

NOAH NALLY DROWNED

Locktender Goes Down to Death in
Chaney's Lock.

HIS ~~HAT~~ FOUND BY HIS WIFE

Floating on the Water—Body is Recovered—Believed to Have Been
An Accident.

Noah R. Nally, locktender at lock No 43, known as Chaney's lock on the C. & O. canal, below Williamsport, was drowned in the lock between 5 and 6 o'clock Monday evening. His body was recovered later in the canal about fifty feet below the lower lock.

Mr. Nally had locked a boat through when his wife called him to supper. He replied that he would first go to the patch below the lock after corn and failing to return within a reasonable time Mrs. Nally went in search of him. Upon arriving at the lock she saw her husband's hat and a pole floating on the water. Instantly she concluded that he had fallen into the lock and was drowned. Help was summoned and the locks and canal dragged, resulting in the finding of the body.

No person was near when he drowned. It is supposed that he accidentally fell overboard and was seized with cramps, then some think the circumstances surrounding his death point to suicide, but the friends of the dead man deny this. It is said that he had been despondent and in trouble, but it was not known that he contemplated self-destruction. The drowning was reported to State's Attorney Poffenberger, who did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

It is said that Nally had a quarrel with a boatman, but it is not known if it was in anyway connected with his death.

Mr. Nally was a son of Ezra Nally, a well-known farmer, living near Williamsport. He was aged 46 years and leaves a wife and two small children aged 3 and 5 years respectively. Besides these he is survived by two brothers, Alvey and Greeley, and his father. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 10 o'clock, interment at Bakersville.