

Nina L. McCormick

(- 19 Oct 1907)

McCormick. Suddenly, October 19, 1907, Mrs. Nina T. McCormick, widow of the late L. Darnell McCormick and daughter of the late Raymond W. Barche.

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Woman Ends Her Life

Mrs. Nina McCormick Inhales Illuminating Gas

Mrs. Nina McCormick, fifty-five years of age, committed suicide last night or this morning at her home, 931 P street by inhaling illuminating gas. Friends of the deceased told the police this morning that the act was the result of illness and worry. Mrs. McCormick was a widow, and occupied a room in the apartment of her married brother. She had frequently said she did not like the idea of being dependent on anybody for support, the police were told, and recently she suffered an attack of nervous prostration. She had about recovered, but was still worried.

Mrs. McCormick last evening was about the house as usual, conversing with Mrs. Miller, from whom the McCormick's rent an apartment, and with others. About 10 o'clock she went to her room. Mrs. miller this morning about 5 o'clock was awakened by the odor of gas, and started an investigation. She soon discovered that the gas was flowing from jets in the room occupied by Mrs. McCormick. Mrs. miller aroused other persons and proceeded to effect an entrance to the room from which the gas was flowing. The door was found so securely fastened that it was necessary to have someone climb in through a window.

It was found that the gas was flowing from two jets. The flow was cut off and the window and door opened. A hasty examination satisfied those in the house that Mrs. McCormick was dead, but in order that no mistake might be made a call was sent to the Emergency Hospital. The ambulance with one of the surgeons responded. The surgeon examined the body and promptly announced that life was extinct. His opinion is the gas had been turned on before midnight.

Coroner Nevitt made an investigation of the affair and gave the necessary certificate. Later the body was prepared for burial. The funeral will probably take place Monday.

Coroner Nevitt heard the statements of Mrs. Miller and of relatives of the deceased before he reached the conclusion that Mrs. McCormick had committed suicide. The coroner was told that Mrs. McCormick became suddenly blind about eighteen months ago, and that she had since experienced periods of mental depression.