

T.R. Write-up of Death of Annie Weise

MURDER MOST FOUL

ANNIE WIESE A YOUNG GIRL BRUTALLY BUTCHERED SAT. NIGHT

BEATEN, STABBED -HER THROAT CUT WHILE GOING HOME FROM A NEIGHBORS
HER MURDERER NOT YET LOCATED-A REJECTED LOVER SUSPECTED-A FRIGHTFUL DEED
DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF MISS ANNIE WIESE NEAR GREEN MOUNTAIN

Just a little after 10:00 o' Clock Sat. night by the hands of a person or persons unknown Miss Annie Wiese was murdered in a most cold blooded and brutal manner. She had been beaten around the head by a maple club. There were a number of stabs in her breast & back and her throat had been cut from ear to ear. At this writing there is only a slight clue as to the perpetrators of this dreadful crime and officers everywhere are on the quivive. The murdered girl was about 20 or 22 years of age of German parentage, her father & mother living a short distance north of Gladbrook. She had been working for about twelve weeks in the family of Henry Russie, a prosperous and respected farmer who lives three miles and one mile east of Green Mountain. Miss Wiese is spoken of as a quiet steady, industrious girl.

Sat. eve. she spent at the home of Arthur Hail, half a mile south of the Russie's. At 10 o' Clock she started home alone. In a few minutes, Mr Russie heard three frightened screams and hastened in the direction of the sound. About half between his house and Hails he came upon the girl's body, lying on the back side of the road, in a ditch, left by graders. Russie tho't she had probably fainted and sent his son who had accompanied him to Hail's for help. Mr Hail soon came & discovered that her throat was cut and the girl dead. Russie had heard two loud groans when he was about twenty rods from the body which was probably the last sounds uttered by the murdered one.

Neighbors were notified at once and great crowds were soon surrounding the whole countryside in vain search for the brutal butcher. Three bloody pieces of a thick maple club were found beside the girl's body. The stabs in her breast and back & the cuts in her throat had evidently been made with an ordinary knife. Beside the road where the body lay was a slough, grown up with tall weeds. East of the body, just inside the fence, the weeds were trampled down as if some had been lying there. On one fence wires were the prints of bloody hands as if the assassen had sought safety in the slough which extended for several miles. The grass around the body as beaten to the ground & saturated with blood, but there was no other evidence of a struggle and the girl's clothes were not mussed or torn. She had not been criminally assaulted. In one hand she had hair tightly clenched, but it is of a brownish color very like hers which it may have been.

Sheriff Pence and Coroner David in this city were summoned at 1 o' clock by a telegram from Green Mountain & were at the scene of the crime soon after 2:00 o' clock yesterday morning.

Myrtle Hunt tells of hearing about Annie Weise death when a little girl. It happened Aug. 26, 1893. Throat cut from ear to ear. 19 stabs in her body. She worked for her Aunt when killed. She visited Hail family. She was 20 years old and was a nice person her parents lived near Gladbrook.

(Shirley note the different spelling of Weise & Wiese. In the later write-ups that Myrtle Hunt had they spelled it Weise but all the copying done from early write-ups in T.R. I must have copied correctly & spelled Wiese.)