

Richard Edward Weedon **(18 Aug 1858 – 9 Jan 1938)**

Weedon, Richard Edward. On Sunday, January 9, 1938, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. Margaret M. Jones, 37 Rhode Island ave. n.w., Richard Edward Weedon, the beloved husband of the late Mary A. Weedon (nee Jones). Funeral services at the above residence on Wednesday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Services by the W.W. Chambers Co., 1400 Chapin st. n.w.

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'Ned' Weedon Ends Life With Bullet

Well-Known Retired Detective, 80, Commits Suicide in Home

Richard E. (Ned) Weedon, 80-year-old retired detective sergeant, ended his life yesterday by firing a bullet into his right temple with his service revolver.

Two nieces, Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mrs. Anna M. Jones, with whom he lived at 37 Rhode Island avenue N.W., rushed into his second floor bedroom after hearing a shot to find him lying on the floor, the .38-caliber gun still clutched in his hand.

A doctor who came with an ambulance from Casualty Hospital pronounced him dead, and Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald issued a certificate of suicide.

The octogenarian left a farewell note which read:

"Happy New Year. Good-by."

Police were told Mr. Weedon had been undergoing treatment for several years for a heart ailment and had threatened suicide.

Mr. Weedon was retired in 1921 after serving in the Metropolitan Police Department 37 years, 29 of which he spent as a detective sergeant.

His record shows numerous occasions when he was commended and rewarded for bravery in the capturing of dangerous offenders. In 1910, he succeeded in capturing a bandit wanted in connection with a \$15,000 jewel robbery.

He became a policeman in July, 1884, was made a precinct detective in 1892, and advanced to detective sergeant in 1901.