

Ellen Dalton

(- 17 Oct 1888)

Dalton. On Wednesday, October 17, 1888, Mrs. Ellen Dalton, aged 66 years. Funeral from her late residence, 1218 Pennsylvania avenue southeast on Friday the 19th inst. Services at St. Peter's church, Capitol Hill at 9 o'clock a.m.

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Burned to Death

A Startling Tragedy Last Evening in Southeast Washington

Mrs. Ellen Dalton, the widow of the late Martin Dalton, was burned to death at 1218 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, about 6 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Dalton, who was 64 years of age, resided with her widowed daughter, Mrs. Alice Gorman, and was quite decrepit. Mrs. Gorman had, after putting the supper on the stove, started to a drug store, leaving her mother reading by the stove. Soon after Mrs. Gorman had left, the house took fire in some unknown manner. On the arrival of the firemen Mrs. Dalton's body was found lying on its face. She was burned almost beyond recognition. It is thought that after Mrs. Gorman left that her mother attempted to attend to the supper when her clothing took fire. She had evidently attempted to reach the front door and falling, the flames had communicated to the furniture.