

# PIONEER EL PASO WOMAN KILLS SELF

## Despondency and Worry Over Court Suit Blamed For Action.

Despondent over the death of her mother and worry about a suit recently filed by her brother asking that the family estate be divided is believed by friends to have been responsible for the action of Mrs. H. L. Farrar, who shot and killed herself yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at her home, 1127 Montana street.

Mrs. Farrar was the daughter of the late Mayor and Mrs. B. F. Hammett.

Mrs. Farrar's body was not found until 30 minutes after she fired the shot, when a negro maid answered a telephone call and went to summon her mistress.

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Justice A. J. Wilson, who examined the body, believes that Mrs. Farrar sat on the edge of the bed, bent over the muzzle of the rifle, and pulled the trigger.

During the morning Mrs. Farrar, Justice Wilson was told, had visited Mrs. M. O. Wright and Mrs. J. E. Bowen and neither of them noticed anything unusual in her actions.

Friends said last night that Mrs. Farrar was devoted to her mother during her last illness and was much grieved when she died.

Mrs. Hammett's will provided that the estate, valued at over \$350,000, should be shared equally between her son, Paul, and Mrs. Farrar. The will also set aside a fund with which Mrs. Farrar was to continue her mother's custom of presenting the city with the picture of new mayors to be added to the collection in the city hall.

Mrs. Farrar is survived by her husband, her brother and a son by a former marriage, Guy H. Davis, of Evanston, Ill.

The body is at Peak-Hagedorn mortuary. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.