

Joel H. Gittings (- 3 Aug 1900)

Gittings. On Friday, August 3, 1900 in New York of heart disease, Joseph B. Gittings. Funeral private, Monday, August 6.

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Death of J.H. Gittings

Circumstances Induced Belief That He Committed Suicide

A dispatch received here from New York last night announced the sudden death in that city of J.H. Gittings, fifty years old, who formerly lived here. It was stated that letters left by Gittings gave the impression that he had committed suicide, although the doctors who were called found no evidence that the unfortunate man had taken his life.

On a table in the room where his body was found was a letter addressed to his sister, Mrs. Matt Walker, whose home is at 60 M street northwest in this city. Another letter was addressed to C.P. Marshall, Newton, Mass. The cause of death will be determined by the coroner when an autopsy is held.

The deceased was a native of this city, but had not lived here for many years. He was a photographer by occupation, and since leaving here thirty years ago he has lived in Chicago, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, New York and other cities. Since the death of his wife in Brooklyn a short time ago Gittings has been very much depressed in spirits, but his relatives here do not believe he committed suicide. His body may be brought to this city for burial.

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Burial of J.H. Gittings

Funeral services were held at the Congressional cemetery this afternoon over the remains of J.H. Gittings, who was found dead in bed in his home in New York city as the result of an attack of heart disease. Rev. J.F. Heisse, the pastor of Wesley M.E. Church, officiated.