

Case No. 1143

HELD IN THE

Inquest upon the body of

Coroner's Office,

IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS,

Sophia Hammel

at 9 o'clock A. M. Jan. 13th, 1910

Examination by T. L. Carriere, M.D.

Deputy Coroner.

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Lucille A. Riechmann,
Stenographer.

Inquest held at the Coroner's Office,
City of St. Louis, Missouri, January
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the body of,

----- Sophia Hammel -----

EXAMINATION by T. L. Carriere, M.D. Deputy Coroner.

Officer Jos. P. McDonnell, being duly sworn, testifies:

Q. What is your name? A. Jos. P. McDonnell.

Q. Your address? A. 3809a St. Louis Ave.

Q. What district? A. Sixth.

Q. Did you make a report concerning the death of Sophia Hammel?

A. The other Officer and I made it.

Q. Is that a correct copy of your report? A. The bottle was not
found until the next morning. The daughter found the bottle.

Q. Is there anything else you have to add to this?

A. No sir.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of 1910.

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Officer Edw. McEviney, being duly sworn, testifies:

Q. What is your name? A. Edw. McEviney.

Q. Your address? A. 3155 Clifton Pl.

Q. What district? A. Sixth.

Q. Officer do you know of anything else in this case outside of what this report contains? A. No sir, that is about all.

Q. That is a correct copy of the report? A. Yes sir.

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Deputy Coroner.

Emma Wessel, being duly sworn, testifies:

Q. What is your name? A. Emma Wessel.

Q. Your address? A. 4043 N. Broadway.

Q. You related to Sophia Hammel? A. No sir.

Q. State what you know concerning her death? A. When I went to the store she was not there and when I came back she was.

Q. When was this? A. About quarter to six in the evening. I heard her moaning and I said, "grandma, what is the matter" and she didn't answer. I rushed in the door and called Mrs. Walsh and we took her in the house. I said, "I think she has taken Carbolic Acid". I gave her some milk.

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Q. You smelled the odor of carbolic acid? A. Yes sir. I said to get a Doctor and he said he couldn't smell anything.

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Dr. W.J.A. Kohrumel, being duly sworn, testifies:

Q. What is your name? A. W.J.A. Kohrumel.

Q. Your address? A. 4101 N. Broadway.

Q. Your occupation? A. Physician.

Q. State what you know concerning the death of Sophia Hammel?

A. On Monday evening between six and seven, I was called to see her and I went over there and found Mrs. Sophia Hammel unconscious, lying on the bed and I asked how long she had been sick and they said she became unconscious just then. The young lady next door she told me she had gone to the grocery and during the time of coming and going, when she left she was not laying there and when she returned she was. They sent for me and I come over and they said they thought she took carbolic acid. I couldn't detect it. Her jaws were locked and she was unconscious. I said, "do you know of any other evidence" and they said no. I asked the daughter and she couldn't smell it. There was dilatation of the pupil of the left eye. I gave her a little milk and whiskey and I think that might have killed the smell of the carbolic acid.

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I said if she should come to, to send for me and when she came to she vomited and her daughter said she thought she smelled carbolic acid in the vomit. She had quite a burning in the stomach and I examined her tongue and noticed it was burned. I told them to have the prescription filled and then to give her some olive oil. I spoke to the old lady and said, "Mamma, did you take carbolic acid" and she said yes.

Q. She was conscious? A. She was then. I said, "What made you take it" and she said, "I am disgusted". I said, "Did you take it with the intention of committing suicide" and she said, "no". I said, "do you want to die" and she said, no; you want to get well, yes. I said, "you should not have taken carbolic acid."

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Catherine Mellman, being duly sworn, testifies:

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Q. What is your name? A. Catherine Mellman.

Q. Your address? A. 4043 N. Broadway.

Q. State what you know concerning the death of Sophia Hammel?

A. My niece called me in when they found her. She went in and said, "come in, and see what you can smell, I believe that woman done something". I went in and smelled Carbolic.

Q. That is about as much as you know? A. Yes sir.

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Sidonia Walsh, being duly sworn, testifies:

- Q. What is your name? A. Sidonia Walsh.
- Q. Your address? A. 4041a N. Broadway.
- Q. Sophia Hammel was your grandmother? A. Yes sir.
- Q. How old was she? A. Eighty.
- Q. When did she die? A. Tuesday evening about 5:30.
- Q. Where was she born? A. Germany.
- Q. She was a widow? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Were you at home when she was found on the porch? A. No sir.
- Q. Did you ever see her conscious? A. Yes sir, during the night.
- Q. When was the Doctor called again? A. He was called the first time when they brought her in.
- Q. He was called in the morning? A. Yes sir.
- Q. You heard her admit to him she had taken carbolic acid?
- A. No sir not to him, she admitted to me.
- Q. You found this bottle? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Where? A. Out on the porch. She was disgusted with the pains
- Q. She had in her limbs every night.

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Sixth District

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January 12th 1910.

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Col. E. P. Greecy.

Chief of Police.

Sir:-

I herewith report that about 5:45 O'clock P. M., on the 10th inst, Mrs. Sophie Hammel, 80 yrs. old, a widow, born in Germany, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Sophie Walsh, at #4041 N. Broadway, (2nd. floor.) was found on rear porch of said address, in an unconscious condition, by Mrs. Emma Wessel, of #4043 N. Broadway, whose porch adjoins the above, who states that Mrs. Hammel was frothing from the mouth, and that she discovered a very strong odor of Carbolic Acid, and that she called Mrs. Walsh, both of whom gave her Whiskey & milk, and then called Dr. Wm. Kohrumel, of 4101 N. Broadway, who states that he found her jaws locked, and in the above condition, but could not detect or find any symptoms of Acid, and on account of her jaws being as such, he was unable to give her any medicine, and that he instructed Mrs. Walsh, that if her mother regained consciousness

to call him at once, which was done at 9 A. M., the 11th inst. The above named Doctor asked Mrs. Hammel if she had taken Carbolic Acid, and she answered yes, for the reason that she was suffering from pains in her limbs and body, but would give no other reasons. Dr. Kohrumel then gave her Sulphate Soda Solution Alternative, with Olive Oil. Mrs. Hammel died at 5:30 P. M., the 11th inst, and Mrs. Walsh will bury the remains. Coroner notified. Mrs. Wessel, states that when she found Mrs. Hammel, that there was a small bottle, unlabeled, containing a small portion of acid, lying at her side.

(Witnessess)

Emma. Wessel. #4043 N. Bway.

Kate Hellman. #4043 " "

Mrs. S. Walsh. #4041 N. Bway.

Dr. Kohrumel. #4101 N. Bway.

Patm'n. Mc'Donnell & Mc'Eviney. b

Respectfully,

Michael J. Malley
Capt. Comd'g. District.

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STATE OF MISSOURI, }
 CITY OF ST. LOUIS } SS.

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AT AN INQUISITION INDENTED, Taken at Coroner's Office,
 in the City of St. Louis on the 23th day
 of January 19 10 before me T.L. Carriere, M.D. Deputy Coroner of the
 City aforesaid, upon the view of the Body of Sophia Hammel

AGE	SOCIAL CONDITION	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE
80 75	Widow	Germany	None	4041a N. Broadway

then and there lying dead, and upon a full investigation of the facts in the case and hearing the evidence, I
 find that the deceased came to her death on the 11th day of January 19 10, at
 about 5:30 o'clock P. M. At residence from,

Carbolic Acid Poisoning:
Suicide.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the aforesaid Deputy
 Coroner has to this Inquisition put his name, at the
 place and on the day and year first above mentioned.

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