

Hamet B. Rountree

(1861 – 10 Dec 1933)

Rountree. On Sunday, December 10, 1933 at his residence, 622 E street southwest, Hamet B. Rountree, beloved husband of the late Ella J. Rountree. Funeral from the chapel of P.A. Taltavull, 436 7th street southwest on Tuesday, December 12 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

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Ends Life By Gas

Hamet B. Rountree Brooded Over Wife's Death

Brooding over the death of his wife three weeks ago, Hamet B. Rountree, 75, ended his life last night by inhaling illuminating gas in the bathroom of his home, 622 E street southwest.

He was found by his daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Williams, Lyon Park, Va. Acting Coroner Christopher J. Murphy issued a certificate of suicide.

From Anne Heider Baker:

Hamet B. Rountree was born in Richmond, Virginia. His parents were Richard H. Rountree and Orena M. Berry. He married his first cousin Ella Jane Williams, daughter of John B. Williams and Emeline Jane Rountree on 3 February 1891 in Washington, DC. Their marriage was officiated by a minister from the Concordia German Lutheran Evangelical Church. Hamet was a gun maker and machinist at the Navy Yard and lived at 622 E Street, southwest. Hamet was found at his residence dead of asphyxia caused by illuminating gas poisoning on 10 December 1933. The coroner ruled his death a suicide resulting from his despondency over the death of his wife who had died three weeks previously.