

INQUIRY OF MURDER IS STILL UNDER WAY

To Further Examine King Neighbors, Is Report.

DETECTIVES STILL BAFFLED

And Solution of Mystery Appears As Great Enigma As Ever Before

That Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. King, next-door neighbors of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, wife of Valentine N. Brandon, who was slain in her home on Second street on Wednesday of last week, will be further examined by the detectives and other authorities who have been working on the case, some time this afternoon, is probably the most important development in the mysterious tragedy that came to light today.

It is stated on authority that Mr. and Mrs. King, who have been on a brief visit to relatives in Washington, their former home, would return to Annapolis some time early this afternoon, and they will appear before the police officials probably in the office of Sheriff Sullivan at the Court House.

The corps of detectives are endeavoring to clear up every iota of the maze of conflicting reports that have been brought to their attention and tending to have some bearing on the horrible murder, and it is said they wish to question Mr. and Mrs. King on certain points which have not heretofore been inquired into. Mr. and Mrs. King, it is said, willingly consented to come to the city and appear before the authorities.

In the meantime, it further became known that the investigating authorities are still in doubt as to who committed the brutal murder. The multitude of reports that have been in circulation ever since the crime was discovered, coupled with others that crop up from time to time, seem to have greatly garbled the case, and the solution of the mystery appears to be as much of an enigma today as it has ever been. From reliable sources it is learned that the authorities have not eliminated anyone from possible guilt owing to the circumstances surrounding the tragedy. In other words, it is stated they still have certain persons under surveillance.

The chain of circumstantial evidence that has been woven about the negro John Snowden has every semblance as tending to indicate the negro's connection with the murder, but he has made so many conflicting statements of his movements on the day of the affair, both during his grilling here, and since his incarceration in Baltimore, that considerable doubt now attaches to whether or not he is guilty. Furthermore, certain other evidence has been picked up here and there about the city that would appear to lift the element of strong suspicion now resting on the negro. And besides, there is an almost general belief among residents of the city, white and colored, that Snowden is innocent and further, that the crime is not the act of a negro.

It is realized that there are more or less bad characters among the negro population of the city, but many persons have pointed to the fact that a negro would hardly enter the home of a white man in broad daylight, and in a thickly settled section of the city, and commit such a brutal act.

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or colored man. Furthermore, Mr. Williams has borne an excellent reputation ever since he took up ministerial work here.

According to the Wallace negroess, Snowden remained in the house until late Wednesday afternoon, when he went to the front porch. She said they were sitting on the porch about 5.30 o'clock, when they heard several persons talking about Mrs. Brandon being found dead. Questioned closely about Snowden's attitude, the woman was positive that he showed little interest in the excitement and that he did not leave the porch.

Snowden admitted that what Edna Wallace said was true.

"Why did you say that Edna scratched you?" sharply asked Marshal Carter, but Snowden did not answer.

Snowden was also questioned about the crumpled \$1 note that he tendered in payment for a drink of liquor in an Annapolis saloon. He said he had carried the money with him from his home.

Died of Shock, Autopsy Shows.

The autopsy performed upon Mrs. Brandon's body in the Emergency Hospital at Washington, Tuesday night, proved that she died from shock. Her scalp was cut, but the skull was not fractured. Photographs of the body in possession of the police plainly show the bruises on her legs, and where the fingernails of her assailant sunk into her throat.

Headquarters Detective Dougherty was present at the post-mortem examination, which was made by four surgeons. Five of Mrs. Brandon's fingernails were removed. Under the nails were found, according to the surgeons, particles of a negro's skin. Two hairs were found to have been scratched off with the skin. The skin when examined under a microscope, according to Dougherty, could be plainly seen to be the cuticle of a negro.

The climax of Snowden's grilling came when Deputy Marshal House recounted to Snowden the many lies he had been trapped in, how he had been seen at the Brandon home, and how he looked up and down the street when he emerged from the areaway leading to the Brandon home.

"I jes stopped to look, that's all, I wasn't in the house. I was jes between the two houses," cried the negro.

Snowden told the Deputy Marshal that he didn't want to go back to Annapolis if he could stay in Baltimore. He was taken to the Central Police Station and put under guard. According to Marshal Carter, a final attempt will be made to "break" Snowden today.

M. H. MAGRUDER A BENEDICT

Prince George Attorney Takes Miss Mittie Hall For Youthful Bride

Springtime and autumn were united when the wedding of Miss Mittie Hall, about seventeen, became the bride of Mr. M. H. Magruder.

The wedding took place Wednesday evening at Upper Marlboro in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Hall, and the groom, Mr. Mercer Hampton Magruder, has been twice State's Attorney for Prince George's county and a member of the Democratic State Central Committee.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph A. Cunnare, of St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore, assisted by the Rev. Frank J. Laughren, pastor of St. Mary's Church, in the presence of a large gathering. The bride was attired in white satin trimmed with pearls. Miss Mazie Hall, sister of the

Regardless of the testimony of two negro women who claim to have seen Snowden leave the Brandon residence between 11 and 12 o'clock last Wednesday morning, other evidence has been gathered to show that Snowden was at his home in Acton Lane between noon and 1 o'clock on the day of the murder, and appeared to be perfectly calm and composed. And the murder is not regarded here as the work of a few minutes. Here in Annapolis little attention is paid to the varying statements that the accused negro has made to the police officials in course of his examination at the hands of the detectives in Baltimore. The police, it has been frequently stated, expected a confession from the negro, but all along he has stoutly protested his innocence. So there is the puzzle, for as a general rule a negro breaks down when he is submitted to the third degree methods of examination.

Another point which developed today was the mention of the name of a man in the case, who has not heretofore been spoken of, as a possible suspect, and it is stated that this party is also under surveillance, pending the clearing up of certain points.

In connection with the investigation of the mystery certain statements have been published in some of the newspapers, which, by the way of insinuation, have cast reflection upon the Rev. E. S. Williams, a colored minister who is pastor of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, whose home is in the neighborhood of the Brandon residence. These matters, which came to the attention of the authorities, and they let it be known today that Mr. Williams is above all element of suspicion of having made any conflicting statements. On the contrary, they state he is aiding them in every possible way in the efforts to run down the criminal, be he a white

a large gathering. The bride was attired in white satin trimmed with pearls. Miss Mazie Hall, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and C. C. Magruder, Jr., brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bridesmaids were the Misses Eugenia Hall, Florence Hall, Helen B. Slingstaff, Maybeth Bowling and Mittie P. Bowling. The ushers were Thomas N. Magruder, Arthur H. S. Magruder, James B. Berry, Frank H. Hall, Claude H. Owings and C. A. Wells.

A reception followed at Bowling Heights, the home of J. Domonick Bowling, uncle of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Magruder left for a trip to the Pacific Coast via the Canadian Rockies. Upon their return they will reside at the bridegroom's country home outside of Marlboro.

"PRIMROSE" SOLD

Beautiful Country Estate Of W. Meade Holladay Sold To Kenneth Corner of Cleveland, O.

A real estate transfer of more than passing interest was finally consummated this morning, when "Primrose," the attractive home of Mr. William M. Holladay, was sold to Mr. Kenneth Corner of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Corner will, it is understood, take possession immediately, having already practically completed his plans to transfer himself and his family to their new home. The consideration involved in the sale is reliably understood to be \$30,000.

"Primrose" is an unusually attractive homestead of two hundred acres, improved by a comfortable and modernized brick house with baths, electric lights and many of the city conveniences. Modern barns and dairy buildings are also included in the sale.