

## Sarah J. Owens

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### **Mrs. Owens' Sad Death**

#### **She Attempts to Fill a Lighted Gasoline Stove With the Usual Result**

The death of Mrs. Sarah Owens in Providence Hospital yesterday morning was the result of a sad accident which occurred the night before. Mrs. Owens, who was fifty-four years old and occupied a room on the second floor of house No. 439 10th street southwest attempted to fill the tank of a gasoline stove that was lighted with the usual result.

As she poured the gasoline into the tank the fluid caught fire. Mrs. Owens' dress soon became a solid flame and she was badly burned from head to foot. She ran downstairs, where she was met by Mr. William O'Dwyer, and he did what he could to save the woman's life at the risk of losing his own. He threw a blanket around the burning woman and extinguished the flames, but in so doing he was burned about the arms.

Physicians were called to attend Mrs. Owens, but they found her injuries so bad that recovery was impossible, and, after affording what immediate relief lay in their power, she received the last sacraments of the church and was then sent to Providence Hospital. She died yesterday morning after a night of suffering.

Mrs. Owens was the widow of a soldier and her funeral will take place from St. Dominic's under the auspices of John A. Logan Post, of which her husband was a member.