

**William F. Dowdrick**<sup>1</sup>, (8 Mar 1865 – 4 Apr 1917), Harrisburg Telegraph, Thursday, April 5, 1917

### Duncannon Man Commits Suicide – **John Doutrich** Fires Pistol Bullet into His Head on Account of Woman

Duncannon, Pa., April 5. – **John Doutrich**, aged 51, committed suicide late yesterday afternoon by shooting himself with a revolver. **Doutrich**, who had been married three times, is believed to have committed the act because of an affair of the heart. **Mrs. Annie Silks**, the woman who was with him at the time of the shooting, has been arrested and lodged in the local jail.

**Doutrich**, who had been having family troubles for some time, is said by his companions to have bought a gun last Saturday. He evidently carried it since that time, evidently prepared for the emergency that yesterday caused him to end his life.

Yesterday afternoon, accompanied by **Mrs. Silks**, he ascended what is known as Duncannon Hill. Several men, including one of his sons, followed the pair to ascertain whether or not **Doutrich** then intended carrying out the threats that he had made. When his son came close to the couple **Mrs. Silks** invited him to leave. When he refused to leave, it is alleged, **Mrs. Silks** drew a knife from somewhere about her clothing and started to pursue him. They had gone only a short distance when they heard a shot from the bushes where **Doutrich** had been last seen. Returning, they found him clutching a smoking revolver with one empty chamber. He had held the weapon close to his temple and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous. An officer of the Duncannon Iron Company arrested **Mrs. Silks** immediately after the shooting, but no technical charge has been lodged against her.

**Doutrich** is survives by his wife and several children. He had been married three times. The present **Mrs. Doutrich** is a sister of his second wife. He was employed by the Duncannon Iron Company.

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<sup>1</sup> Individual is actually **William F. Dowdrick**, not **John Doutrich** as listed in newspaper