

[McNair, William K.]

Body of Man Is Found in Cistern
Funeral of Hartland Resident on Wednesday Afternoon

Coroner Frank T. Carmer of Newfane, yesterday afternoon issued a certificate of death by suicide, after the finding of the body of William K. McNair, 68, in a cistern at the rear of the family home in the Hartland road near Middleport. The body was discovered by a son, William Arthur McNair, of Lockport, after he had been notified that he father could not be found. The dead man, a painter by trade, had suffered a nervous breakdown following a long illness.

The elder McNair arose yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock and left the house. When his wife awoke she looked for him, and when he was not found, she notified her son. After conducting a search, he found his father's body in the cistern. The dead man is survived by his wife [Lois Welch McNair] and two other sons, Sherman D. and George W., Syracuse.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the home, with burial in Mountain Ridge cemetery. The Rev. C. C. [Charles Clare] Blauvelt¹ of the First Universalist church, Rochester, will officiate.

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¹ He was the former minister of the First Universalist Church of Middleport.