage. In some manner, a small fire started in some rubbish. He rushed into the house and told members of his family to get some water and put the fire out in the garage. Then he stated he was going to take one of his tablets. When they returned from the garage, the deceased had collapsed to the floor and apparently expired. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the residence. Upon arrival, the attending physician confirmed the man's death, death apparently occurring at about 8:45 a.m., December 27.

OLIVER NICHOLAI ENGER (continued)

A deputy coroner viewed the body at the home and death was attributed to coronary sclerosis. The remains were released directly to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Butler and Maynard responding.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Ida; two daughters and four sons. There are also five brothers; three sisters; and five grandchildren surviving.

CORONER'S RECORD

1141

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME JAMES HENNESSY

Date of Death December 27

Place of Death	St. Mary's Hospital	Autopsy Effects Taken in charge	No
Place of Accident			None
Residence	5249-45th Ave. S.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	2-11-1895 Age 59		
Birthplace	Lanesboro, Minn.		
Occupation	Stationary Engineer-Bd. of Education		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Husband or Wife	Agnes Hennessy James Hennessy		
Names of Parents	? Wren		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota, Minn.	Effects Released to	
E.J.	Funeral Director	Gill Brothers Fun. Chapel	Address

Social Security No. 477-20-6505

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. M. J. Jurdy at 3:45 p.m., December 27, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 27, 1954, the deceased became critically ill and the family called Dr. M. J. Jurdy. Dr. Jurdy ordered the deceased taken to St. Mary's Hospital where he was admitted at 2:10 p.m. that day. The man expired shortly after admittance and before the arrival of his physician, death occurring at 2:35 p.m., December 27.

It was stated, the deceased had been under the care of Dr. Jurdy for several years. About one year ago, the deceased had a stroke, however, he has been in fairly good health since that time. Dr. Jurdy had not seen the deceased personally for 9 months.

JAMES HENNESSY (continued)

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the hospital and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Agnes; son, James H. Hennessy, Minneapolis; one daughter, Mrs. Bert (Marjorie Ann) Westberg, Encino, Calif.; one brother, Joseph Hennessy, Lanesboro, Minnesota; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Nielsen, California and Mrs. Joseph Scanlon, Winona, Minnesota, and Mrs. Mary Ibach, Rochester, Minn.; also five grandchildren.

CORONER'S RECORD

1142

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME HAROLD H. BARTHEL

Date of Death December 27

Place of Death	Shell Oil Station Portland and Franklin Avenues	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$2.23; 3 keys; 1 billfold.
Residence	2212 Fifth Ave. S.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	1-3-1903 Age 51		
Birthplace	Wisconsin		
Occupation	Plumber		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Irene S. Barthel		
Names of Parents	Carl and ? Barthel		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Sunset Memorial Park	Effects Released to	Thomson Brothers Funeral Home by M. A. Thomson
E.J.	Funeral Director Thomson Brothers Funeral Chapel	Address	Minneapolis, Minn.

Social Security No. 468-01-8278

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 5:40 p.m., December 27, 1954.

On the afternoon of December 27, 1954, at approximately 4:40 p.m., the deceased, an employee of the Quinn Plumbing Company, came into the Shell Service Station, Portland and Franklin Avenues, to get gas, and immediately collapsed. A. Haerle, attendant, summoned a Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance. Upon arrival, the ambulance physician pronounced the man dead.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary sclerosis and the body was removed to the Hennepin County

HAROLD H. BARTHEL (continued)

Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

The police also received a call to investigate this case, Officers Fort and Shanahan of squad 118 responding.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Irene, and also one sister living in California.

CORONER'S RECORD

1143

Year 19 54

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME KATHERINE C. MEAGHER

Date of Death December 27

Place of Death 5808-36th Avenue N.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Female

Birthdate 8-17-1883 Age 71

Birthplace Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife William M. Meagher

Names of Parents Frank Pranderkast
Katherine McGinty

Natural Coronary sclerosis

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Place of Burial Calvary Cemetery,
St. Paul, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director Knaeble Funeral Home

Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Knaeble Funeral Home at 11:51 p.m., December 27, 1954.

The deceased and her husband lived with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scholl, at the above address. On the evening of December 27, 1954, she complained of feeling ill and Dr. Stanley P. Stone was summoned to the residence. The deceased, however, expired before the physician's arrival, death occurring at approximately 10:55 p.m.

It was stated, the deceased had previously been treated for coronary disease but not during recent months.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

KATHERINE C. MEAGHER (continued)

attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are her husband, William; one daughter, Mrs. Michael Scholl; two brothers, Frank N. Prendergast and Fred J. Cronin; two sisters, Eileen E. Whelan and Sarah A. Hennessy; two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Sandra.

CORONER'S RECORD

1144

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME BABY BOY NICCUM

Date of Death December 27

Place of Death	Route No. 2 Mound, Minn.	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	None
Residence	Same		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	32 weeks' Age gestation.		
Birthplace	Mound, Minn.		
Occupation	None		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Hus- band or Wife			
Names of Parents	Russel Alexander Niccum Harriet Sylvia Rieck		None except listed On Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural		
	Accident		
	Starve		
	Homicide		
	Undetermined		
Place of Burial		Effects Released to	
E.J.	Funeral Director	University of Minnesota	Address

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Doctor C. V. Carlson, Mound, Minnesota at 6:47 p.m., December 27, 1954.

According to Mr. R. A. Niccum, his wife had received no pre-natal care during her pregnancy. On the afternoon of December 27, 1954, Mrs. Niccum was lying on her bed resting while Mr. Niccum was in the kitchen preparing the evening meal for the six Niccum children. Mrs. Niccum states she turned over in bed, felt two sharp labor pains, and immediately the baby was spontaneously delivered. Dr. C. V. Carlson was called to the home and later removed the mother to the hospital at Waconia. The deceased, a fetus of 32 weeks' gestation, was stillborn, the birth occurring at about 6:00 p.m.

According to Mr. Niccum, his wife had had influenza about a week or ten days previous to this baby's birth and she stated she had not felt life for several days previous to

BABY BOY NICCUM (continued)

delivery. The father of deceased also states he did what he could to resuscitate the baby before the doctor's arrival but apparently it was futile.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue and later sent to the Anatomical Department of the University of Minnesota. A written and signed consent by Mr. Russel A. Niccum, father of the deceased, authorizing removal of the deceased's body to the University is on file in the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1145

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME ANDREW G. SIEGLE

Date of Death December 28

Place of Death	University Hospitals
Place of Accident	
Residence	Chaska, Carver County, Minn.
Sex	Male
Birthdate	6-17-1901 Age 53
Birthplace	Minnesota
Occupation	Farmer
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married
Name of Husband or Wife	Clara Tholen Siegle Simon Siegle
Names of Parents	Elizabeth Boll

Autopsy Effects Taken in charge	Dr. Lee Wattenberg None
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CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	
	Accident	
	Suicide	Purulent peritonitis due to gun shot wound of abdomen.
	Homicide	
	Undetermined	

Place of Burial	Catholic Cemetery, Carver, Minn.
Funeral Director	James H. Zamjahn, Chaska, Minn.

Effects Released to	
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Address	
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Social Security No.

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by University Hospitals at 10:15 a.m., December 28, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had been in ill health and his condition had been diagnosed as duodenal ulcers. Apparently he became despondent and on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1954, the deceased shot himself in the abdomen. He was taken to the St. Francis Hospital in Chaska and when his condition became progressively critical, he was transferred to University Hospitals, being admitted on December 6, 1954. A gastric resection was done on December 8 and there was additional surgery on December 21 and December 27. The deceased, however, failed to respond to hospital treatment, expiring at 8:50 a.m., December 28.

An autopsy was performed at the hospital at 1:00 p.m. on the date of death. This re-

CORONER'S RECORD

ANDREW G. SIEGLE (continued)

vealed purulent peritonitis; duodenal ulcer; coronary occlusion; also a fatty liver was noted.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1146

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME DANIEL A. AHLGREN

Date of Death Dec. December 28

Place of Death Garage - rear of 4652 Portland Ave.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

Dr. Russell J. Eilers

Place of Accident

None

Residence

4652 Portland Avenue

Sex

Male

Birthdate

7-24-1893 Age 61

Birthplace

Sweden

Occupation

Plumber - University of Minn.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Mabel Ahlgren

Names of Parents

Nils Ahlgren

Otilde Benson

CAUSE OF DEATH

Natural

Accident

Suicide

Homicide

Undetermined

Carbon monoxide poisoning;
coronary arteriosclerosis;
cholecystitis, chronic, and
cholelithiasis.

None except listed
On Morgue Record

Place of Burial

Lakewood Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Funeral Director

Welanders-Quist Co.
1825 Chicago Ave.

Address

Kaplan

Social Security No. 472-07-8129

Veteran ☒ Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 6:45 p.m., December 28, 1954.

According to the deceased's wife, Mabel Ahlgren, she had lunch with the deceased about 12:30 p.m., December 28, 1954. Shortly thereafter, she left home to visit friends, leaving the deceased at home alone. She returned about 5:15 p.m. and the deceased was not around, however, this was not unusual and she was not alarmed until about 6:00 p.m. when the daughter, Evelyn, arrived home and dinner was ready. She went to the garage to see if the car was in garage and found the deceased slumped over the wheel and left front door open. The Minneapolis Fire Department rescue squad was summoned to the residence and artificial respiration was applied, however, the deceased failed to respond.

A deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased found slumped over

Daniel A. Ahlgren (continued)

wheel of his car, a 1950 Ford, license No. FD 6842, that was parked inside of a double garage. Body of deceased was warm and emesis was noted on the seat beside deceased. Ignition key was on in the car but the motor was not running nor was it warm. It was stated, upon finding deceased in car that the garage door was slightly open.

Evelyn Ahlgren, daughter of deceased, stated the deceased had been treating with Dr. Youbert T. Johnson for an arthritic condition and had seen the physician about two weeks ago. The deceased had also been a patient in University Hospitals about three years ago, at which time he had received several blood transfusions; his condition at that time had been diagnosed as ulcers of the stomach.

The garage doors were the type that fold back vertically. Police officers reported that the gas tank was half full of gasoline. It was also stated the deceased was in the habit of going to garage to start the car during cold weather. The coroner talked with the deceased's daughter on January 6, 1955 at which time she stated her father was always in good spirits and there was never any manifestation of depression. There is no supportable information to establish suicidal intent. This being a double garage without a partition and no attempt being made to seal the doors, it is entirely probable that the deceased thoughtlessly started the motor to warm the engine without opening the doors.

An autopsy was performed at the Hennepin County Morgue on December 29. This revealed carbon monoxide poisoning; coronary atherosclerosis; chronic cholecystitis and cholelithiasis.

Police officers Sorensen and Schultz were notified and attended the scene of death. Detective Masica continued the investigation.

Survivors of the decedent are his wife, Mabel; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Taylor, San Mateo, California and Evelyn Ahlgren, Minneapolis; one sister and two brothers in Sweden; two grandsons also survive.

CORONER'S RECORD

1147

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME DONALD A. KENNEDY

Date of Death December 28

Place of Death Municipal Auditorium

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Effects Taken
in charge

\$137.20; 1 billfold; 1 Elgin watch;
13 keys.

Residence

539 Cross Street
Anoka, Minn.

Sex

Male

Birthdate

5-30-1897 Age 57

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Laborer - Highway Construction

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Single

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Richard Kennedy
Charlotte O'Keefe

Names of Parents

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Coronary disease

Place of Burial

Calvary Cemetery,
Anoka, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Mary Kennedy, Spec. Adm.

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Horejs Funeral Home,
Anoka, Minn.

Address

539 Cross St., Anoka, Minn.

Social Security No. 469-12-5310

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 9:04 p.m., December 28, 1954.

On the evening of December 28, 1954, the deceased attended the wrestling match at the Minneapolis Auditorium accompanied by Loretta Bow, 539 Cross Street, Anoka. About 8:55 p.m., the deceased walked out into the hallway and suddenly collapsed to the floor, apparently expiring. A Minneapolis General Hospital ambulance was summoned to the scene. Upon arrival, the physician in attendance confirmed the man's death which apparently occurred about 9:00 p.m.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Mattson and Shanahan

DONALD A. KENNEDY (continued)

of squad 118 responding.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

CORONER'S RECORD

1148

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME

LA VERNE MARJORIE (UMLAUF) TENTER

Date of Death

Fd. December 29

Place of Death

Wood Lake Motel, 67th & Lyndale Ave. S.
Richfield, Minn.

Autopsy

No

Place of Accident

Same

Effects Taken
in charge

\$1.00; 1 box misc. costume jewelry;
1 polaroid camera & flash gun; 1 life insurance
policy #22 587 887-\$35,520.00-N. Y. Life Ins.
Co.; misc. letters; 1 wrist watch (burned).

Residence

Dent, Ottertail County, Minn.

Sex

Female

Birthdate

10-22-1926 Age 28

Birthplace

Minnesota

Occupation

Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced

Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife

Lyle Tenter
Carl Umlauf

Names of Parents

Alberta Morton

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural
Accident
Suicide
Homicide
Undetermined

Place of Burial

Door Cemetery,
Dent, Minn.

Effects
Released to

Mrs. Mary Scheidecker, sister

Kaplan

Funeral Director

Henry W. Anderson Mortuary

Address

2915 E. 26th Street

Social Security No. 314-26-3069

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Richfield Police Department at 1:47 a.m., December 29, 1954.

The deceased lived in a trailer which she purchased last year at the Wood-Lake Motel and motor camp. According to the motel's record, the deceased had checked into the motor camp on November 6, 1954 with the intention of spending the winter months in the city and visiting her sister, Mrs. George Scheidecker, 2915 E. 26th Street, and also a brother, Marvin. It was stated, in the summer months she was employed at the Rocky resort at Star Lake, Dent, Minn.

In the early morning hours of December 29, 1954, fire broke out in the deceased's trailer home. At approximately 1:30 a.m., Mr. E. G. Davison, a resident of the motel, was

LA VERNE MARJORIE (UMLAUF) TENTER (continued)

awakened by the flickering of flames. He pulled on some clothes and ran to Bud's restaurant, 700 W. Sixty-sixth street, to call firemen. Two men, who had been drinking coffee in the restaurant, rushed to the scene with Davidson and attempted to rescue the deceased, however, both doors of the trailer were locked. They tried to fight the blaze with a garden hose but were unsuccessful. The deceased apparently was overcome by smoke and fire in seeking to escape. Her body was found lying on floor at the foot of her bed.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary. Examination of the body by a deputy coroner and subsequent chemical analyses of the blood revealed that death resulted from carbon monoxide poisoning and second and third degree burns of the body.

Survivors of the decedent are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Umlauf, Dent, Minnesota; sister, Mrs. George Scheidecker, and a brother, Marvin, both of Minneapolis, as previously mentioned in this report. There are also six other sisters and five additional brothers surviving.

Police officers Robert Eckstein and Raymond Nordstrom of Richfield Police Department were also notified and attended the scene of the accident.

CORONER'S RECORD

1149

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM OSCAR MORGAN

Date of Death Fd. December 29

Place of Death 2924 Third Avenue S.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence Same

Sex Male

Birthdate 8-26-1904 Age 50

Birthplace Bangor, Michigan

Occupation Inspector-Mpls. Honeywell Co.

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Married

Name of Hus-
band or Wife Eleanor Marthaler Morgan

Names of Parents Henry and ? Morgan

CAUSE OF DEATH { Natural
Coronary disease

~~Accident~~

~~Suicide~~

~~Homicide~~

~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Effects
Released to

Card

Funeral Director Devlin Funeral Home,
St. Paul, Minn.

Address

Social Security No. 475-05-0510

Veteran Yes WW II
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Police Department at 10:05 a.m., December 29, 1954.

The Minneapolis Honeywell Company called the deceased's place of residence on the morning of December 29, 1954 to inquire why the deceased had not reported for work. His landlady, Ellen Hayes, went to his room to check and found him lying in bed, dead, at 9:30 a.m.

According to the landlady, she had last seen the deceased alive on Christmas eve at which time he appeared intoxicated.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Deceased

WILLIAM OSCAR MORGAN (continued)

was found clothed in undershirt and shorts. He was lying in bed with the covers over him and a magazine under his head. Body was in an advanced state of decomposition and bloody froth was noted from mouth. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the body was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue before being released to a mortuary.

Survivors of the decedent are unknown to the Coroner's Office.

Police officer Petterson of squad 153 was notified and attended the scene of death.

CORONER'S RECORD

1150

Year 19⁵⁴

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME MYRTLE MAY HORTON

Date of Death December 30

Place of Death 4751 Upton Avenue S.

Autopsy
Effects Taken
in charge

No

None

Place of Accident

Residence 2511 Avenue A
Scotts Bluff, Nebraska

Sex Female

Birthdate 10-3-1881 Age 73

Birthplace Wisconsin

Occupation Housewife

Single, Married,
Widowed, Divorced Widow

Name of Hus-
band or Wife John D. Horton
Charles C. Gates

Names of Parents Lissette Meyer

CAUSE OF DEATH
Natural Coronary disease
~~Accident~~
~~Suicide~~
~~Homicide~~
~~Undetermined~~

Place of Burial Lakewood (cremation)

Effects
Released to

Card

Funeral Director Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by the Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel at 1:34 a.m., December 30, 1954.

The deceased, a Christian Scientist and a resident of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, had been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gates at the above address.

On the afternoon of December 29, 1954, the deceased and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gates, had been down town shopping. The deceased complained that she did not feel well. When she arrived home, she called a Christian Science practitioner. After their evening meal, she watched television until about midnight at which time she retired. She was unable to sleep and felt distressed, therefore, she got up and again called a practitioner.

About 1:20 a.m., December 30 she was being helped back to bed when she suddenly collapsed

MYRTLE MAY HORTON (continued)

and became unresponsive. Dr. Percy Ward was summoned to the home and upon arrival, he pronounced the woman dead.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the Gates residence and viewed the body. Death was attributed to coronary disease and the remains were released directly to a mortuary.

CORONER'S RECORD

1151

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME SIGLER A. COUCH

Date of Death December 30

Place of Death	In automobile - 42nd and Cedar Avenue	Autopsy	No
Place of Accident		Effects Taken in charge	\$15.50; 1 Zippo lighter; 1 glasses; 2 fountain pens; 1 tie pin; 1 diamond ring; 1 wrist watch (Gruen); 1 billfold; 1 knife; 1 notebook; 1 key; 1 checkbook; 1 NWA ID badge.
Residence	4801 Bloomington Avenue		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	4-1-1892 Age 62		
Birthplace	Sebree, Kentucky		
Occupation	Ass't. Director Internal Security- Northwest Air Lines		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Married		
Name of Hus- band or Wife	Mildred Couch		
Names of Parents	? Couch ? Hebbe		
CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural Accident Suicide Homicide Undetermined		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
Place of Burial	Lakewood Cemetery	Effects Released to	Welander Quist Company, by K. I. Thoreson, Fun. Dir.
E.J. Funeral Director	Welander-Quist Company 1825 Chicago Ave.	Address	1825 Chicago Ave., S.

Social Security No. 474-22-8101

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. William T. Anderson at 3:45 p.m., December 30, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased became ill in the office of Archie Caple, employee of the Northwest Airlines. He had complained of indigestion and called his personal physician, Dr. Roy Lundblad, who advised him to go to the hospital, and therefore, Mr. Caple was driving the deceased to the hospital. En route, the deceased's condition became critical and Mr. Caple left the deceased in the car at 42nd and Cedar and rushed to the office of Dr. William T. Anderson, 4200 Cedar Avenue, for help. However, the deceased expired while the physician was being summoned and was pronounced dead by Dr. Anderson at 3:30 p.m., December 30, 1954.

Upon being notified, a deputy coroner went to the scene and viewed the body. Death was

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attributed to coronary sclerosis and the remains were removed to the Hennepin County Morgue.

Survivors of the decedent include his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Mrs. Fritz Edmunds and Mrs. Olaf Aanestad, both of Minneapolis; and a brother, Jeff, also seven grandsons.

CORONER'S RECORD

1152

Year 1954

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME WILLIAM H. MOHR

Date of Death December 30

Place of Death	Parkview Hospital
Place of Accident	Oaks Rest Home 4147 Lyndale Avenue N.
Residence	3748 Major Ave., Robbinsdale,
Sex	Male
Birthdate	2-8-1868 Age 86
Birthplace	Iowa
Occupation	Bookkeeper
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Widower
Name of Husband or Wife	Nettie Mohr David Mohr
Names of Parents	Louisa Lehaan

Autopsy	No
Effects Taken in charge	None

CAUSE OF DEATH	Natural	
	Accident	Coronary disease; diabetes; fracture of left humerus.
	Suicide	
	Homicide	
	Undetermined	

Place of Burial	Crystal Lake Cemetery
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Effects Released to	
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Funeral Director	Swanson Mortuary
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Address	
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Social Security No. None

Veteran ~~Yes~~
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Dr. J. H. Schultz at 8:25 p.m., December 30, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased had incurred a fracture of the left arm in some manner at the Oaks Rest Home and was removed by ambulance to the Swedish Hospital for treatment, being admitted on August 4, 1954. He was attended by Dr. J. H. Schultz and was subsequently discharged from the hospital on August 31, 1954 and transferred to Parkview Hospital for convalescent care.

Following dinner on the evening of December 30, 1954, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the deceased was found, apparently expired, in his room. Dr. M. E. Erickson, an associate of Dr. Schultz, was summoned to the scene and upon arrival, he confirmed the man's death.

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It was stated, the deceased had history of diabetes.

A deputy coroner viewed the body. There was no evidence of other than natural death. Death was ascribed to coronary disease; diabetes and the fractured left humerus being contributing factors.

CORONER'S RECORD

1153

Year 19.....54.....

REINALD G. JOHNSON, M. D., Coroner

FULL NAME OLE S. PETERSON

Date of Death December 31

Place of Death	In ambulance en route to Minneapolis General Hospital	Autopsy Effects Taken in charge	Dr. Cornelia Van Prooyen
Place of Accident			\$1166.06; 1 mechanical pencil; 1 key.
Residence	244-13th Avenue S.		
Sex	Male		
Birthdate	1-9-1889 Age 65		
Birthplace	Iowa County, Wis.		
Occupation	Proprietor - restaurant		
Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced	Single		
Name of Husband or Wife			
Names of Parents	Anton Peterson Anna Torgerson		Other effects listed on Morgue Record
CAUSE OF DEATH	☒ Natural ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Homicide ☐ Undetermined		
Place of Burial	Fort Snelling National Cemetery	Effects Released to	Warren H. Johnson, Spec. Adm.
E. J. Funeral Director	The Albin Chapel	Address	1006 Builders Exchange, Mpls.

Social Security No.

Veteran Yes WW I
No

HISTORY:

This case was reported to the Coroner's Office by Minneapolis General Hospital at 5:45 p.m., December 31, 1954.

It was stated, the deceased was sitting in his home when he smelled smoke. Investigation revealed that fire had broken out in the coffee shop which he operated, located next to his home at 242 Thirteenth Avenue South. Fearing the fire might spread to his home, he rushed to the kitchen and grabbed a cookbook containing \$1166.00. Then, he rushed outside and apparently collapsed in front of his shop. A fire department rescue squad attempted to resuscitate the deceased and an ambulance was summoned. En route to Minneapolis General Hospital in an ambulance, the deceased expired, death apparently occurring at 5:15 p.m.

Body of deceased was removed to the Hennepin County Morgue where an autopsy was performed

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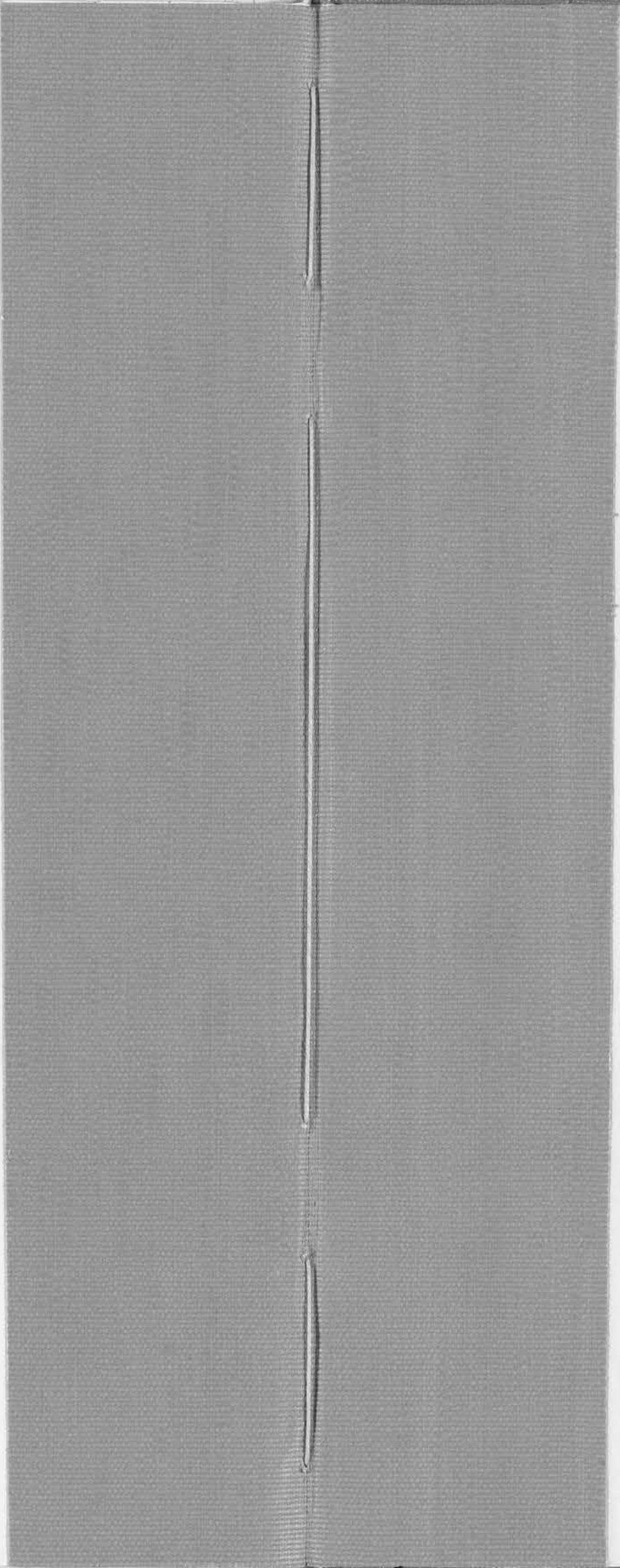
at 8:00 a.m., January 1. This revealed that death resulted from acute pulmonary edema and arteriosclerotic heart disease.

The police also received a call to investigate this death, Officers Elmore and Dols of squad 132 responding.

Survivors of the decedent include two sisters, Mrs. Frank Thourston, Miss Mary Peterson, Madison, Wis., and a brother, Simon, Minneapolis.

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