

Cecelia Whitehead

(- 27 Jun 1916)

Whitehead. Suddenly on Tuesday, June 27, 1916 at 8 p.m., Cecelia A., daughter of Walter P. and Sarah E. Whitehead aged 20 years. Funeral Friday, June 30 at 2 p.m. from her late residence, 729 6th street southeast.

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Young Woman Ends Life By Swallowing Poison

Miss Cecelia A. Whitehead Commits Suicide, Thwarting Friend's Attempt to Prevent

Miss Cecelia A. Whitehead, twenty years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Whitehead, 729 7th street southeast, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by taking poison. John P. McCullough, 1010 8th street northwest, a caller at the Whitehead home, made an ineffectual effort to knock the glass containing the poison from her hand. It was shortly before 4 o'clock when the young woman swallowed the poison and she died at Casualty Hospital at 8:25 o'clock last night.

The young lady and her caller were seated in the front room engaged in conversation, the police were informed, and the former left the room and went to the kitchen. When she returned and while standing at the door between the parlor and dining room, McCullough stated, she raised the glass and declared she would drink the poison if it were the last act of her life.

McCullough advanced toward Miss Whitehead and made the effort to knock the glass from her hand. He immediately had her taken to the hospital. The police were unable to learn a reason for the young woman's wish to die. Acting Coroner Carr gave a certificate showing the poison was taken with suicidal intent.