

Marie L. Jolley

(- 15 May 1907)

Jolley. Suddenly on Wednesday, May 15, 1907 at 4:30 a.m., Marie L. Jolley. Funeral from Wright's undertaking establishment, 1337 10th street southwest, Friday, May 17 at 3 o'clock p.m.

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Woman Commits Suicide

Was an Employe in Government Printing Office

Worry Over Separation From Husband and Fear of Losing Position Assigned as Cause

Mrs. Marie L. Jolley, who was employed in the gathering room at the government printing office, committed suicide last night or this morning by inhaling illuminating gas in her room at No. 1 L street northwest. Her body was found by her daughter, Miss Florence Jolley, who is a pupil in the high school. The unfortunate woman was the wife of Dr. B.B. Jolley, who formerly practiced medicine in this city, but who has been living at Dudie, Fauquier county, Va., since he and his wife separated several years ago. He was notified of his wife's death by the police, but it is not known if he will come her to take charge of her funeral.

Mrs. Jolley left no message of her reasons for taking her life, so far as the police could ascertain this morning, and her relatives and friends can only surmise the cause. She was at the government printing office yesterday attending to her work and returned home about the usual hour. Her daughter said this morning that she noticed something peculiar about the actions of her mother last night and because of this she took her out for a stroll, going as far as the home of her aunt on Q street.

Daughter's Horrible Discovery

The mother and daughter occupied rooms on the second floor of the house, the rooms being separated by a narrow landing at the head of the stairs. Shortly after 10 o'clock last night they retired, mother and daughter bidding an affectionate good night before separating. This morning about 7:30 o'clock the daughter went to her mother's room to call her so that she might get to the government printing office on time, and when she opened the door the fumes of gas were almost strong enough to stifle her. Looking across the room the young woman saw the end of a gas tube in her mother's mouth. She stepped back and gave a scream, attracting the attention of the other roomers in the house.

Believing somebody was dead or dying, a number of persons hurried with anxious inquiries to where Miss Jolley was standing in the hall. When they learned what had happened they summoned Policeman McGrath of the second precinct. He turned off the gas that was flowing through the tube from the stove and found also that another jet had been opened. Dr. Edgar Thompson was summoned to the house, but he could do nothing in the way of resuscitation and decided that Mrs. Jolley had been dead several hours. Coroner Nevitt made an investigation and gave a certificate of death in accordance with the facts.

Feared Loss of Position

It was stated by Miss Jolley this morning that her mother had been indisposed recently, but that she had never said one word to intimate that she intended to end her life. It is the belief of some friends of Mrs. Jolley that she had brooded over the separation from her husband and that she feared loss of her position in the government printing office. The force is being reduced, it is stated, and some of the

piece hands are hardly earning money enough to pay their board. Mrs. Jolley was a highly educated and cultured woman, and had many friends in the office where she was employed. News of her tragic death was a severe shock to many of them.

Shortly after her friends in the government printing office were advised of her death a number of them called at her home to extend their sympathies to the daughter and to offer their assistance. After Coroner Nevitt had given the necessary death certificate an undertaker took charge of the body and prepared it for burial.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.