

CONFESSES BRENNAN MURDER

Mrs. Farmer Says She Killed Woman
—Later Accuses Her Husband.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., April 28.—Mrs. James Farmer, who, with her husband, is held at the county jail here, suspected of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan of Brownville, whose body was found packed in a trunk yesterday, has made two confessions of the crime, according to statements made by the police.

In the first she stated that it was she who struck the blows with the axe while Mrs. Brennan was looking out of the window with her back turned. She had the trunk in readiness for the body, she said. When confronted with the body of the victim she made the alleged second confession, and said:

"I may as well tell the truth; Jim did it. I found him leaning over her body in the sitting room. He had the axe in his hand, and said to me, with an oath, 'That's the end of her.'"

The woman's head had been crushed in by a blow on the left side that severed the ear, and her face was a network of cuts, where blows had been rained upon her after she had fallen.

Both the prisoners retain great composure, and show no worry as to their position. Mrs. Farmer devotes her entire attention to the care of her eight-month-old baby, which the officials have allowed her to keep with her in her cell.

A sister of Farmer to-day said that he was at work all day Thursday at her home, the day that Mrs. Brennan disappeared.

The authorities believe Mrs. Farmer's first confession is a correct statement of what actually occurred. They are proceeding on the theory that Mrs. Brennan went to the Farmer residence to demand the alleged forged deed of the property when she was killed.

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