

William L. Gaddis

(- 25 Oct 1917)

Gaddis. Suddenly on Thursday, October 25, 1917, William L., beloved son of the late Adam and Margaret T. Gaddis. Funeral will be held on Saturday, October 27, 1917 at 2 p.m. Interment private.

Gaddis. On Thursday, October 25, 1917 at his residence, 225 A street southeast, William S. Gaddis in the 59th year of his age. Funeral Saturday, October 27 at 2 p.m. from his late residence, 225 A street southeast. Funeral private.

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W.L. Gaddis Kills Himself

Inhaled Gas, After Leaving Letters and Packages for Relatives

William Lemuel Gaddis, fifty-eight years old, 225 A street southeast, ended his life in his room last night by inhaling illuminating gas. Before disrobing and making preparations to die he bundled his effects and marked several packages to indicate to whom he wanted to leave them. He also wrote letters to relatives informing them that he was tired of life and that he intended to end it.

J.P. Gaddis, a brother, detected the odor of gas and summoned assistance. Dr. J.C. Doyle, member of Emergency Hospital staff, and "Happy" Blackston, the chauffeur on the ambulance, responded and broke open the door of the room from which the gas was escaping. Gaddis was dead. Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate showing the despondent and ill man had taken his own life.