

Mixup Bared in Identification Of Bus Victim

Body Held to Be Bedford Man's Found To Be Another

A doubt was cast on identification of male victims of the Greyhound bus disaster today when it was positively established that a body identified as a Bedford druggist known to be on the bus was that of another Bedford man.

Fingerprints and dental charts definitely have established that the body claimed and buried as Vernon Ray Trisler was that of 24-year-old Maurice Adamson. The mixup in bodies came as a second tragedy to the families of both men and posed a legal problem for Monroe Coroner Robert E. Lyons who released the body on the faulty identification.

Out of Jurisdiction

The body is now buried in Lawrence County, out of Coroner Lyons' jurisdiction. The family of Mr. Adamson has demanded that the coroner recover the body. However, since his power ends at the county line and since he signed the release authorizing the Trisler family to claim and bury the victim, it might develop that he is powerless to do this.

In Indianapolis today Mrs. Elsie Adamson, widow of the victim, said she had been told recovery of the body was "between me and the Trisler family."

"I don't feel this way," she added. "They released Maurice's body when they knew it wasn't Mr. Trisler. I feel it's up to the coroner and the state police to recover the body."

She referred to the statement of a Bloomington dentist that he had compared dental charts of the body with Mr. Trisler's Army records and definitely established they were not the same man. However, the body was later released despite his ruling.

The identification came into question when Mrs. Adamson returned from a visit to Illinois and learned her husband had been missing since the night before 16 persons burned to death in the Greyhound near Bloomington. She found his house key in the effects of wreck victims.

Obtain Dental Charts
Authorities then obtained dental charts of Mr. Adamson from the Veterans Administration. They also compared his Army fingerprints to prints still discernible on the tightly clenched left hand of the charred body. Both tests confirmed the identification.

Coroner Lyons today said he was studying the law and that he would institute some effort to recover the body. In Bedford, relatives of Mr. Trisler agreed that the body they buried might be another man but said they had positively established that Mr. Trisler was on the bus and that he was not a survivor.

Since officials had one body "left over" after identifications were completed, there was a possibility that there might be another misidentified victim.

This was suggested by Mrs. Adamson, who said she believed the body buried as unidentified in a Bloomington cemetery might be that of a known victim, whose family mistakenly claimed the body of Mr. Trisler.

"I just feel as if that man belongs to someone who claimed Mr. Trisler's body and left the Trisler's that of my husband," she said.

The identifications were made largely through personal effects and dental charts. No bone experts were called into establish age of victims and in many cases the identity rested on slender clues.

LATITUDE INDICATOR
The North Star always is as many degrees above the horizon as there are degrees in the latitude of your point of observation on earth.

Watchdogs of the County's Purse Strings Find Time to Smile



Pictorial history has been made. This is probably the first and only time on record when watchdogs of the county's purse strings found time to smile during their usually solemn sessions. The "joke" must have been funny to make Paul Clark (seated at head of table) break into a smile. Mr. Clark always keeps a glum eye on taxpayers' pocketbook. Seated (left to right) Walter Horn, Indianapolis Taxpayers' Association; Frank Higemeier, Ron Mannon, county councilmen; Carl R. Dorich, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce; County Auditor Ralph Moore; Mr. Clark; Louis W. Fletcher, county treasurer; A. Jack Tilson, county clerk; Victor R. Jose Jr., county assessor; Frank H. Fairchild, and Donald F. LaFuze, councilmen.

None Too Friendly Spinster Bequeaths \$200,000 Estate

Demands That Her Life-long Home On N. Illinois St. Be Torn Down at Once

Miss Anna M. Mortland lived quietly with her relics and memorabilia in the pre-Civil War house at 427 N. Illinois St., built by her father, Alexander Mortland, an Indianapolis pioneer settler.

Miss Mortland died last Friday, and to the amazement of most neighbors, with whom she was "never too friendly," left a will estimated at "more than \$200,000."

The will, which was filed yesterday in Probate Court, revealed for the first time, that the little spinster, whose age no one knew, and who died as she had lived—quietly—was a landowner of considerable means.

Most to Charity

In her will, Miss Mortland, who died in the home where she was born, bequeathed most of her estate to charitable institutions.

One of the stipulations in the will, requested that "no notorietry be given my passing."

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