

Redman, Elmer E

The body of Elmer E. Redman (1867-1950), 82, was found floating in the St. Johns River about 11 o'clock this morning by Raymond Reid, who was fishing.

Redman, in a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wimberly of Johnson, stated that he was going to end it all due to ill health. The letter was postmarked at Palatka, Feb. 3, at 2:30 p.m., and reached the Wimberlys Saturday.

The letter explained that he (Redman) was hopelessly ill with bladder trouble and that he was going into the St. Johns River near the old Cypress Mill. He enclosed \$12.00 in the letter and concluded with "hope to meet both of you in Heaven." He signed the letter E. E. R.

The Witt Funeral Home took the body from the river but by request of Redman, Davis Funeral Home will handle arrangements for the funeral which have not been set yet.

Redman has been a winter visitor at the Wimberly home in Johnson since 1931 and for ten and a half years has lived with them prior to ill health compelling his entering the Putnam County Nursing Home where he has been for the past six months.

Last Wednesday the ill man visited the Wimberlys and attempted to drown himself in a lake near their home. However, he was prevented from this and returned to the nursing home Wednesday night, Wimberly said.

Friday afternoon, shortly after lunch he disappeared and was not seen again alive.

Redman was a native of Lancaster, Ohio and his only known relatives are two nephews and a niece living at Cleveland, Ohio.

He was seen fishing in the vicinity of Wilson's Mill site Friday morning.

Justice of the Peace C. R. Kemp viewed the body and in view of the evidence, deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Palatka Daily News Obituary Monday, 7 Feb 7 1950.

Graveside rites for Elmer Redman, whose body was found floating in the St. Johns River Monday, were held at 11 a.m. today at the Johnson Cemetery under the direction of W. Carl Davis & Son. Rev. H. G. Hogarth was the officiating minister.

The deceased was a native of Jerry City, Ohio, born there on March 3, 1867, and his only known survivors are two nephews and a niece who reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

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