

[Stillwell, Joseph B.]

JOSEPH B. STILLWELL'S DEATH

Joseph B. Stillwell, who shot himself in the right temple at his boarding house at 30 Garden place, Brooklyn, on Thursday morning, died early yesterday morning. The police say that the case was one of suicide. Mr. Stillwell informed Dr. L. J. Morton of 303 Henry street, who attended him, that the shooting was purely accidental, and occurred while he was cleaning his revolver. Coroner Burger was notified of Mr. Stillwell's death, and he ordered Dr. Hartung to make an autopsy. Dr. Morton said last night that he had explained the matter to Dr. Hartung, and that the latter said he was positive that the shooting was accidental.

"The reason that I did not report the matter to the Coroner and police on Thursday," said Dr. Morton, "was because I accepted Mr. Stillwell's statement that that the shooting was accidental as accurate. Under this condition it was not a case either for the police or Coroner."

Nothing could be learned at the house yesterday regarding Mr. Stillwell's affairs. Mr. Stillwell's business, that of the Marston Remedy Company at 19 Park place, this city, is in the hands of a receiver; but Mr. Stillwell was not heavily involved. Mr. Stillwell was twice married. By his first wife he had two sons and a daughter, who live in this city. The funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon from the Garden place house. The Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams of All Souls' Universalist Church will officiate, and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

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J. B. STILLWELL BURIED.

Simple Services Conducted This Afternoon by the Rev. J. Coleman Adams

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon funeral services over J. B. Stillwell were held at his late residence, 30 Garden place, the interment being in Cypress Hills Cemetery. There were present only the immediate members of the family, as the funeral was private. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. John Coleman Adams, D.D., pastor of All Souls' Universalist Church of Williamsburg, who was an intimate friend of the deceased. There were a few floral pieces from the family and the last rites were as simple as Mr. Stillwell would have wished them. Beyond a small piece of court plaster placed over the wound in the head, there was nothing to suggest that death was caused by a bullet. Mr. Still well lived two days with a bullet in his brain, imbedded so deeply that the physicians could not probe for it, showing a wonderful amount of vitality and endurance.

It was a simple sermon that Dr. Adams preached, in which he touched on the dead man's life, his vicissitudes and the fortitude with which he bore up under them. He spoke of Mr. Stillwell as he knew him; of his character and his work, and showed that he was an exemplary man who had his idea of what was right and lived up to it. He felt it most keenly the sad and unexpected end of Mr. Stillwell's life, which had been such a shock to all his friends.

The Coroner was to have held the inquest last evening but it was postponed until Monday evening.

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