

# H. B. BARNES

## Leaves Letter to Family Explaining Rash Act

About ten o'clock in the morning of August 3, Mr. H. B. Barnes, of Hot Springs, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart. For some time he had been despondent and it is thought that the lives he had taken in former years had preyed on his mind. However, such a rash act was not expected by his family. Fortunately his last act had one eye witness, so that no suspicion of murder could be entertained. Further evidence of his purpose to put an end to his life is the note which he left his family.

### Letter Mr. Barnes left:

To my wife and children goodbye, and may God bless and save you all also to my grandchildren. I hope to meet you all in Heaven. I am taking this course as a sacrifice, which I think will be best for you all.

To the public and my friends, please forgive me—for my short course—I am taking. Thanking you all for the many favors granted me. My usefulness is at end, and must go, as I am directed by my spirit.

H. B. Barnes.

Mr. Davis, I could have pulled through—I had not lost my job—tell Mr. Seeley I thank him for his many favors.

May God accept me as I am.

Here is .60 for Hugh—do not let him see me if you all think best.

Bury at the very least cost, the clothes I have on is sufficient. Boys, please do right and obey your Mother.

Mr. Barnes was 53 years old and leaves children as follows: Morris, Pritchard, James, ~~and~~, and Spencer.

The funeral was August 4, conducted by Rev. I. H. Garenflo, of Hot Springs. Interment followed at Revere. 8/14/25