

FATHER SHOTS HIS SON

THEN SUICIDES

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan 8—Joseph Caskey, a teamster, aged 63 years, of 820 Mount Vernon street, Camden, shot and instantly killed his son, Joseph, a weaver, aged 30 years, of 928 Chestnut street, Camden, in a stable yard in the rear of William Sultzbach's saloon, at the southeast corner of Ninth and Walnut street, about half-past seven o'clock last night. The father afterwards put the pistol in his mouth, pulled the trigger and fell a corpse at his son's feet.

Joseph Caskey, Sr., was one of the settlement, and his son was equally well known. Sunday they both attended a Polish christening and were apparently on good terms.

Last night the father was observed to drive into the stable yard shortly after seven o'clock with a team partially loaded. He was seen and heard by several neighbors in and about the barn.

About half-past seven the housekeeper at Sultzbach on whose premises the stable is located, came to him in a state of fright and declared there was a man on the roof. To satisfy her he lighted a lantern and went out on the roof, but found no one. As he flashed the lantern he discovered the street gate and barn door open.

He came down and fastened the gate and started for the barn door and found the bodies of both men.

The son was lying in the stable door with a bullet wound in his temple. The father, a few feet away, was found with a wound in the roof of his mouth. The revolver, a 32-calibre, was clutched tightly in his right hand.

Mr. Sultzbach immediately notified the authorities, and Captain Stanley and Sergeant Reeder took charge of the bodies until the arrival of Coroner Litchfield.

Both men were married. The father leaves a wife and three grown children and the son a wife and two little girls.