

Arthur O. Weddell

Occupant Name: Arthur O. Weddell

Location: **Section 4, Lot 15**

Date of Birth: 10/26/1895

Date of Death: 5/1/1948

Date of Burial: 5/5/1948

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: Hazel G. Weddell

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Rites for Man Found Dead Are Conducted

Authorities Believe Arthur 'Mose' Weddell Shot Self, Then Slid Into River Near Ewing

While authorities were completing an investigation into the death of Arthur Olin "Mose" Weddell, 52, of Brownstown, funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Brownstown Christian Church with the Rev. John U. Phelps, Brownstown Christian pastor, in charge. Burial was in Heighon Hill Cemetery at Medora.

Members of Camp Jackson Post No. 112, American Legion, of Brownstown, conducted military rites.

Mr. Weddell's body was found Saturday morning partly submerged in the water of White River about one-fourth of a mile south of the covered bridge northwest of Ewing. A bullet wound was discovered in his head just above the corner of his right eye. Dr. L. E. Shaver, coroner of Jackson county, county authorities and state police said death apparently was caused by the bullet wound and that his body then slid down the steep bank into the river, where it was discovered by Speed Collingsworth, of Brownstown, while in his boat preparing to tie trot lines to bushes on the bank near that point. Mr. Collingsworth told George W. Abel, county sheriff, he first saw a man's hat on the bank and then saw the slide marks on the bank, later discovering the body in the water. The body was found about 20 minutes after Weddell's watch had stopped, police said.

Although no official verdict has been filed, authorities indicated they are of the opinion Mr. Weddell committed suicide by shooting himself in the head and that he then slid down the bank into the water.

Gun Is Recovered
Mr. Weddell, a railway mail clerk on the Monon Railroad, often carried a snub-nosed .38 caliber revolver with him, relatives said. This gun, which was missing from his home, was found about midnight Saturday by authorities about three feet from the river bank where his body was found. The officers had searched for the gun for several hours before it was located. Ballistics tests are to be made to be sure the bullet, which was removed from Mr. Weddell's head, was fired from his own gun.

Mr. Weddell had last been seen in Brownstown early Saturday morning, authorities learned. In addition to Dr. Shaver and Sheriff Abel, others investigating the case after the body was found included Deputy Sheriff J. A. "Obb" Green, Detective Sgt. Paul Kern, Detectives Don Winn and Wayne O. Tolbert, Technician Harold E. Chambers and Officers Frank B. Gray and Jack Curry, of the Seymour state police post.

Mr. Weddell was born October 26, 1895, the son of O. Melvin and Ida L. Motsinger Weddell, both of whom reside at Medora. He was married in May, 1917, at Norman to Hazel Gertrude Lockman, who survives. He spent most of his life in the Medora, Clearspring and Brownstown vicinities. He was a member of Wray's Christian Church and of Camp Jackson Post, American Legion, at Brownstown. He was a