

Body Taken From Identified Today

Husband And Long Time Friend of Woman Make Identification

The five day quest for the body of Mrs. Ida M. Rusk, Maywood, California woman who was believed to have thrown herself into the Colorado river on June 3 near El Tovar, in the Grand Canyon park area, was brot to a definite close at the Palm Funeral home's mortuary at Boulder City this morning when W. E. Rusk, husband of the dead woman, and A. C. Peck, long-time friend, made positive identification of the body, pulled out of the stream near the Boulder dam gravel plant yesterday, as that of Mrs. Rusk.

Identification was made thru certain operation scars, one of which was of such a peculiar nature that it was positive, and jewelry that the woman wore.

The jewelry consisted of a white gold wedding ring and an old-fashioned gold engagement ring with a square platinum setting for a small diamond.

When asked as to the possible cause for the woman's suicide, both Rusk and Peck said that the woman had been ill for some time past and was suffering under the delusion that her husband was not faithful to her. The two men said that there was absolutely no foundation for such delusions and that they were entirely a result of her condition. The woman was 45 years of age, according to her husband.

When the body was found yesterday afternoon the head was somewhat lacerated and part of the hair was gone and part of the scalp had been torn loose from the scalp.

There was a small hole in the small of the back, about the size of a bullet hole, which excited some suspicions last evening, but X-ray photos taken at the Boulder hospital showed no signs of a bullet and it was the theory that the hole had been caused by the body bumping against some object in its course down the river.

Rusk and Peck arrived early this morning from Maywood, after hearing over the radio of the body being located, and this afternoon were making arrangements for the funeral, which will be held in Las Vegas from the Palm Funeral Home, probably tomorrow.