

W.E. Gooding – Owner/Manager of the Minnesota club

The announcement was made last night of the sale of the Minneapolis base ball franchise by R. O. Foster to W. E. Gooding for \$7,000. The transfer took place several days ago, but for prudential reasons was not sooner announced, as Gooding desired to complete negotiations for several players before the change was made known. The step will be hailed with delight by the lovers of the game at Minneapolis, as it will probably result in the placing of a better team in the field, with both money and energy behind it. R. O. Foster, though a good man in his way, lacked money and decision, to say nothing of executive ability, qualities which Gooding possesses. That there is money

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improvement made.

THE MANAGEMENT.

Hands and Heads That Will Control the Team's Destiny.

The franchise for Minneapolis is owned and the team will be managed this year by W. E. Gooding, who has purchased all rights, privileges and leases from R. O. Foster. Mr. Gooding was born at Cooperstown, N. Y., April 16, 1858, and will have just turned thirty years when the season opens. He had a liberal education at St. John's college, and, developing a taste for music, received abroad instruction on melody and harmony with a view of adopting music as a profession. This proved too slow for him, however, and he decided to enter railroading as a life profession. He started in at the bottom and began as a fireman, working successfully through the positions of fireman, brakeman, telegraph operator, transfer agent and finally became United States custom broker at Neche, Dak. He left there to accept the position of city ticket

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W. E. Gooding, once manager of the Minneapolis ball team, has gone half way into the show business and is now manager of the Richard's Sterioptisan company.

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SECURED A MANAGER.

W. E. Gooding to Take Charge of the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

The board of trustees of the Minneapolis Athletic club, which proposes to establish an institut on similar to the athletic clubs of California, held a meeting yesterday, and decided to engage the services of W. E. Gooding as manager. Mr. Gooding is well known to the citizens of Minneapolis as the ex-manager of the base ball club, who has a reputation of possessing good business and executive ability as well as being one of the best posted sporting men, in the proper sense of the word, in the country. The selection will be warmly approved. The club has also engaged the services of John Donaldson as instructor for the gymnasium, and other arrangements are progressing, so it looks as though the club may be opened within thirty days.

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but was apprehended yesterday.

Resigned the Management.

W. E. Gooding has tendered his resignation as manager of the Twin City Athletic club. Mr. Gooding's successor has not yet been selected, but will be at the next meeting of the executive committee of the club.

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Western Union.

"Pope" Gooding's Luck.

"Pope" Gooding, ex-theater manager, ex-newspaper reporter, ex-spiritualist medium and ex a dozen other things, has apparently struck it rich at last. According to the Tacoma News, W. E. Gooding, with William Prince, while out prospecting in Pierce county, Wash., ran across a rich gold find and have filed a number of claims upon the property. They have interested with them several influential and wealthy residents of Tacoma, and all of them are in a fair way to become wealthy out of their find. Ore from one of the claims has been assayed and goes \$60 to the ton. It is the intention to develop the ledges and if the prospects warrant a stamp mill will be put in, as the ore is all free milling. The party are at present getting out a ton of ore from four of the ledges and intend sending it to San

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Name:	W. E. Gooding
Age:	39
Census Date:	1895
County:	Hennepin
Locality:	Minneapolis Ward 8
Birth Location:	New York
Gender:	Male
Estimated birth year:	abt 1856
Race:	White
Line:	5
Roll:	V290_67

Name:	William E Gooding
Birth Date:	1856
Birth Place:	New York, United States of America
Death Date:	8 May 1899
Cemetery:	Lakewood Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, United States of America
Has Bio?:	Y
Spouse:	Fannie Gooding
Children:	Catherine J Hull
URL:	https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/111111111

GOODING'S SAD END

SECRETARY OF THE MINNEAPOLIS
DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE
KILLS HIMSELF

TRAGEDY AT WALLA WALLA

W. E. GOODING, VETERAN RAIL-
ROAD MAN AND BASE BALL
MANAGER, TIRES OF LIFE

ILL HEALTH AND FORTUNE

Combination Is Believed to Have
Unsettled His Mind—He Was Too
Ill to Resume His Railroad Ca-
reer—Leaves a Wife and Family,
Who Are Now in Madison,
Minn.

W. E. Gooding, for upwards of twenty
years a prominent figure in Minneapolis,
and recently politically prominent as one
of the harder workers for the
the D

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Committed suicide in Walla Walla WA

William E Gooding

BIRTH 1856
New York, USA

DEATH 8 May 1899 (aged 42–43)

BURIAL [Lakewood Cemetery](#)
Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA

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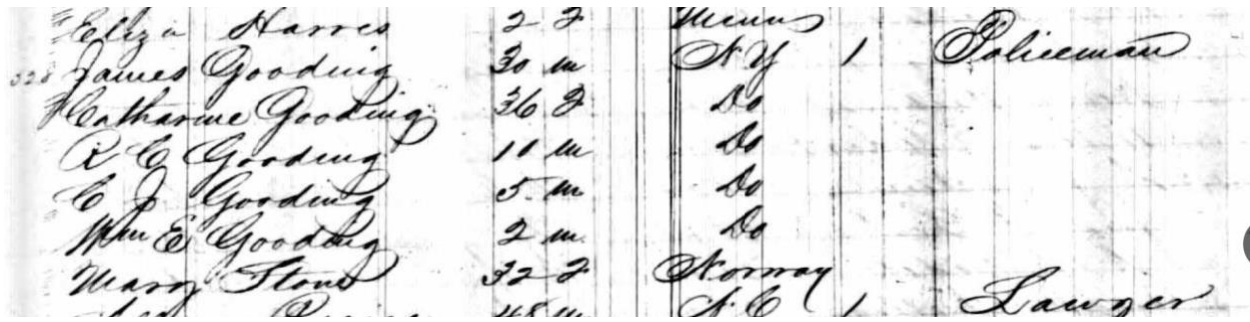
One Way Out Of It

Walla Walla, Washington, May 8th

W. E. Gooding, a well-known railroad man, committed suicide here to-day by shooting himself in the head. The body was found lying in an outhouse back of his lodging house.

James Gooding	32	M		Dumplings	1	8	Hotel Keep
Wm Gooding	32	F	Wife	"		8	
Rodney G. Gooding	8	M	Child	"		8	
Charles G. Gooding	4	M	"	Otsego		11	
Wm E. Gooding	2	M	"	"		2	
Lewis Hignall	27	M	Ward	So Carolina			Artist
Hiram Reed	35	M	Ward	Otsego		35	
Geo. Newkirk	17	M	Servant	"		17	Servant
Emily Shellman	40	F	"	"		1	"
Eliza Hobbie	58	F	"	"			"

1855 New York State Census... birthdate in 1855?



1857 Minnesota State Census

Name:	Wm. E. Gooding	
Age:	24	
Birth Date:	Abt 1856	
Birthplace:	New York	
Home in 1880:	Saint Vincent, Kittson, Minnesota, USA	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head)	
Marital status:	Married	
Spouse's name:	Celia Gooding	
Father's Birthplace:	New York	
Mother's Birthplace:	New York	
Occupation:	Telegraph Operator	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	Wm. E. Gooding	24
	Celia Gooding	21
	Catharine Gooding	3
	Jas. Gooding	2

COUNTY OF..... } ss:

I, William E. Gooding, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport for myself, accompanied by as follows: born at....., on the..... day of....., 18....., and.....

I solemnly swear that I was born at Copier Ferry in the State of N.Y. on or about the 16 day of Apr, 1857; that my father is a..... citizen of the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Minneapolis in the State of Minn, where I follow the occupation of Capitalist; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein. 6 mos.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn to before me this 20 day William E. Gooding of Minneapolis, 1896.
W.A. Mead
Notary Public.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 41 years. Mouth: Medium
Stature: 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches, Eng. Chin: Straight
Forehead: High Hair: Dark
Eyes: Brown Complexion: Dark
Nose: Regular Face: Full

IDENTIFICATION.

Passport Application from January 20, 1896 for William E Gooding