

William Griffin

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The burial of William A. Griffin, the Atlanta drummer whose body was found in the bay at Brunswick, occurred in that city Sunday morning. Owing to the decomposition it was found impossible to ship the remains to the family burying ground at Hampton. The Times says of this occasion: Sunday morning, while the sun was shining brightly, a spanking fall breeze blowing and the good people of Brunswick turning out to their church worship, all that was mortal of William A. Griffin was laid to rest in the city lot out at Oak Grove cemetery, with only those present who were required to put the body in the ground. It was a sorrowful sight. Undertaker Moore's wagon went through the streets carrying the body, with two men sitting on the box. Not a carriage followed, and at the grave not a relative or friend was present. Not a tear was shed. The burial occurred here without ceremony, while at the homes of the deceased's family, throughout North Georgia and Alabama, there was deepest sorrow.

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WILLIAM GRIFFIN'S SUICIDE-A Note Picked Up May Throw Light Upon His Case.

Brunswick, Oct. 19.-(Special.)-A. Bowers of 201 B street picked up a bottle that was washed ashore after the August storm, containing the following:

"Brunswick, Ga.-This is to certify that I, William A. Griffin, will this day throw myself overboard for causes which you will never know."

The finding of this recalls to print the suicide of Griffin about a year ago, who held a large amount of insurance policies both accident and life. The companies are now contesting the payment of the policies in court.

Griffin was a brilliant young man who led a reckless life just before his death which is alleged to have been the result of his wife's conduct. He was well known and once tried to shoot a man in the corridor of a Gainesville hotel for alleged improper advances towards his wife. What effect the finding of this note will have in the courts is not known.