

F. Dorren Hancock

Occupant Name: F. Dorren Hancock

Location: **Section B**

Date of Birth: 4/27/1906

Date of Death: 1959

Date of Burial: 1959

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Frank Dorren Hancock Is Suicide Victim

Funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon from the Zabel Funeral home for 52-year-old Frank Dorren Hancock, who died Friday afternoon at the home of his stepson, George Rochner, in Ewing, from a self-inflicted gun wound.

A civil engineer, Mr. Hancock had returned only a few days before from Arkansas where he had taken an engineer's job.

The suicide weapon was a .22 target pistol and the death wound was through the right temple. According to County Sheriff Lester E. Greathouse, there was no suicide note and relatives said they knew of no reason why Mr. Hancock would have taken his life.

The body was found by Mr. Rochner when he returned to his home about 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. County Coroner, Dr. L. E. Shaver, placed the time of death shortly after 12:00 o'clock.

Mr. Hancock's body was found, sitting upright, in a chair in the living room. Both hands had fallen into his lap, and the pistol was in his right hand.

Death was believed to have been instantaneous.

On the floor were three discharged cartridges, the same caliber as the death weapon.

Born April 27, 1906, in Indianapolis, the deceased was a son of the late Frank S. and Emma Talkington Hancock.

He was graduated from Brownstown High School in 1924. He worked for a time as an engineer with the Jackson county highway department and also had held engineering jobs in Louisville, Kentucky.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Beatrice Rochner Hancock, three step-sons, George Rochner, at whose home the suicide was committed, Ralph Rochner, Jr., of Brownstown, and Floyd Rochner, of Louisville, and a sister, Mrs. Lydean Wieneke, Seymour.

The Rev. Edsel Granger, pastor of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church, was in charge of the funeral rites. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, in Brownstown.