

**Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis**  
**Additional Information Sheet**

Location:

death of Raymond Dale Pyle

American Hotel

6 N. 7th Street

Additional Information:

Raymond Pyle, a 23-year-old senior at Missouri School of Mines (Rolla, MO), checks into the American Hotel. Shortly after is found dead by hotel staff.

Pyle, wearing women's clothing and makeup, appeared to have died by hanging. Writings about young women committing suicide are also found in his room.

For additional history see:

*The St. Louis Star and Times*, 17 Jan 1949, Mon, Page 5

*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 17 Jan 1949, Mon, Page 3