

## Elizabeth B. Collier

(1852 – 25 Oct 1915)

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**Collier.** Suddenly on Monday, October 25, 1915, at their late residence, 1105 D street northeast, Elizabeth B. and her daughter, Myra Collier. The double funeral will be held from Zurhorst's funeral parlor, 301 East Capitol street on Wednesday, October 27 at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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### **Mother and Daughter, Sleeping, Asphyxiated**

#### **Disconnected Rubber Tube Causes Death of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Collier and Miss Myra Collier**

Accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas that had escaped through a disconnected rubber tube which conveyed gas from a ceiling fixture to a small heater, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Collier sixty-eight years old, and Miss Myra Collier, her daughter, nineteen years old, were found dead this morning in their sleeping apartment at 1105 D street northeast. Both were invalids. They had not inhaled a great quantity of gas, Coroner Nevitt stated.

Misses Elsie and Louise Collier, two other daughters, occupied rooms in the apartment. One of them heard a noise in the room last night about midnight and thought it was made by her sister moving about to wait on her mother, but not the faintest odor of gas was detected until they arose for the day.

One of the windows of the room occupied by the victims was open from the top, while the door leading into the hall also was open. It was explained that the doors of the rooms occupied by the sisters who were not affected by the gas were closed and the windows open, making it impossible for the escaping gas to reach them.

#### *May Have Disconnected Tube*

Members of the family told Coroner Nevitt they thought Miss Myra Collier got up during the night to look after her mother, and, being a cripple, accidentally disconnected the rubber tubing with her foot.

Mrs. Collier's husband, Clarence E. Collier died in a hospital in Wilmington, Del., about a year ago. His brother, Eusebius Collier, who was connected with a lumber firm in this city several years ago, it is stated, is now connected with a lumber firm in Wilmington.

The Colliers formerly were residents of Hampton, Va. Mrs. Collier was a communicant at the First Baptist Church, 16th and O streets, and during the time the family has resided in East Washington the daughters have attended Grace Baptist Church.

Coroner Nevitt gave certificates showing the deaths were due to accidental asphyxiation, and arrangements were made to have the bodies taken to Zurhorst's undertaking establishment, from where the double funeral will take place. Interment probably will be in Congressional cemetery.