

Margaret Streett

(- 26 Jan 1922)

Streett. Suddenly, on January 26, 1922, Margaret Streett, widow of James R. Streett, and aunt of Charles A. Suydan and Mrs. T.A. Bynum, John McC. Davis and John H. Davis. Funeral from her late residence, 1005 East Capitol st., on Saturday, January 28, at 3:30 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

Streett. The remains of Mrs. Margaret Streett, who died January 26, 1922, will be interred at Congressional Cemetery, Saturday (2/11) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Gas Flames Claim Life of Another Woman Sought to Extnquish Fire When Curtain Touched Stove

Two women burned to death in as many days by fire involving small gas stoves and heaters led Fire Chief Watson to further consideration today to ways of reducing such tragedies.

The latest victim is Mrs. Margaret Streett, seventy-nine years old, who was fatally burned last night at her home, 1005 East Capitol street.

According to the fire marshal's report, Mrs. Streett was heating water on a small gas stove placed on a table in the kitchen. A lace curtain on the kitchen window came in contact with the stove and caught fire

She attempted to extinguish the fire with a piece of carpet, the firemen reported, when her clothing caught fire. Miss Agnes Handquist, twenty-five years old, was badly burned on the hands and ars when she went to the assistance of the older woman.

From this report it would appear that the woman did not catch fire by coming in direct contact with the stove. But all such cases serve to demonstrate, Chief Watson said, that too much care cannot be exercised in using gas stoves and heaters.

Chief Watson does not believe there are a sufficient number of casualties in which persons have caught fire from open gas heaters to warrant a regulation requiring the placing of guards or screens around such heaters.

He believes, however, that the public can protect itself by purchasing only those heaters in which the burners are so placed that the flames will not easily come in contact with the wearing apparel of women and persons walking about the rooms.