

Josephine T. Lyman

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Knickerbocker Suits Ordered Consolidated

Three of the fifty or more damage suits growing out of the crash at the Knickerbocker Theater on January 28, 1922, were consolidated yesterday by Justice Siddons in equity court and set down for trial on October 15.

The cases are those of Mrs. Josephine T. Lyman, administratrix of the estate of her son, David Lyman; William J. Forsyth, administrator of the estate of his sister, Mary Ann Forsyth, and Mary Young, who sued for personal injuries. Each demands \$10,000 damages from the Knickerbocker Theater Company. The plaintiffs are all represented by Attorneys Archer, Chamberlain and Smith, while the theater company is represented by Attorneys Lambert & Yeatman.

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Mother Loses Damage Suit

Ruling in Knickerbocker Action Halts Her Litigation

Mrs. Josephine Lyman, mother of 17-year-old David Lyman, killed in the crash at the Knickerbocker theater January 28, 1922, who filed suit against the Knickerbocker Theater Company as administratrix of her son's estate, will be able to collect damages only for the loss of the boy's services to his father, David H. Lyman, jr., who died three months after the crash, according to a ruling yesterday by Justice Siddons in circuit court.

Attorneys Lambert, Yeatman and Bell, counsel for the theater company, contended that the boy's father was the sole next-of-kin who could bring suit for his death, and were sustained. The ruling has no effect on three other suits being tried jointly with the Lyman case. The suits are for \$10,000 damages each.

Lyman, Josephine T. Suddenly, on Friday, February 8, 1957, Josephine T. Lyman of 7104 Exeter rd., Bethesda, Md., beloved mother of Mrs. Custis G. Meade and Frank T. Lyman. There also are three grandchildren. Friends are invited to call at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Funeral Home of Robert A. Pumphrey, Bethesda, Md. Services on Monday, February 11, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin ave., Chevy Chase, Md. Interment Congressional Cemetery.