

Mattie J. Cromelin

(- 28 Sep 1926)

Cromelin. Suddenly on Tuesday, September 28, 1926, Mattie J. Cromelin (nee Selby) widow of William H. and mother of P.B. Cromelin. Funeral from her late residence, 1453 Spring place n.w., Friday, October 1 at 2 o'clock. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. M. Cromelin Killed When Auto Strikes Her
Mother of Former Assistant District Attorney Run Down in Sixteenth Street
Another Seriously Hurt

Mrs. Mattie Cromelin, 65 years old, 1453 Spring Place northwest, mother of Paul B. Cromelin, former assistant district attorney here, was mortally injured last night when she was struck by an automobile driven by Kenneth Pearce, 806 Kennedy street northwest, at Sixteenth street and Spring place.

Pearce placed Mrs. Cromelin in his automobile and drove to Garfield hospital, where she died two hours later from a fractured skull. She did not regain consciousness after the accident. Her identity was not established until midnight last night.

Mrs. Cromelin had a theater engagement with her son, last night. Anxiety not to keep her son waiting is believed to have caused Mrs. Cromelin's death. When she reached Sixteenth street, according to police, a bus was stopping on the opposite side of the street. Mrs. Cromelin, not wanting to miss the bus, started to run across the street.

The left fender of Pearce's automobile struck her, throwing her to the ground.

Pearce was released following the accident, to appear at an inquest at the morgue tomorrow. Mrs. Cromelin's identity was established by the initials on her wedding ring. Her son, when his mother did not appear at the theater, visited police headquarters and asked if any one resembling his mother had been injured. Police did not know of the accident then. After waiting almost two hours Paul Cromelin started to visit the hospitals. He called Garfield on the telephone and learned of his mother's death.