

HELD IN THE

Inquest upon the body of

Coroner's Office,

IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS,

NELLIE KRALEMANN

at 10:00 o'clock A. M. March 27th 1913

Examination by H. W. Fath,

Deputy Coroner.

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✓ (Jury Two Days)

F.W.Huf,
Official Stenographer

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-----NELLIE KRALEMANN-----

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APPEARANCES:
Wm. L. Fitzgerald, Esq., Counsel for State.

OFFICER JAMES DOWLING,
being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Dowling.
- Q And your address? A 5580 A Page Avenue.
- Q What District are you in? A 10th.
- Q Officer, did you make out the report of this case of this lady,
Mrs. Kralemann? A Yes, sir.
- (The Deputy Coroner reads the attached police report.)
- Q Officer, is that your report? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is that all the information you got? A Yes, sir; that is all
I got. I got that from the husband.
- Q Didn't he state what was the trouble? A He said she had been
troubled with kidney trouble for some time.
- Q Didn't he tell you what Dr. Keim said was the trouble?
A No, sir; he did not.
- Q That is all, Officer. --x--

DR. J. P. KEIM,

being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q What is your name? A J. P. Keim.

Q And your address? A 2033 Lynch, the office; 2044 Victor, my residence.

Q Doctor, what do you know concerning the cause of death of Mrs. Kralemann?

A I was called to the home Tuesday evening, somebetween five and six o'clock, and on arriving I examined the case. The temperature at the time was 100.8, pulse of about 100, respiration was slightly increased to 24, and she complained of severe pain in the lower part of her abdomen. Abdominal muscles were rigid; had been flooding for some few hours some. On gynecological examination found an abortion had been performed.

Q How often have you seen this patient, Doctor?

A Well, I packed the case that evening and I saw the case yesterday morning.

Q That the first time you saw this patient? A Yes, sir; first time.

Q How did these people come to send for you?

A The husband called me up. I treated him on a prior--for a cold.

Q You were acquainted with the family then?

A Yes, sir; with the husband.

Q What statement did this woman make to you, Doctor, Mrs. Kralemann, what did she say was the trouble, what happened to her?

A She didn't confide in me at all. All I learned she had something performed on her.

Q Did she say? A Yes, sir.

Q Said what? A Said something had been performed on her; induced abortion.

Q When did she tell you that, the first time that you called there?

A Yes, sir.

Q Anyone present hear that? A Why, the husband was there.

Q Well, did she state whether she had any other doctor or whether she had gone to some midwife? A She didn't state any name or any doctor. I was called yesterday morning about 6 o'clock. The husband called up. I went out and I called Dr. Frank. I mentioned Dr. Frank in consultation on the case.

Q Well, did you ask her why she had this done or why this was performed? A Why, she wouldn't answer any question in regard to that.

Q Have ^{they any} other children? A No, sir.

Q However, Doctor, from all the evidence and from your investigation there, there is no doubt that an abortion had been performed?

A Yes, sir, I know absolutely.

Q That is all.

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PAULINE WONDRAHECK,

being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q What is your name? A Pauline Wondracheck.

Q And your address? A 4049 North Newstead.

Q Are you related to these parties? A I was a good friend to the lady, a dear friend; that is all.

Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.

Q Now, state what you know about this case, Mrs. Wondracheck.

A All I know is I was sent for Tuesday. She sent for me and said she was sick, would I come over and stay with her.

Q Tuesday this week?

A Yes, sir; day before yesterday; and I asked her what was the matter, and she said, oh, I don't know. She said, Mrs. Wondracheck, I am awful sick. I said, where are your pains, and she said, all over. So I said, shall I rub you, and she said, yes, and so I took liniment and rubbed her back and limbs, and I took towels and applied hot towels to her stomach and back. Then she suffered all afternoon like that until about five o'clock, little after. Then I said, I will have to go; there was no one with her.

Q Did she complain of very severe pains in her abdomen?

A Yes; that is mostly where the pains are, and her back, she said, too.

Q What else did she tell you, Mrs. ~~Kxxxxxxx~~ Wondracheck?

A She didn't tell me anything else. I asked her, I said, only tell me what it is. I said, is it anything serious, I will get a doctor. She said, no, I will be all right. She said, I just feel bad all over. I don't know where my pains are worse. So I said, I will telephone for your husband. I have children coming home from school.

Q Were you present when the doctor came? A I just left.

Q Did you hear the statement she made to the doctor?

A No, sir, I did not; I went to put on my rubbers and coat and hat and then I left, I was late then.

Q Did you stay until the doctor had left? A No, sir, I did not; I went home.

Q Didn't she tell you at all what she had done?

A No, sir; I asked her to tell me, and she said- she wouldn't tell me anything. I said, did you take anything? She said, no, she wouldn't tell me anything. I told her I would go over before Harry went to work and stay until tomorrow, and when I got over there she was dead.

Q You say you saw her Tuesday?

A Yes, sir, I was there Monday and Tuesday. I called there Monday just to see how she was, and she said she wasn't feeling well, and I said, if you aren't feeling well and I haven't anything to do tomorrow I will come over.

Q When did you see her before Monday?

A Well, the weekbefore that Sunday, she was at my house. They were there to dinner. That was the last I seen of her until Monday when I went over.

Q Did she say anything then? A No; she never said anything then.

Q Had she been feeling badly?

A Oh, yes; she had stomach trouble and her kidneys were bad. She was a neighbor of mine, oh, about two years, and she always did, she used to get hysterical spells at times.

Q Did she tell you she was in a delicate condition? A No, sir; she did not.

Q Never mentioned that to you? A No, sir; she never mentioned it.

Q Did she say she didn't want any children?

A No; she loved children. No, she wouldn't tell me that. I was a good friend of hers, but she was deep.

Q That is all.

HARRY KRALEMANN,

being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Q What is your name? A Harry Kralemann.

Q And your address? A 4149 A West Belle.

Q And what do you do, Mr. Kralemann? A I am a railroad clerk, sir.

Q This your wife, Nellie Kralemann? A Yes, sir.

Q How old was she? A She was almost 24 years old.

Q How long have you been married? A Since February 5th.

Q Of this year? A Yes, sir; of this year.

Q Now, state what you know about this case, Mr. Kralemann, what was the trouble with your wife? A Why, about two weeks ago, she complained about having backache, awful backache, and continually paining her, and she was taking home remedies and everything, don't you know, until finally yesterday morning or night before last, between 4 and 6 o'clock, they called me from the office. So I called up Dr. Keim. The doctor waited on me several occasions, and I called up Dr. Keim and he came out there, and she seemed to be relieved after she got the first dose of medicine. The next morning about three o'clock she began hollering with pains in her back.

Q What kind of home remedies had she been using?

A She used turpentine, hot toddies and everything for the cramps in her stomach and calomel and everything.

Q Do you know whether she had gone to any doctor before?

A No, sir; not to my knowledge.

Q Did she go anywhere? A Not to my knowledge, no, sir.

Q Did you know she was in a delicate condition?

A Yes, sir; I knew that. I knew it before we got married. She often mentioned to me she had those pains in her back.

Q I mean, did you know she was in a family way?

A Oh, yes, sir; she told me she was taking some of this medicine to draw that on.

Q To bring that on? A Yes, sir.

Q You were intimate with her then before you were married?

A No, sir; I don't understand.

Q Did you have any intercourse with her? A No, sir.

Q You say you were only married since February?

A Only married since February.

Q Now, when the doctor got there, Dr. Keim, what did he tell you was the trouble?

A Why, he told me that acute kidney trouble was the cause.

Q What else? A That was all; and that she couldn't pass urine, don't you know.

Q And didn't he tell you anything else, that had happened to your wife? A No, sir; that was all.

Q Were you there when she told the doctor that she had something performed? A I never heard a word. I didn't hear a word like that. Didn't tell the doctor she had anything performed or that she tried to do something.

Q How did you know that your wife was pregnant?

A Why, she told me herself.

Q Just simply because she didn't come around? A Just because she didn't come around.

Q How often did she miss, did she say? A No, sir.

Q Once or twice since you were married? A Why, this is the first time. She came around right before we got married.

Q And didn't come around any more after that? A No, sir, not after that.

Q So that was the only thing made you believe she was pregnant?

A Yes, sir.

Q Well, now, didn't you hear her say to the doctor that she had something performed? A No, sir; I never heard a word.

Q Did she every tell you she was going somewhere to have this brought about? A No, sir; I forbid her to do that.

Q Did she ever state she didn't want any children so soon?

A She did state that, yes, sir; but by trying to use home remedies she thought probably she would bring that on herself.

Q Do you know whether your wife was acquainted with any midwife?

A None to my knowledge.

Q Now, Mr. Kralemann, your wife stated to the doctor that she had something performed, and the doctor stated that she died from a peritonitis which was due to an abortion performed.

A I don't know anything about that. I never heard anything pass like that.

Q She told the doctor that and the doctor made an examination and found such to be the case. Do you know of any midwife she had gone to?

A No, sir, not to my knowledge.

Q That is all.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
CITY OF ST. LOUIS

Tenth DISTRICT

March 26, 1913.

Col. William Young,
Chief of Police.

#1750

Sir:-

About 10:45 O'clock this a.m. Nellie Kraleman, 24 years old, married, residing with her husband Harry Kraleman, at 4149 West Belle Place, died at her home at above number without medical attendance. Her husband states that he called Dr. J.P. Keim, of 2033 Lynch street last night.

Her husband was present when she died. The body is at above number.

Witnesses: Paulina Wondracheck, 4049 N. Newstead ave.
Dr. J.P. Keim, 2033 Lynch st.

Witnesses have been notified to be in the Coroners office at 9 O'clock a.m.

the 27th inst.

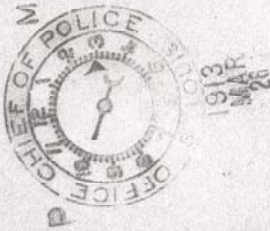
Offr. Dowling.

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Respectfully,

G. H. Reynolds
Capt. Comd'g Dist.

Copy forwarded to the
CORONER,
for his information.



POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

Upon the body of Nellie Kralesman

AGE	COLOR	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
23 yrs.	white.	female	5ft. 6in.	130 lbs.	brown.	brown.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: *Body Embalmed. Skin a bluish red discoloration due to decomposition.*

RIGOR MORTIS: *Present.*

SCALP: *Normal.*

SKULL: *Normal.*

BRAIN: *Congested*

MEMBRANES OF BRAIN: *Congested.*

SPINE AND SPINAL CORD: *Spine normal. Spinal cord at cervical section normal.*

PLEURAL CAVITIES: *Normal.*

LUNGS: *Congested most marked in posterior portion.*

HEART: *Normal.*

PERICARDIAL CAVITY: *Normal.*

ARTERIES: *Aorta greatly discolored by post mortem decomposition also lining of arteries a redish brown color showing evidence of acute endarteritis.*

ABDOMINAL CAVITY:

Filled with embalming fluid.

PERITONEUM:

Highly congested and inflamed. All evidence of an

STOMACH:

acute peritonitis present.

Stomach: Normal, but punctured by embalmers trocar

INTESTINES:

Congested.

LIVER:

Congested.

SPLEEN:

Enlarged, congested and soft.

PANCREAS:

Congested.

KIDNEYS:

Congested.

BLADDER:

Normal.

UTERUS:

Three times its normal size lining of fundus of uterus irregular and rough also debris of placental tissue which has

OVARIES:

an offensive odor.

Ovaries: Congested. Corpus luteum present in left ovary.

REMARKS:

All evidence of recent evacuation of uterus present. Endometrium of uterus inflamed. Offensive discharge oozing from uterine os.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Acute Peritonitis due to Abortion.

Held at

1416 N. Taylor Ave

at

1 P.

M

March 27, 1913.

By Dr.

D. F. Mack Hunter.

at the request of Jules Baron, M. D., Coroner.

Louis R. Padberg.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

day of

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Deputy Coroner.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, } SS.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

At an Inquisition Indented, Taken at Cosme's Office
in the City of St. Louis on the 28th day
of March 1913 before me N. W. Fath Deputy Coroner of the
City aforesaid, upon the view of the body of Helie Kralemann

AGE	SOCIAL CONDITION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE
23	Married	Ill's.	Housewife	#149 N. Beebe Place

then and there lying dead, and upon a full investigation of the facts in the case and hearing the evidence, I find that the deceased came to her death on the 26th day of March 1913, at about 10-00 o'clock A. M. at residence, from Acute Peritonitis, following an abortion at the hands of party unknown to the jury.
Homicide

Jurors.

- R. Grammel
- Benj. Fisher
- A. J. Fischer
- Phu J. O'Meara
- Wm. Schwarz
- F. M. Bolz

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the aforesaid Deputy Coroner has to this Inquisition put his name, at the place and on the day and year first above mentioned.

N. W. Fath Deputy Coroner. *Seal*

J. R. G.