

## **Florence May Young** **( - 16 Apr 1907)**

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**Young.** Departed this life on Tuesday, April 16, 1907 at 7 o'clock a.m. at the residence of her parents, 408 M street southwest, Florence May Young.

Florence we will miss thee.

There fell upon the home a sudden gloom.

A shadow on those features fair and thin

And softly from that hushed and darkened room.

Two angels issued where one went in.

Funeral Thursday, April 18 at 2:30 from the Fifth Baptist Church, 6 1/2 and E streets southwest.

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### **Death From Asphyxiation**

#### **Young Woman The Victim of Gas Poisoning**

#### **Found Dead by Her Father in the Kitchen of the Family Home**

Miss Florence May Young, twenty-four years of age, who was employed in the bureau of engraving and printing, was found dead in the kitchen at her home, 468 M street southwest, this morning about 7 o'clock, her death having been caused, it is supposed, by inhaling illuminating gas. Her father, John F. Young, detected the odor of gas when he got up this morning and went to the lower floor, supposing he would find nothing more serious than a leak in the pipe. He was horrified, however, when he entered the kitchen and found the body of his daughter in a sitting position on a rocker near the gas stove. The rubber tube was disconnected and the gas was pouring from it. Mr. Young stopped the flow of gas, opened the doors and windows and called for assistance.

The body was still warm and the father thought there might be a possibility of saving his daughter's life, but Dr. C.C. Winter, who was called to the house, said that life was extinct and there was nothing he could do. A message was then sent to the police of the fourth precinct. The coroner, who was also notified, called at the house later in the day and made an investigation. Miss Young, who had been employed in the bureau for about seven years, was popular among the other employes, and also had a host of friends at the Fifth Baptist Church, where she was a communicant. Many friends from both places called at the house today and expressed their sympathy.

#### *Health Had Not Been Good*

Miss Young had been in ill-health for several months and had recently prevailed upon her parents to resign her position. It is stated that she suffered from nervous prostration. Although she had been indisposed for several months she had never said anything to cause her relatives to fear she would attempt her life, and the condition of affairs in the kitchen indicate that she had accidentally inhaled the gas. She was heard when she went to the kitchen this morning, but no one thought anything of it, and it was not until her body had been found that it was mentioned.

The chair upon which the body was found was resting against a table, upon which the small gas stove rested. Upon the stove was a teapot, and the valve connected with that particular burner was open, indicating to the minds of her friends that the young woman had started to make a cup of tea and had fallen asleep. While asleep, her friends believe, she accidentally separated the rubber tube from the stove connection. The coroner, however, gave a certificate of suicide. Her parents and two brothers and two sisters survive her. Her funeral will probably take place Thursday.