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Enos E. Downe Suicides After Despondency

Enos E. Downe County Citizen Dies at Home Saturday Morning

Lived Here Since 1893

Was Widely Engaged in Business Enterprises During Residence Here

Despondency brought on by a seige of melancholia from which he was suffering, on Saturday morning of last week caused the suicide of E. E. Downe, one of Cooperstown and Griggs county's best known citizens. Mr. Downe had been ill at his home here for several weeks. The news was a great shock to all of his wide acquaintance.

On Friday evening Mr. Downe had retired as usual. Saturday morning he was heard to be up and around in his room at about 8 o'clock. His wife, who occupied an adjoining room, heard his movements, unaware of the preparations he was making to take his own life. The rash deed was performed with a twelve guage shotgun, with a cartridge from which the shot and wadding had been partially removed. Hence the discharge made little detonation. In suiciding Mr. Downe had sat in a chair, placing the gun barrel in his mouth with the butt resting against a radiator. He had then used a coat hanger to release the trigger.

Hearing an unusual noise in his room, only slight because of the partially loaded shell, Mrs. Downe, apprehensive of what had happened, rushed into the room to find him lying on the floor. Medical aid was summoned, but death had been instantaneous.

Enos Erwin Downe was born on June 11, 1870, in Westminster, near St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. Shortly after the family moved to Exeter, Ontario, and here he spent the early days of his life. His mother died while he was an infant. He received his early education in the Canadian schools and in boyhood made his confession in Christ and united with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Completing his education he was for a time employed as cabinet-maker in the Karn Organ and piano factory at Woodstock, Ontario. In the spring of 1893 he located in Cooperstown where for a time he followed the carpenter trade. Later he entered the meat business and conducted a meat market in this city until disposing of in 1914.

In 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Christine Hammer, who passed away in 1914. On November 21, 1918, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Clara Bothwell Markwood, who survives him. Others who are left to mourn are four brothers and two sisters: William R. Downe of Virden, Manitoba, Rev. John Wesley Downe of Exeter, Ontario, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, Frederick H. Downe of Woodstock, Ontario, Albert E. Downe of Houston, Minn., and Misses Emily and Mary Elizabeth Downe of London, Ont. A step-daughter, Mrs. J. E. Ballanger of Lincoln, Neb., and a step-son, Eugene Markwood, also survive.

Prominent in County

Mr. Downe has long held a position of great prominence in the county, due to his large business interests. During his residence here he had accumulated a large fortune, the largest share of which had been invested in Griggs county farm land.

In the city he held the office of mayor for two terms, during which he gave a splendid administration and spent much of his time in promoting the city's interests. He was liberal in his support of the local Presbyterian church, was a member of the local Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, the Cooperstown Commercial club and was instrumental in organizing a Kiwanis club several years ago.

Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were held from the Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Dr. LeRoy C. Cooley preached the funeral sermon. Musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. O. M. Jenson, who sang two solos, and also songs by a men's quartet. Mrs. S. J. Quam played the accompaniment, with Geraldine Stringer at the organ. Pall bearers were Theo. Marquardt, O. J. Thompson, W. P. Hammer, H. G. Hammer, A. B. Detwiller and J. W. Sanders, the latter of Killarney, Manitoba, an old school mate of the deceased. Burial was made in the Cooperstown cemetery.

IGGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA,

Is Buried Tuesday

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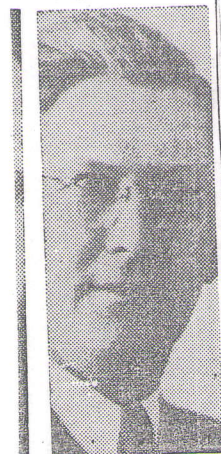


E. E. DOWNE

Prominent Griggs county citizen and business man and former mayor of Cooperstown who was buried following funeral services held locally on Tuesday afternoon.

Cooperator on music teacher

Mrs. L. A. Benson, the former Clara Duea, 1019 Ninth av S, was honored at a dinner given by a group of friends in the Silver room of the Graver hotel Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for 15. A gift of sterling silver was presented. Before her marriage, Mrs. Benson was head of the piano and organ department of Concordia college.



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