

## Robert Williams

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### FATAL SHOT

On Tuesday afternoon last about half past two o'clock, we were sitting in our office and heard a pistol fire. Seeing a crowd gathering in front of Mr. Robt. Williams' house, just across the street from the livery stables, we hastened thither and see lying on the floor the body of Mr. Williams; a pistol on the floor and a blackened spot on his vest, just over the heart, told the tale. The evidence before the Coroner's jury seemed to lead to the belief that the shot was accidental, nine of them concurring in this opinion; the remaining three, however, seemed to think it intentional. Mrs. Noble was the only one present when he shot himself, but was not looking at him when he fired, so she is not able to say whether the deed was accidental or intentional. Some persons tell of recent remarks of his that would seem to indicate a determination on his part to do some such deed. In the absence of any positive proof in this direction, let us throw the mantle of charity over the affair and, giving him the benefit of the doubt, conclude as the nine jurors, that his death was accidental. The unfortunate man leaves two or three children and his aged parents to mourn his untimely end.

Below we give the jury's

### VERDICT:

We the jury, find that R.F. Williams came to his death by a pistol shot, held in his own hand accidentally, August 26th, 1879 nine concurring in accidental shot and three as intentional.

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