

Museum Head Dies As Result of Shot

PHILADELPHIA — (U.P.) — Dr. George C. Vaillant, 44, director of the University of Pennsylvania museum and internationally known archeologist, committed suicide late yesterday on the lawn of his suburban mainline estate near Devon, Pa..

Coroner Fred Manship issued the suicide verdict. He said Vaillant placed the muzzle of a .38-caliber revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger. The bullet tore out through the back of his head.

The body was found near the swimming pool by his wife, Mary, when she stepped out of their home to persuade her husband to stop working at cutting the lawn.

Mrs. Vaillant told police her husband had been despondent lately, but could give no reason for the depression.
