

## Joseph O. Rock

( - 16 Jun 1932)

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**Rock, Joseph O.** Suddenly, Thursday, June 16, 1932, at his residence, 603 Columbia rd. n.w., Joseph O. Rock, aged 48 years, beloved husband of the late Sadie T. Rock (nee Watson). Funeral from the above residence on Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Gas Victim's Death Is Declared Suicide**

#### **Joseph O. Rock, 45, Found With Tube In Mouth – Despondency Bared Over Jobless Troubles**

A suicide certificate was issued by Acting Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald today in the death of Joseph O. Rock, 45, asphyxiated late yesterday at his home in the 600 block of Columbia road.

Rock was found in a second-story bed room by his son Joseph. A tube attached to a gas jet was in his mouth. The son summoned the Rescue Squad, but the firemen's resuscitation efforts proved fruitless. Rock was pronounced dead by Dr. T.P. Murphy of Casualty Hospital.

According to Dr. MacDonald, Rock had been despondent over employment conditions. He was a widower.