

Frances Wix Bludworth (Mother of Richard Edwin Bludworth) Class of 1944.

KILLS WIFE, SELF

Martin Produce Dealer's Act Blamed on Ill Health

MARTIN TN, May 1, 1931. Mrs. Richard Bludworth, 33, was shot to death late Thursday by her husband. Richard Bludworth, 44, then turned the gun on himself and died with a bullet wound in the heart.

Mrs. Bludworth had returned from a shopping trip downtown and was met at the door by Bludworth. He carried a gun, and without warning, started shooting. Mrs. Bludworth turned to run and was struck in the throat by a bullet. Screaming, she staggered to a filling station 200 yards away and fell dead. Bludworth's act is attributed to ill health. He was a produce dealer, 44 years old.

Mrs. Bludworth leaves one child, six years old. Before her marriage she was Frances Wix of Greenfield, and formerly taught school there.

Funeral of Mrs. Bludworth was to be held Friday at Church of Christ, with Winsted & Jones in charge of arrangements.

Bludworth's funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending arrival of a daughter by a former marriage, who is in Texas.

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