

Charles O. Barnes

(- 5 Dec 1923)

Barnes. Suddenly, December 5, 1923, Charles O. Barnes, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Barnes. Funeral from Thomas R. Nalley & Son's funeral parlor, 131 11th st. s.e., Friday, December 7, at 2 p.m. Funeral private. Interment Congressional cemetery.

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Patient At Gallinger Ends Life By Hanging

Charles Barnes, thirty-three years old, of Riverdale, Md., a statistician in the War Department, committed suicide today by hanging himself in the strong room at the Gallinger Memorial Hospital. Mr. Barnes, who has a wife and child in Riverdale, had been staying with his parents at 1337 A street northeast. According to his father he was restless all night and the father sat up with him. Toward morning the young man rushed from his bed and jumped from the second-story window of his parents' residence and was later picked up by officers of the ninth precinct and taken to the hospital for observation.

He was placed in the strong room, and while Dr. Irving Shorrell, in charge of the hospital, went to speak to Barnes' brother and father, who were in the hallway, Barnes took a sheet from the bed, tying one end to a window screen and placing the other end about his neck, and hanged himself.

When Dr. Shorrell saw the patient hanging he cut him down and injected strong stimulants into his heart to restore life, but without avail. Barnes' parents say he had domestic trouble.