

Franklin Adamson (- 16 Jun 1875)

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Shocking Suicide of a Young Man

He Cuts His Throat with a Razor

In a Fit of Despondency he Seeks Escape from Poverty and Misfortune

An Afflicted Family

This morning at No. 235 Second street northwest, a young man, named Jos. L. Adamson, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, nearly severing his head from his body. The family consisted of the deceased, his father (about 60 years old and in poor health) his mother, about 50 or 55 years old and some other relatives. The deceased had been employed in the Patent Office and has lately been the sole support of the family. They resided in a small brick house containing four rooms and a summer kitchen and the appearance of the house and furniture is indicative of the pinchings of poverty.

Death in the Family from an Accident Last Week

Up to last week there was another member of the family circle, Frank Adamson, who was an apprentice to the plastering business. Three years ago he was so badly injured by a fall from a scaffold that he never recovered and died from the effects of the fall on Wednesday last and was buried on Friday. Joseph has been for several weeks in bad health, but remained at his business at the Patent office up to Saturday last. It was, however, apparent to the neighbors, that he was much depressed in spirits since his brother's death. On Saturday morning while in the store of Mr. W.H. Killmon, on the corner of 2d and C streets, he remarked, "I don't know what I will do."