

Ernest W. Robey **(- 12 Jul 1910)**

Robey. Suddenly on Tuesday, July 13, 1910, Ernest W. Robey, beloved son of Sarah E. and the late Richard T. Robey. Funeral from Padgett's funeral parlors, 730 11th street southeast, Friday, July 15 at 11 a.m. Interment private.

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Suicide of E.W. Robey

Crazed By Insomnia, He Cuts Throat With Razor

Told Friend He Had Not Been Able to Sleep for Two Weeks

Ernest W. Robey, thirty-five years old, the sole support of an invalid mother and two unmarried sisters, who reside at 321 10th street southeast, committed suicide this afternoon. He cut his throat with a razor while at his place of employment, the shop of Warren M. Whyte, galvanized iron cornice maker 304 13th street northwest. The young man had a severe fall some time ago and during the last two weeks he had suffered from insomnia.

"I haven't been able to sleep for two weeks," he told one of the workmen in the shop this morning, although giving no intimation that he contemplated taking his life.

Terrible Gash in Throat

Frank Daley of 911 25th street northwest was working in the shop with Robey and he had occasion to go to the upper floor for material. When he returned he missed Robey. A few minutes later he found the young man in a shed in the rear of the shop. There was a terrible gash in his throat and life was almost extinct.

The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital was called and Robey was hurried to the hospital. When the institution was reached, however, it was found that Robey was dead. The body was placed in the hospital morgue and the coroner notified. Later in the day the coroner gave a certificate of death, and the body was prepared for burial.

Regarded as Good Mechanic

Robey was sober and industrious and was regarded a splendid mechanic. His father, Thomas Robey, who was a bricklayer, died many years ago and the son has since remained at home and supported his mother and sisters. Mrs. Robey had a fall several years ago which resulted in a fracture of her hip, and she has been unable to walk since that time.

During all the years she has been an invalid her son has cared for her, seeing that she got all the comforts she needed. His untimely death proved an unusually severe shock to her. Friends of the deceased think he was driven to a condition of mental irresponsibility by his inability to sleep.

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Funeral of E.W. Robey

The funeral of Ernest W. Robey, a member of one of the oldest families in East Washington was held at 11 o'clock today from Padgett's chapel, 730 11th street southeast. Mr. Robey died suddenly Tuesday. He was a son of the late Richard T. Robey.