

John Schmitter, Suicide

Tuesday afternoon John Schmitter, age 79 yrs., of the Germania neighborhood, took his own life by placing the muzzle of a 410 gauge shotgun in his mouth and pulling the trigger.

He had been despondent for several months because of financial reverses.

He was making his home with Sam Schmitter and family, a nephew.

Tuesday after eating his noon meal, Mr Schmitter remarked that he was going out to kill a squirrel. When he failed to return by 2 o'clock, his nephew went in search of him and found him behind the barn, dead.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Lutheran church in Germania conducted by Rev. Louis Mohr pastor of the Queen City, and Greentop Methodist churches. Burial in the Germania cemetery.

Mr. Schmitter was never married, and his nearest relatives are nieces and nephews.