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Marriages & Deaths from the Mount Airy News

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The little infant child of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. FLINCHUM died this morning. It will be buried tomorrow at Hills Grove church.

May 27, 1909

Despondent He Kills Himself – *Mr. J.W. HILL, Traveling Man Ends Life With Pistol. Elkin, May 22* – Dr. J. M. REECE of this place received a summons to Kapp's Mills, nine miles north of here yesterday at noon, stating Mr. J.W. HILL had shot himself through the head. He died last night. Mr. HILL was traveling for a dry goods and notion firm and getting to Mitchell's river became water bound and spent Wednesday night at Mr. Thomas THOMPSON'S and it was still raining Thursday he stayed around Mr. THOMPSON'S being very despondent all day Thursday and night. Yesterday morning, he did not get up until 10 o'clock and was seen to take a letter out of his pocket, read it and write "Good Bye" on the letter. He then left the house and went down the road about 150 yards and a short time later was found unconscious with a bullet hole in his head about one inch above his ear and still had the pistol in his hand. While Mr. HILL did not die until about midnight he never regained consciousness. Mr. HILL was of a good family being the son of Mr. Timothy HILL of Siloam, N.C. and was a young man of splendid character and business ability, and nothing certain can be ascertained about why he would have committed such a rash act. It is rumored that it was on account of a love affair, but there is nothing absolutely known as to what was the cause. The body was carried to Siloam by his people who arrived at his side a short time after his death and will be interred there tomorrow. Mr. HILL was a member of the O. U. A. M. and U. C. T's and will be buried by these orders.

A correspondent from Elkin to the Charlotte Observer writes: **Elkin, May 14.** – A young man names James HILL, traveling for a Chattanooga medicine company, committed suicide Friday at Mr. Joe H. THOMPSON'S place, near Kapp's Mill, by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He arrived at Mr. THOMPSON'S about 11 o'clock and called for dinner and his mail. He said that he would take a walk until dinner was ready. When dinner was announced he had not returned and after waiting some time search was instituted and he was found lying on a rock near the river with a bullet hole in his head and a pistol clutched in his right hand. A phone message was sent at once to this place for a physician and Dr. REECE hurried to the place, but found the young man beyond the power of human help. He did all he could for him, but death had claimed him and at 10 o'clock life was extinct. From what meagre information that can be had it seems to have been a love affair, in which the young lady had dismissed him and in the letter he received had given him to understand his attentions were no longer acceptable. The two above dispatches to the Winston-Salem Journal and the other to the Charlotte Observer sent from Elkin, are supposed to give the account of the fatal tragedy. And yet there seems to be some doubt as to how the young man came to his death. A citizen from Siloam township was in our office this week and says that he has heard that no powder burns were on the dead man's hand and the people think it would be impossible for a man to hold a pistol in his own hand and shoot himself and the powder not burn him. There is talk he says of yet taking up the body and see if the bullet, which is yet in his head, is the same size as the pistol he carried uses. Young HILL bore a good reputation in his neighborhood and his father, Mr. Timothy HILL, owns a good farm near Siloam and is one of the best citizens in the county. At the time of his death he was only 22 years old and had just secured his position of Salesman and had only been on the road three or four weeks. He had \$ 1500.00 insurance on his life, so we are told. – Editor of THE NEWS.

Miss Ida LOWE of Ararat and Ransom KEY of this place were married recently. They will make this their future home; we wish them much happiness.