

William W. Shipley

Occupant Name: William W. Shipley

Location: Section K, Lot 27

Date of Birth: 11/2/1882

Date of Death: 1930

Date of Burial: 1930

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: William Shipley

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



FATHER OF SEVEN TAKES OWN LIFE AT BROWNSTOWN

No Reason For Act of William Shipley, 47, is Fixed in Coroner's Inquest.

FUNERAL IS FRIDAY

Services to Be Held at County Seat—Wife is Prostrated With Grief.

"Suicide by gunshot wound above right ear," was the verdict given by Coroner William A. Dickemeyer following the inquest into the death of William Shipley, age forty-seven, of Brownstown, who died as a result of a self-inflicted wound at his home in Brownstown Wednesday afternoon. The inquest was held there this morning.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Baptist church at Brownstown, with the Baptist minister in charge. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Shipley, night policeman at Brownstown, was found lying in bed clutching a 38-calibre revolver in his right hand which was folded across his chest about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A motive for the suicide has not been determined as relatives had not noticed anything unusual in his demeanor during the few days preceding his death. The news of his act spread quickly and came as a great shock to his many friends.

Mrs. Shipley is almost an invalid, it was learned, and was prostrated with grief after learning of her husband's act.

Mr. Shipley had been serving as night policeman for almost a year and was on duty as usual Tuesday night. He retired about eight o'clock Wednesday morning, it was reported and ended his life while in bed Wednesday afternoon.

The bullet took effect above the right ear, penetrating the brain. A physician was called immediately but the man died before he arrived.

The shot was heard by the wife of the dead man and several neighbors, but they did not know what it meant until Mrs. Shipley went into the house and made the discovery of the suicide.

Mr. Shipley was born November 2, 1882, the son of Hiram and Mary Ferguson Shipley. He has lived in this county practically all his life. He was a member of the Hedman Lodge.

Besides his widow, Mr. Shipley is survived by five small sons, Lee, Robert, Russell, Melvin and Stanley and two daughters, Mary and Betty. His mother is also living.