

## Lydia Weaver

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**Weaver.** On Sunday, November 4, 1900 at 5:35 a.m., Lydia, widow of the late John G. Weaver, aged 80 years. Funeral services from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11th and H streets northwest on Tuesday, November 6 at 2 p.m. Interment private.

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### **Death of Mrs. Weaver**

#### **Fatal Effects From Inhalation of Gas Several Weeks Ago**

Mrs. Lydia Weaver, eighty years old, who resided at 936 Florida avenue northwest, died yesterday at her home from the effects of gas which she inhaled on the night of Tuesday, October 16. About 8 o'clock on the morning of October 17 Millard J. Weaver, with whom the deceased lived, noticed that neither his mother nor a maid named Edna Bond, who slept in the same apartment, had left the room they occupied together. He went upstairs to arouse them. On entering the apartment he was nearly overcome by a strong odor of gas. Investigation disclosed that the gas jet was partially turned on. After turning the jet off and opening the door and windows, Mr. Weaver hurried to the eighth precinct station and summoned assistance. In a few minutes the police patrol was at the house, and shortly afterward both women were taken to the Garfield Hospital.

Edna Bond soon recovered consciousness and was able to leave the institution. Mrs. Weaver was in a more serious condition, and did not recover consciousness for hours. The physicians at the hospital did not expect her to die, however.

Dr. Clarence A. Weaver, a grandson of the deceased, was notified of his grandmother's condition, and took charge of the case. Mrs. Weaver's extreme age was against her recovery, and a week ago Dr. Weaver decided that it was best to remove Mrs. Weaver to her home, where she might be with her relatives and friends. She was conveyed to the residence at 936 Florida avenue. Mrs. Weaver sank steadily until yesterday, when she died.

The deceased was the widow of John G. Weaver. Among the relatives surviving her in Washington are Millard J. Weaver, Hanson E. Weaver, Mrs. James L. Suman and Edward T. Weaver.

It is thought that while the room in which Mrs. Weaver and the maid slept was being dusted the key of the gas jet was accidentally moved by the dust brush. The leak was so small that it was unnoticed by the two women when they retired for the night, but with the door and windows closed there was no chance for the gas to escape from the apartment, and, as a result, the occupants inhaled it while they slept.

The funeral services will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11th and H streets, and will be conducted by the Rev. Frederick Moot, the pastor, assisted by Dr. S. Domer and Dr. J.G. Butler of the Memorial Lutheran Church. Mrs. Weaver had been a member of St. Paul's since March 5, 1845.