

MURDERED AND HER BODY BURIED

A Woman's Corpse Dug Up in a Camden Cellar.

Her Murderer Escaped Across the Delaware.

The Victim's Skull Beaten In With a Hammer—A Search by Neighbors Which Led to the Discovery of the Body—Witnesses Arrested.

Ella Ford, a twenty-two-year-old colored woman, of 809 Locust street, Camden, was found murdered at 9:20 o'clock last evening. Her skull was badly fractured about two inches over the nose, and five ghastly, gaping hammer wounds were found about the head.

The supposed murderer is George Morris, a 65-year-old colored man, for whom the dead girl has kept house for three months. He has not yet been arrested.

Charles Wesley Law, of 807 Locust street; Rebecca Price, of 106 Pine street; Ella Price, a sister of Rebecca, doing housework in Philadelphia, and William Johnson are all under arrest as witnesses and possible accessories to the crime. All the prisoners are colored.

The Search for the Body.

Officer Casper Hart was notified on Cherry street at 9 o'clock by one of the Price girls, who was accompanied by several neighbors, that Ella Ford was missing. Ella Price said she had come over from Philadelphia to visit Miss Ford, and finding the house shut up, she, with others, forced the door. In the cellar-way a small hammer, shaped like a blacksmith's sledge, and the handle of a tin bucket were found, both smeared in blood.

Officer Hart at once went to the house. In the corner of the back kitchen he found some bloody skirts. Charles Law led the way down into the cellar, where there was evidence that the earth had been disturbed in one corner.

After digging with a shovel only a few inches beneath the surface the officer came upon the torn portion of a dress, and a few seconds later excavated the dead body of the missing girl.

Officials at the Scene.

Coroner Jeffries, Chief of Police Dodd, Lieutenant Foster, Assistant Prosecutor Ridgway and County Physician Iszard were soon on the scene. Their questioning led to the arrest of the witnesses.

But little could be learned of the whereabouts of the murderer or of the history of his victim. The Price girls and Law seemed to know more about the crime than they cared to tell. They claimed that the house had been shut up since Wednesday, and that Morris had been seen leaving the place yesterday.

Escaped Across the River.

William Johnson, one of the witnesses under arrest at the City Hall, says he wheeled a trunk down to the Federal street ferry in a push-cart for George Morris yesterday afternoon, and Morris took it across the river. The Philadelphia authorities were notified, but only a meagre description of the murderer could be furnished.

After the body had been excavated it was carried up stairs and examined by County Physician Iszard. Death was evidently due to the hammer wounds on the head. There were no other marks of violence on the body, which was removed to the Morgue.

The theory of the police is that Morris killed the woman in a quarrel prompted, probably, by jealousy. The county detectives were hunting for him last night in this city.