

Johnstown Tribune

Tuesday, July 28, 1911

PREFER CHARGES AGAINST TWO IN CRESSON MYSTERY

Widow of Slain Man Charged with Bigamy; Daughter Under Indictment

STILL HOLD TWO MEN

While State and County Officers were continuing their investigations into the untimely death of M.C. WALTZ, 72-year old retired Cresson carpenter, whose body was found suspended from the limb of an apple tree on Sunday afternoon, July 19th, the four persons originally taken into custody still remain in the county jail.

This morning at Cresson, two charges of bigamy were preferred against Mrs. Mary Alice (FURFARE) WALTZ, widow of the dead man. The informations were made before Justice of the Peace W. H. BRYNE. The records in the Registrar's office at Ebensburg show that on Sept. 16, 1927, Alice M. DIXON, aged 40 of 13 Maple Ave., Johnstown, and Matt BUSEC, 42, otherwise known as Matt PUSICH, of Seventh and Maple Ave., Johnstown, made application and had issued to them a marriage license and were married the following day in Johnstown.

In her statement on the record, Mrs. WALTZ stated that her birthplace was Clearfield County, that she was a daughter of G.F. & Mary DIXON, of Frenchville, and that she had not previously been married.

On June 29, 1931, an application for marriage license was made by M. C. WALTZ, 68, of Cresson, and Mary Alice FURFANO, 49. In this record, the woman gave her birthplace as Rath Mill, Jefferson County, her residence as Cresson, and stated that she was married once before, her husband having died on April 17, 1930. She also stated in the latter record that she was the daughter of C.F. & Mary DIXON, of DuBois.

Mrs. WALTZ had served a term in the county jail here following her plea of guilty to a charge of violating the liquor laws, under the name of Alice E. PUSICH, of 780 Huber Street, Johnstown. She was sentenced to pay the costs and to serve 3 years in the county jail, to be released on parole at the expiration of 3 months.

Mrs. Rosella May HECKMAN, daughter of Mrs. WALTZ, also being detained at the county jail here, was charged with an offense against morality in an information made this morning before Justice of the Peace W. H. BYRNE of Cresson.

Both women, when arraigned for a preliminary hearing admitted the charges preferred against them and were removed to the county jail in default of bail.

The two other suspects arrested after the death of Mr. WALTZ, and who are being held on technical charges, are Theodore B. Jenkins, of Johnstown, and Elvoid WALTZ, 16, grandson of the deceased.