

Ruth Catherine Hales

(- 24 Mar 1914)

Hales. On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, at 7:15 p.m., at the Buckingham, Ruth Catherine Hales (nee Lausch), beloved wife of Pearce E. Hales. Funeral (private) Thursday, March 26, at 2 o'clock.

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Young Bride Is Dead As Result of Poison

Took Deadly Drug a Month Ago, Following Misunderstanding With Husband

Mrs. Ruth Catherine Hales, eighteen years old, wife of Pearce E. Hales, a salesman in a music store, last night died in her apartment at the Rockingham, 1317 Rhode Island avenue northwest, as a result of poison she took more than a month ago. Coroner Nevitt was told she took the poison with suicidal intent.

Mrs. Hales, a bride of three months, and her husband resided in the 1100 block on P street when the poison was taken, it is stated, following a misunderstanding between husband and wife, and since then the patient expressed sorrow for her act and was anxious to get well.

Coroner Nevitt was told that Mrs. Hales dissolved six poisonous tablets in a glass of water and consumed about one-half the mixture.

Saw Her Take Poison

Her husband was in the room when she swallowed the poison, it is stated, but he had no idea what was in the glass until his wife told him she had taken poison.

Dr. Llewellyn Eliot was summoned to the house. He administered antidotes, relieving the patient of as much of the poison as possible, and later Dr. Montgomery Hunter attended her. The police knew nothing of the affair until after the death had been reported to the coroner.

Mrs. Hales' maiden name was Lausch. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The funeral will be private.