

## Louis Fleming

The Augusta Chronicle (Augusta, GA); Friday 1 April 1898; pg. 3 col. 1

LOUIS FLEMING DROWNED -- Was Cashier of Savings and Trust Company-Indications Point to Suicide.

Savannah, March 31. -- Special from Brunswick to the Morning News says.

Cashier Louis Fleming, of the Brunswick Savings and Trust company, was drowned today. Indications point to suicide, but several theories are advanced. Bank officials announced that his cash and book accounts are straight except for an error in addition of \$100 on his discount book.

Bank Examiner Speer reached Brunswick today. He checked up Mr. Fleming's cash and it proved correct. He then checked his books and found the small error of \$100. Fleming's attention was called to the error. He put on his hat and said he would be back shortly. Two hours afterward his body was found floating in the river.

A run commenced on the bank. All demands were promptly met and the bank remained open 15 minutes after banking hours to pay depositors.

It is believed that today when Examiner Speer spoke of the small error that Mr. Fleming became temporarily unbalanced. He had been working unusually hard, day and night, for months, and his high strung, sensitive nature is believed to have given way. He is believed to have misunderstood the examiner and taken the remark as a reflection on his honor.

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The Enquirer-Sun (Columbus, GA); Friday 1 April 1898; pg. 2 col. 4

CASHIER FLEMING COMMITS SUICIDE -- His Body Was Found Floating in Oglethorpe Bay at Noon on Yesterday -- HIS ACCOUNTS CORRECT -- He Has Some Disagreement With Bank Examiner Speer, Who Was Making an Examination of the Bank Books He Kept.

Brunswick, March 31. -- L.A. Fleming, cashier of the Brunswick Savings and Trust company, lies a corpse on the wharf at Rosendo Torras. His body was found floating in the Oglethorpe bay at half past 12 today. It is supposed that he committed suicide.

Bank Examiner W.A. Speer is in the city and was making an examination of the bank. About half past 10 he and Fleming were going over the bank papers and checking up various items. It is said they had some contention about an item and Fleming became angry and excited and took his hat and left the bank, saying he would return in a few minutes. The next heard of him was a telephone message stating the body of a man had been found in Oglethorpe bay.

Investigation proved it to be Fleming.

Fleming belongs to one of the most prominent families in southern Georgia. His father, T.O. Fleming, was from Liberty county, and they have many relatives throughout the state.

Louis Fleming was known by nearly everybody in Brunswick and had the confidence of all.

It is said that his accounts are all right and that there is no shortage. His was an extremely sensitive nature. No other solution of the mystery is offered.

He was married to Miss Minnie Cargyle, well known in many cities in Georgia, and most highly esteemed here. On the 5th day of last November the young couple began

life under unusually happy auspices.

The bride is prostrated with inexpressible grief. His mother's heart is almost broken. No sadder event has ever occurred in Brunswick. His friends think the drowning may have been accidental.

Bank Examiner Speer has completed the count of the cash and finds every cent called for by the books in the vaults. Vice-President Aiken states that his accounts are absolutely correct as ascertained by the examination made today. A slight run was made on the bank, but it is in condition to meet any run.

So soon as the facts are known confidence will be restored and there will be no further trouble. The bank does not owe a dollar on rediscounts and has no liability whatever except to depositors.

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FLEMING'S FUNERAL -- It Was One of the Saddest Events in Brunswick's History.

Brunswick, April 1. -- The funeral services over Louis A. Fleming were held from St. Mark's Episcopal church this afternoon. The eight young men who acted as groomsmen at his marriage on the 4th of last November were pall-bearers.

Nothing so sad as this death has ever occurred in Brunswick. The death is still shrouded in mystery. A full investigation of the banks affairs furnishes no explanation. So extremely cautious and accurate was he that suicide could only be accounted for upon the theory that the consciousness of having made a slight error involving only \$100 temporarily unbalanced his mind.

Many of his friends think he went on the wharf to find his brother and fell accidentally into the water. There is no trouble with the bank today. So great was public confidence in Fleming here there was no run at all. Bank Examiner Speer says he and Fleming did not have any unpleasant words.

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The sad news of the suicide of Mr. Louis A. Flemming, cashier of one of the Brunswick banks, reached Darien on Wednesday.