Daniel McNeill

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Fall Down Steps Fatal

Daniel McNeil, Insurance Solicitor, Found Dead at 905 H Street Northwest

Daniel McNeil an insurance solicitor, was instantly killed late last night by falling down the back stairs of the house in which he was living at 905 H street northwest. When the body was discovered at the bottom of the stairs by W.C. Cowjill, the proprietor of the house, McNeil's head was bent under him, his neck evidently broken by striking against the wall at the bottom of the steps.

McNeill came here from Cincinnati six months ago, separating from his wife and family, the police say. One of his daughters visited him three days ago, and since that time, people in the house say, McNeil has seemed very morose and depressed.

Headquarters Detective Howlett went to the house as soon as the accident was reported.

The hall on the second floor of the house is a long corridor, with several doors and the back stairs opening off it. Detective Howlett said that he thought McNeil, in feeling his way along the corridor, which was in darkness, came to the head of the stairs, missed his footing, and fell. The stairs are carpeted, and no one in the house heard the fall.

McNeil's relatives will be notified of his death and the body probably will be sent to Cincinnati for burial.