James Roach

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Accidental Death

Illuminating gas ended the life, yesterday afternoon in a room at 212 D street of Patrick Roach, fifty-four years of age, a veteran of the late war. He was known to be alive at 11 o'clock in the morning; three hours later the dead body was found. According to Mrs. Mary Jackson, the landlady, Roach had occupied a room at her house for about three months past, but he was of such a reserved disposition that she knew but little concerning him, except his name. He was a man of exceptionally steady habits, was always in his bed early at night, and seemed not to be on intimate terms with worry of any character. He was not engaged in business, but had an income sufficient to support him. Every indication is that Roach's death was accidental. The coroner this afternoon is investigating the occurrence.