

Walter Wittwer
July 10, 1898 – December 1937
Walter Wittwer, 39, Victim of Own Hand
Final Rites Conducted for Despondent Resident Of Washington

The life of Walter G. Wittwer, 39 years of age, who had been making his home with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. W. Marty, Washington township, came to a tragic end Sunday afternoon with a gun wound inflicted by his own hand.

Mr. Marty was working in the basement when he heard a commotion in the garage, which is attached to the house. Upon investigating Mr. Marty found the lifeless body of Wittwer lying beside the running board of the family car. A .22 calibre rifle was lying on the floor beside the young man. A wound had been inflicted in his forehead. Mr. Wittwer is said to have been despondent for some time. He had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Marty for the past five years.

Walter Wittwer was born in Washington township July 10, 1898, a son of the late Gottlieb and Ellen Legler Wittwer. He attended the rural schools in his district. Later he graduated from Madison college, Madison. He accepted a position in Chicago and for quite a number of years disposed of his work in a proficient manner.

He is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Minnie Wittwer, Milwaukee; two brothers, Huldreich and Clarence Wittwer, Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Edw. W. Marty, Washington township, and Mrs. C. W. Freitag, Chicago, and two half-sisters, Misses Charlene and Gloria Wittwer, Monticello.

Funeral services were conducted at the Marty home at 2 Tuesday afternoon with Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Monticello Reformed church, officiating. Burial was in the New Glarus Swiss Evangelical and Reformed church cemetery.