

HARRY OSMUN A SUICIDE

Son of Old Local Family Ends Life in Newark by Inhaling Gas.

MR. HARRY C. OSMUN, son of an old Hackettstown family, committed suicide at his home in Newark, Wednesday night, and his body will be brought here for burial tomorrow. He had been living and doing business in Newark for a dozen years, making his home with the family of Henry D. Fitts. He left the family circle about 8 o'clock and retired to his room, and there was nothing in his demeanor to indicate his desperate determination. It was thought that he had retired to dress previous to going out. Failing to return in a reasonable time occasioned comment, and as Mr. Fitts approached the room he smelt of gas and sensed apprehension. When he opened the door he found Mr. Osmun fully dressed on the bed with a rubber tube attached to his mouth. The heart was paralyzed with the first two or three inhalations of the illuminating gas.

He left a note on his bureau confirming his suicidal purpose. He simply requested that a funeral service be held at the Newark residence Friday night and that his body be brought to Hackettstown on Saturday for interment beside his father and mother, and that only a brief service be held at the grave.

Mr. Osmun was the son of the late Joseph Osmun. He was born and grew to manhood here. He inherited a fair start in business life and branched out as a speculator in Wall street, and was cleaned out financially. He later established a profitable mail order business in Newark and was believed to have recuperated his losses and to be in comfortable financial circumstances. There is no confirmation in the rumor that he had returned to the speculative game and was discouraged because of recent severe losses. He was 52 years old and unmarried. His aunt, Mrs. Hattie Coleman of Hackettstown, is the nearest surviving relative.

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NAME: Harry C. Osmun

DATE OF DEATH: February 17, 1915

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