

Robert F. Owens

(- 25 Sep 1895)

Owens. On September 25, 1895, Robert F. son of James E. Owens aged 26 years. Funeral from his late residence, 2308 G street northwest, Friday at 4 o'clock. Friends and relatives invited (Atlanta, Ga. papers please copy).

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An Attempted Suicide

A Treasury Messenger Shoots Himself, But Will Recover

Because of despondency over the death of two close relatives, Frank Owens, employed as a messenger in the Treasury Department, about 6 o'clock last evening made a desperate attempt to take his own life, but was unsuccessful. Since the death of a brother, September 27, young Owens, it seems, has been unable to divert his mind from the sad event, and late yesterday afternoon went to his room at 807 Florida avenue, and placing the muzzle of a .38-caliber revolver to his head fired.

On hearing the report the sisters of the would-be suicide rushed into his room and found their brother lying in a pool of blood. Policemen McDonald and Jett, who were near by, also hurried to the scene, and after the wound had been temporarily dressed an ambulance was summoned and Owens taken to Garfield Hospital. An examination by the surgeons disclosed that the bullet had entered the side of the head near the left temple, inflicting a scalp wound. After reaching the hospital the wounded man declared that he wanted to die, and meant to carry out that determination.

At the hospital this afternoon it was stated that Owens would probably recover rapidly. He rested well last night and the case is devoid of serious aspects.