

Constance Walton

(- 16 Jul 1915)

Walton. The funeral of the late Miss Constance Walton, daughter of Dr. J. Roland Walton, took place Saturday, July 17, 1915, at 5 p.m. Interment was at Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, July 17, 1915, p. 3

Girl, Grieving, Ends

Constance Walton Shoots Herself and Dies Almost Instantly Had Suffered From Melancholia Since Sudden Death of Her Mother Last February

Miss Constance Walton, 20 years old, an attractive, cultured and popular young woman, daughter of Dr. J. Roland Walton, residing with her father at 3222 Nineteenth street northwest, shortly after lunch yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock went to her room, where she shot herself in the left breast with a .32-caliber revolver, killing herself almost instantly, Dr. J.R. Tubman 1750 Park road northwest, who was called, pronounced the young woman dead when he reached the house.

Dr. Walton and friends of the girl say that since the sudden death of her mother last February, Miss Walton had been despondent and melancholy. Her act yesterday is attributed to these causes. A short time before she shot herself, Miss Walton had been on the front porch of her home, apparently in good spirits. So far as could be learned she had never expressed a purpose to kill herself. Her death came as a surprise and shock to a wide circle of friends. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of death, saying the young woman killed herself while suffering from a high state of melancholia and hysteria.

The Evening Star, July 16, 1915, p. 2

Miss Walton Ends Her

Daughter of Dr. J. Roland Walton Shoots Self Through Heart

Miss Constance Walton, twenty years old, daughter of Dr. J. Roland Walton, shot herself shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon in her home, 3222 19th street northwest.

Despondency over the death of her mother, who died suddenly in February, is believed to have prompted her act.

Miss Walton, who was very beautiful, had a wide circle of friends and was extremely popular.

A short time before her death she was on the front plaza of her home. She went to her bedroom and shot herself through the heart, firing but one shot.