

Brother And Sister Both Found Dead

Eugene Coleman, 78, Noted
As Member of H.H.S.'s
1st Football Team

Eugene Coleman, 78, and his sister, Anna, 84, were found dead yesterday morning in their home at 119 Water Street, believed the victims of heart attacks suffered last Saturday.

The discovery was made about 8:45 a. m. by a neighbor, Mrs. Cornelius Miller, who became concerned because she had seen nothing of the Colemans for several days and entered their house thru the unlocked front door to investigate.

Mr. Coleman was distinguished as a member of Hackettstown High School's first football team, the Tiger squad formed in the fall of

1897. He was graduated the following June and later attended Lafayette College.

Neighbors said the Colemans had lived somewhat in seclusion in recent years by their own preference and for that reason their deaths were not discovered sooner.

Police Chief Orville B. Cox, who was called to the scene by Mrs. Miller, reported that Miss Coleman's body was slumped partially under a bed in a second-floor room, and he conjectured that she had suffered an attack and fallen, hitting her head on the iron frame of the bed. Her brother's body lay on its back in the upstairs hallway with the feet in the bedroom near. Chief Cox said it appeared that Mr. Coleman was attempting to help his stricken sister when he also suffered a fatal attack. It was known that he had been subject to heart trouble, the Chief said. Both bodies were fully clothed.

Permission to remove the bodies to the Cochran Funeral Home was granted by Dr. Neumann C. Marlett of Belvidere, county physician, who later made an examination at the morgue. He attributed the deaths to heart attacks and estimated both victims had been dead since May 4.

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NAME: Anna Coleman and Eugene Coleman

DATE OF DEATH: About May 4, 1957 (see obituary)

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