

John A. Silance

(- 30 Sep 1914)

Silance. At his home, 1316 North Carolina avenue n.e., John A. Silance, beloved father of Theodore T. Silance. Funeral (private) on Friday morning, October 2 at 10 o'clock from his late home.

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Missed From His Desk And Found Dead At His Home

John Silance of U.S. Land Office Accidentally Asphyxiated in Kitchen of Residence

Missing from his desk at the land office this week, an investigation disclosed that John Silance, sixty years old, had been accidentally asphyxiated in the kitchen of his home, 1316 North Carolina avenue northeast.

The discovery of his death was made by J.W. Byler, chief of the tractbook division of the land office, and Policeman Hauschild of the ninth precinct. Mr. Silance was at the government department Saturday. He did not return Monday or yesterday. When he failed to appear at the office today it was thought strange, as no word had been received from him and he had not asked for leave of absence.

Mr. Byler went to the house with the policeman. They broke open the back door and found the body lying on the kitchen floor while the room was filled with gas.

Defective Fixture in Gas Range

Coroner Nevitt made an investigation and discovered that gas was escaping from a defective fixture of a gas range and accordingly gave a certificate of accidental death.

Mr. Silance was born at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and had been employed as a clerk in the land office since 1882. His wife died about two years ago, and he is said to have resided at the North Carolina avenue house alone. A son resides in this city and is said to be employed by a steamship company.