

Ida N. Blaine (- 6 Feb 1918)

Blaine. Suddenly on Thursday, February 6, 1918, Ida N. Blaine (nee Mickel), aged 27 years. Remains can be seen at W.W. Deal's funeral parlors, 816 H street n.e. Funeral private.

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H.S. Blaine Slays Wife and Himself

Coroner's Verdict on Tragedy Enacted in Home of Mrs. A.M. Mickel

Harry S. Blaine, a butcher, and his wife, Mrs. Ida Blaine, are dead as the result of trouble between the two shortly after 6 o'clock last night at the home of Mrs. Anna M. Mickel, mother of the dead woman, at 414 M street southeast.

Coroner Nevitt made an investigation at the house, Detectives Baur, Sweeney and Scrivener assisting, and reached the conclusion that Blaine had killed his wife and taken his own life. It also was the opinion that Mrs. Blaine, in self-defense, had wrested the sharp butcher knife, with which all the wounds were inflicted, from her husband and had stabbed him several times.

Couple Had Separated

The couple separated during the Christmas holidays, the husband living at the home of a brother, at 1130 4th street southeast, just around the corner from the Mickel home. He called at the latter place last night shortly before the tragedy, sent his nine-year-old step-daughter, Hazel, to buy candy, it is stated, and sent for his wife from a neighbor's house.

Screams from the house shortly thereafter attracted neighbors, who discovered the man and wife on the floor of the kitchen. Mrs. Blaine was dead when discovered. Blaine died at Casualty Hospital shortly after his removal there. Two wounds in the region of the heart proved fatal.

Employe of Swift & Co.

The husband was twenty-nine years old and was an employe of the firm of Swift & Co. Mrs. Blaine was twenty-five years old.

Blaine's photograph is in the gallery at police headquarters, where records show he had been arrested for housebreaking and depredation on property and sentenced to the penitentiary.