

Mary Anna Braugh

(- 6 Dec 1921)

Braugh. Suddenly, December 6, 1921, at her residence, 806 E st. s.e., Mary Anna Braugh, mother of Fred T. and Freda L. Braugh and Mrs. Ruth E. Roussea of New York. Funeral from Grace Baptist Church, 9th and South Carolina ave. s.e., Thursday, December 8, at 2 p.m.

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Coal Gas Fumes Fatal To Woman

Mrs. Mary Anna Braugh Dead; Daughter, Overcome, Taken to Hospital

Mrs. Mary Anna Braugh, sixty-two of 806 E street southeast, is dead, and her daughter, Miss Freda Louise Braugh, twenty-five, is in a critical condition at Casualty Hospital from the effects of coal gas, which flooded their room through a register leading from a Latrobe.

Both were found this morning at 8:45 o'clock by Frederick Thomas Braugh, twenty-two, son of the deceased, when he broke into the second-floor front room of the residence after failing to arouse them.

Dropped Before Window

Mrs. Braugh was fully clothed, but the daughter was in night dress. The former was stretched lifeless across the bed and Miss Braugh was unconscious on the floor near a window, which she had evidently tried to reach when she dropped. Apparently the bed had been slept in during the night, and it was upon arising that the fumes evidently had overcome mother and daughter.

The son immediately notified Casualty Hospital, and Dr. Ford, responding, pronounced Mrs. Braugh dead. Miss Braugh was taken to the hospital, where she had not regained consciousness early this afternoon and little hope was entertained for her life.

Young Braugh had come home shortly after 11 o'clock last night and retired. The door of the room occupied by his mother and sister was locked. He was awakened he said by the telephone ringing at 8:45 this morning. He thought it strange, he said, that his mother was not up at this time, and after answering the phone, returned to her room to awaken her. When she did not answer, he forced an entrance.

The room is heated by a register which carries hot air up from a first floor Latrobe. Small anthracite coal was burned in the Latrobe, which threw off large quantities of gas. This is believed by the police to have caused the tragedy.

Detective Sergt. Howard Vermillion of police headquarters made the final investigation, after a preliminary one had been completed by Precinct Detective Wise and Policeman Lanham of the fifth precinct. Coroner Nevitt now is investigating.

Mrs. Braugh, besides her daughter and son here, leaves a husband, George Paul Braugh, who lives at 1719 New Jersey avenue, and another daughter, Mrs. Ruth E. Roussca of New York.