

William W. Wallace

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Dies By Poison

William H. Wallace Third in His Family to Commit Suicide

William H. Wallace, twenty-nine years old, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by taking carbolic acid. Two sisters of Wallace ended their lives in the same manner during the past two years. Wallace had made an attempt at self-destruction several weeks ago, the police say, but it was not until yesterday that he was successful.

Wallace entered McCarthy's saloon at 468 K street northwest yesterday afternoon and made the statement: "My mother lives at 112 9h street southeast." No attention was paid to him, but persons in the place saw him presently take a bottle from his pocket and swallow its contents, but were unable to prevent it. The bottle had contained the fatal acid.

Wallace fell to the floor and soon became unconscious. Dr. Zinkhan responded to a call sent to the Emergency Hospital, took charge of the dying man and hurried him to the institution. He died a few minutes after reaching the hospital. A slip of paper taken from a pocket of Wallace's coat contained his mother's address. The latter was at once notified, and she went to the hospital, but reached there after Wallace had died. Nothing was found by the police which suggested a motive for the deed.

The deceased was a tinner. It is said he had not worked recently, and yesterday he was without funds.

Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of death from carbolic acid poisoning, deciding, also, that the poison had been taken with suicidal intent. An undertaker prepared the body for burial.