Catherine (Kate) E. Benson
(– 10 Oct 1910)

Benson. On Monday, October 10, 1910 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emergency Hospital as the result of gasoline explosion, Mrs. Kate E. Benson, wife of George S. Benson. Funeral will take place Thursday, October 13 at 2 p.m. from Lee's establishment, 332 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

The Evening Star, October 10, 1910, p. 4
Her Condition Serious
Hotel Housekeeper Badly Burned While Cleaning Gloves
     The condition of Mrs. Catherine Benson, 55 years of age, housekeeper at the Arizona Hotel, who was taken to the Emergency Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from burns caused by the explosion of gasoline, is today reported to be critical.
     The explosion occurred while Mrs. Benson was cleaning gloves with gasoline. The fumes reached a lighted gas jet and the fluid she had in a small vessel ignited. The woman's clothes were soon ablaze.
     Her cries for assistance brought one of the hotel's guests to her aid, and he succeeded in extinguishing the flames with a blanket, but not before the woman had been severely burned about her body, face and hands.

The Evening Star, October 12, 1910, p. 7
Funeral of Mrs. Benson
Services to Be Held Tomorrow for Gasoline Explosion Victim
     Funeral services for Mrs. Kate E. Benson, who died Monday evening from the effects of a gasoline explosion at her home the preceding day, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel at Lee's undertaking establishment, 332 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. They will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The remains will be placed in the receiving vault at Congressional cemetery awaiting interment later at Arlington. Mrs. Benson is survived by her husband, George S. Benson, and one daughter, Georgia Anna.
     Mr. Benson is known for his work in this city along patriotic lines. It was he that placed in every public school in the city a framed portrait of Abraham Lincoln, "From Log Cabin to White House.