

Harriet E. Bailey

(17 Jul 1823 – 8 May 1862)

Bailey. Suddenly on April 13, 1907, Mrs. Harriet E. Bailey, the loving mother of Charlotte E. Brennan, Ida Jones, Martha Robrecht, John F. Bailey and Judson W. Bailey. Funeral Monday, April 15 at 2 p.m., from her daughter's (Mrs. Ida Jones) residence, 119 C street northeast. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private.

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Woman Burned To Death

Mrs. Harriet Bailey, Blind and 75 Years Old, Is Victim Sits Before Stove and Flames Ignite Spread With Which She Had Covered Her Shoulders

Lying huddled near the door of an upper room in her home, 9 Fifth street northeast, Mrs. Harriet Bailey, seventy-five years old, was found yesterday morning burning to death. She died a few moments after her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William J. Bailey, found her.

After starting a fire in a small stove in his mother's room, as has been his custom, William J. Bailey, her son, left the house to make some purchases at a near-by store. This was about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Shortly after he went out his wife was attracted by screams for help, and, rushing to the second story, found the old woman lying on the floor, her clothes ablaze. Her head was against the stove and a spread she had about her was burning. The fire was extinguished, but not before Mrs. Bailey was dead.

From the position of the body, it was evident that Mrs. Bailey had seated herself upon a coal hod for the purpose of warming her back, and it is believed that the stove, becoming overheated, ignited the spread she had wrapped around her.

An alarm was turned in and several engine companies responded, but the blaze had been extinguished before they arrived.

The body was removed to the morgue, and the coroner gave a certificate of accidental death.

Mrs. Bailey, who was almost totally blind, is survived by two sons, John F. Bailey, a clerk in the War Department, and William J. Bailey, and a daughter.