

Catherine Carroll

(- 14 Dec 1920)

Carroll. On Tuesday, December 14, 1920, at 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Catherine Carroll, aged 41. Funeral will be held from the residence of Mr. Martin Carroll, 644 E street n.e. Funeral private.

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Woman Shot Dead, Husband Arrested

"I Killed Her," W.J. Carroll Said to Have Told Police. Found Beside Her Body.

Children Look On as Mother's Life is Ended

Held at the fifth precinct police station, William Joseph Carroll, forty-four years old, 1315 K street southeast, is charged with the murder of his wife Mrs. Catherine Carroll, forty-one, being alleged that he shot and almost instantly killed her last night about 7:45 o'clock. The shooting took place in the yard of 1313 K street, where Mrs. Carroll ran to protect herself from her husband.

Three bullets entered Mrs. Carroll's breast. When the police arrived they found the husband lying by the corpse, his arms extended.

Police Report Confession

"She is my wife. I killed her; she did me wrong," he is said to have told the police.

Carroll was employed at the sewage pumping station, while his wife worked as a car cleaner in the shops of the Washington Terminal Company. Martin, fourteen, and Margaret, five, children of the couple, were at home when the tragedy occurred.

Carroll, according to the police, said he warned his wife yesterday morning that if she were not at home at 5 o'clock in the afternoon he would kill her. He said he purchased a pistol at a local store yesterday and went home in the afternoon to await the arrival of his wife.

Woman on Way to Neighbors

Mrs. Carroll did not come directly home from her place of employment, her husband, stated and when she did come he proceeded to question her. It is charged that he started an attack by choking his wife and that she ran from the house to seek protection in the home of a neighbor. Her husband followed and fired three bullets into her breast.

No attempt at escape was made by the alleged wife-slayer, and he went from the scene to the slaying with the police without offering any resistance. Policeman R.E. Davis was first to reach him; Capt. Sanford, Lieut. Hodges and Sergt. Bobo also were there in response to a message telling of the shooting.

When Carroll reached the police station he declared he had made an effort to take his own life after shooting his wife. The pistol missed fire, however.

Coroner Nevitt arranged to hold an inquest at the morgue this afternoon.