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ANDOVER YOUTH IS FOUND DEAD

FLOYD CHARLES DIES AS A RESULT OF SHOTGUN WOUND IN HEAD

Floyd Charles, a highly respected youth of Andover, was found dead in the attic of his home at Andover last Thursday afternoon, with his head badly torn by a shotgun wound.

The body was discovered by his sister, who, upon returning from school, noticed a small pool of blood upon a table in the lower part of the house, and upon investigation upstairs, found the body of her brother, who had met death through the medium of a sixteen gauge shogun, which he had previously borrowed from a friend to hunt rabbits.

The upper part of Charles' head badly torn by the discharge of the gun.

While the coroner's jury decreed that the wound was self-inflicted, there are those who think to the contrary, or that the young man met his death accidentally. Friends of the youth know of no reason why Charles should have met his death in a premeditated way, and are inclined to think that the gun was accidentally discharged, while he was preparing to clean it or through some other unknown cause.

He is survived by a mother, a sister and two brothers.