

Burned To Death At Gas Stove

Sophia Schrage, Plum Grove Road, Palatine, Is Victim

Mrs. Sophia Schrage, 88, widow of Fred Schrage, was burned to death yesterday when her clothing was ignited while she was preparing dinner in her home on Plum Grove Road in Schaumburg Township near Palatine. Mrs. Schrage was alone when the accident occurred, her sons being at work in the field nearby. They discovered her lifeless body when they returned to the residence at noon.

Death Held Accidental

Mrs. Schrage is believed to have used her apron in lifting a pan of potatoes from the stove and the flames of the gas stove ignited her clothing. She abandoned the pan and ran from the house, collapsing in the backyard, however, and suffering burns which caused her death about 45 minutes before her body was found. The pan of potatoes had boiled dry on the stove and the gas burner was still burning. Mrs. Schrage's body was taken to Palatine where an inquest was conducted this morning. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury. The body was then transferred to Richert & Son funeral Home in Roselle. Mrs. Schrage was born on Nov. 21, 1862, in Mecklenburg, Germany. At the age of 11, she came to the United States and to Schaumburg Township, where she resided for the last 77 years. She was married Dec. 12, 1883 at Schaumburg.

Rites Saturday

She was preceded in death by her husband in October, 1943. She also was preceded in death by two daughters in infancy, one sister and three brothers. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Martha Hardke of Chicago; four sons, Emil, Herman, Louis and Martin, all of Schaumburg; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 pm from St. Peters Lutheran Church in Schaumburg with the Rev. F.A. Hartwig officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Richert and Son funeral home.