

## **Columbus S. Winkelman** ( - 30 Jun 1909)

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**Winkelman.** Suddenly on Wednesday, June 30, 1909 at his residence, 510 K street s.e., C. Winkelman. Funeral Friday, July 2, 3 p.m. Interment private.

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### **Aged Man Commits Suicide Columbus Wickerman Was Despondent Because of Wife's Death**

Sitting in the back second-story room of his home, 510 K street southwest, last evening, Columbus Wickerman, 75 years of age, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas. Coroner Nevitt was notified and gave a certificate of suicide.

Mr. Wickerman ate supper with the other occupants of the house about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Shortly after he went to his room, where, it is stated, he was accustomed to spend the evening reading. Several hours later the odor of gas was detected coming from the second floor and an investigation was made. The inmates of the place opened the door of Mr. Wickerman's room and found him dead. The window was closed and gas steadily flowing from an open jet.

The deceased was born in Baltimore and came to Washington more than fifty years ago. He was a baker by trade. Three years ago his wife died, since which time, it is stated, he had been despondent.