

Ida M. Johnston Williams

(- 31 May 1927)

Williams. Suddenly, May 31, 1927 at her residence, Ida M. Williams (nee Johnston) beloved wife of the late Wallace E. Williams. Funeral services from Jenkins funeral parlor, 809 10th street northwest, Friday, June 3 at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery (Pittsburg papers please copy).

The Evening Star, June 1, 1927

Crippled, Penniless Woman Kills Self, Unadvised of Monetary Aid at Hand.

A 58-year-old woman, penniless and crippled, committed suicide yesterday, even while a check for \$75, her share in an estate which only recently had reached settlement, was being delivered to her address.

She was Mrs. Wallace E. Williams, known generally as Ida Johnston, who lived in a basement room at 43 G street, and who is believed to be prominently connected in Pittsburgh.

The woman was found dead in her bed last night with gas flowing from a tube by her side when Traffic Officer J.W. Cronnie broke down the door. Mrs. M. Tompkins, landlady, had appealed to the policeman when she smelled the fumes.

Only yesterday afternoon an envelope bearing a Pittsburgh postmark of May 29, and addressed to Mrs. Williams, had been delivered to the G street house. When it was opened by police today it was found to contain a check for \$75, a bequest to her from a Pittsburgh relative.

According to friends of the dead woman this morning, Mrs. Williams had been a hairdresser here, but in recent years her crippled condition and her age combined to reduce her to poverty. A year ago a brother had died in Pittsburgh leaving her \$1,500. This amount the woman invested in a hairdressing establishment which failed several months ago, it was said.

Authorities are now trying to locate relatives in Pittsburgh.