Death of Lester Halterman

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Nevada Evangelical church for the late Lester G. Halterman, 40, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halterman of Nevada, who took his own life by slashing wrists and throat with a razor Thursday evening at the family home.

Lester, eldest of the four sons in the family, although partially blind for many years, was a hard working laborer and had always lived at home with the parents.

He had been in an exceptionally nervous state during the past few days and especially during that evening and he was in such a state that he took his own life, while the mother was at home alone with him. The father had remained at home during the earlier part of the evening assisting the mother in keeping the son quieted and in an effort to get him to bed and to sleep.

When the mother discovered the act of the son she called the neighbors and they were soon giving their aid while a physician and the sheriff was called.

Later in the evening Coroner Mills was called but he decided the holding of an inquest was unnecessary under the circumstances.

Lester Guy Halterman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halterman, was born at Collins, November 30, 1902. Later the family moved to Nevada and this had since been his home, where he was a faithful worker, contributing to the care of the home.

He leaves besides his parents, three brothers and one sister. The brothers are Harold Halterman of Ames, Howard Halterman of Sioux City and Raymond Halterman of Davenport, and the sister is Mrs. Sylvia Livefike of Davenport.

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