

Sarah E. Berry

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Death of Mrs. Berry

Dressmaker Succumbs to Burns Incurred October 26 Last

Mrs. Mary Berry, a dressmaker, who resided at No. 10 11th street northeast, and who has been a patient at Providence Hospital since October 26 last, when she was burned by the explosion of gasoline at her home, died Saturday night.

A lady occupying a room in Mrs. Berry's home was cleaning a garment with gasoline, and asked Mrs. Berry to pour out for her a little more of the fluid, the quantity she had obtained being exhausted. Mrs. Berry did so, not knowing that close by, but out of sight, was a gas jet in the range in full burning. The explosion threw the burning stuff over her. Her granddaughter, Miss Ada Berry, was slightly burned in trying to save her grandmother, but no one else was injured.

Mrs. Berry was taken to Providence Hospital, and in time it became necessary to transplant skin in the burned places. Her son, James H. Berry, an electrician on the Olympia, now at Colon, came home to offer his person in the effort to save his mother's life, and returned to his post several weeks ago.

Mrs. Berry grew weaker slowly, and Saturday evening, the 26th, she died as stated. The funeral will be held tomorrow from Grace Baptist Church, of which she was one of the first members. One son, F.J. Berry, resides in Georgia, and a daughter, Mrs. Jesse Mullen, lives in New York city.

Mrs. Berry was a lovable woman, with a host of friends, and the news of her death will come to them as a shock, though it had been feared from the first. During her absence in the hospital, her niece, Mrs. Leutze, has taken care of her business and kept the house, but her death will break up a happy home.