

Emma Robey (- 18 Mar 1911)

Robey. On March 17, 1911 at 2:30 a.m., Anna, daughter of the late James W. and Mary E. Robey. Funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law, Thomas B. Lear, 530 9th street southeast, Monday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

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Emma and Ann Robey To Be Buried Together

Three Deaths Result of Pneumonia, in Same Family Within Ten Days

Double funeral services for Emma and Ann R. Robey, sisters, who died within a few days of each other of pneumonia, at the family residence, 530 9th street southeast, were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at their late home, Rev. Samuel Griffin, pastor of the M.E. Church at Anacostia, officiating.

The deaths of the two sisters have an additional pathetic feature in the unusual incident that March 11 last another sister, Mrs. Charlotte Lear, wife of Thomas B. Lear, an employe of the navy yard, died of pneumonia in the same home, three sisters being claimed by death within the ten days.

Sister's Illness Delays Funeral

Funeral services for Emma Robey, who died a week after her sister, Mrs. Lear, had been arranged for the morning of March 17, but before the hour set had arrived her sister, Ann, became so desperately ill with the dread disease that the funeral was deferred. Ann died yesterday morning.

Mrs. Lear was first taken ill of grippe, which developed into pneumonia. Following their sister to her grave, on a wet and cold day, the two sisters contracted colds which later also developed into pneumonia, with fatal sequence.

Miss Ann R. Robey was fifty-nine years of age, and her sister Emma was fifty-seven. Both were well known in Southeast Washington, where they had resided nearly all their lives. They were the daughters of James W. and Mary E. Robey, who were residents of this city many years before the civil war. Both parents died within a few days of each other shortly after the close of the war.

Suffers Under Triple Affliction

Mr. Lear is prostrated with grief from the triple affliction, which has left him, with the exception of the company of six nephews, practically alone. Since his marriage to Charlotte Robey about thirty years ago, the two deceased maiden sisters had made their home at his residence.

Since the death of the mother, Miss Emma Robey had conducted for many years a produce stand in the Center market and is remembered by many patrons of that market.

The pallbearers were the six nephews of the sisters, Harry Perkins Randolph Perkins, Edward Smith, John Smith, Charles Smith and William Coxen, all of this city.

The three interments were made in Congressional cemetery, where the three bodies now lie side by side.