

# Gertrude I. Stevens

Occupant Name: Gertrude I. Stevens

Location: Section N, Lot 13

Date of Birth: 1911

Date of Death: 1932

Date of Burial: 1932

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: John Stevens

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## Despondent Girl Ends Life Sunday

Miss Gertrude Stevens, 21,  
Commits Suicide By Shooting  
Herself With Revolver.

## Lingers Short Time

Had Been Suffering From Effects  
Of Sprained Ankle For Some  
Time--Became Discouraged.

Miss Gertrude Stevens, aged 21, youngest daughter of John Stevens of Brownstown, committed suicide Sunday morning, while in a despondent mood, by shooting herself in the head with a 22-calibre, long range revolver.

The act was committed at her father's home about 8:15 o'clock Sunday morning and she died about two hours later, without regaining consciousness.

Miss Stevens had been suffering from the effects of a sprained ankle for about a year, which never healed properly. Then a few months ago she struck her ankle against a chair which still further aggravated the trouble.

Some weeks ago she went to the Long hospital at Indianapolis where an examination was made and it is said that the examining physician reported that some of the ligaments of the ankle had been permanently injured, which seemed to discourage her considerably.

She complained Sunday morning of the foot hurting her, and on account of the ankle being swollen she could not get her shoe on she remarked to her father at the time that she would just as soon be dead as to have to suffer as she did, but no serious thought was given to the remark at the time. Soon afterwards she went to her bedroom ostensibly to read the Sunday paper. She had only been in there but a short time when her sister, Mrs. Genevieve Brooks, heard a

shot and going into the bedroom found her sister lying on the floor with a bullet wound in her head. Dr. Chas. Ackerman was immediately called, but seeing the nature of her wound said that death was only a matter of a short time.

It was afterward recalled by the girl's sister and father that while they were eating breakfast Gertrude was writing in another room, and an investigation revealed the fact that she had left a letter telling of her intentions to end her life.

She is survived by her father and three sisters, Mrs. Genevieve Brooks of Brownstown, Mrs. Bernice Mitchell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mrs. Ruby Rhoades, of Indianapolis.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. T. J. East officiating, followed by interment in the Westview cemetery.