

Helen Burnett Cokendolpher 1877-1953

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Mrs. Helen Cokendolpher, 76, widow of the late George H. Cokendolpher, dry goods and ready to wear owner on Broadway for close to 50 years, died in her sleep Thursday night at her home, 1508 Lafayette Ave.

Mrs. Cokendolpher had been ill with a heart ailment last winter, but not considered to be in poor health at the time of her death. Her cousin, Mrs. Craig VanMeter, found the body in bed about 9 a.m. today.

The body was taken to the Schilling funeral home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending word from relatives.

Mrs. Cokendolpher was born in Indianapolis, Ind. March 7, 1877, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer Burnett. The family moved to Mattoon when she was child. She married Mr. Cokendolpher in about 1897. He was a partner in the Blood & Cokendolpher Dry Goods Store. He later bought out the business at 1603 Broadway, and expanded the business with a Womens Ready-To-Wear department. He retired and sold the business about 17 years ago. He died in 1941.

Besides her cousin, Mrs. Cokendolpher is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Allen Yagoda., San Diego, Cal.; a nephew, George Burnett, Denver Col., and another cousin. Ray Tobey, Mattoon. She was a member of the Central Community church and the Study Class.