

Called Away

On Wednesday morning last Mr. Clark Cox was summoned from the museum where he occupies a position of scenic artist and stage manager, to his home only to find his wife, a bride of but two months, cold in death. It seems that Mrs. Cox felt badly that morning upon arising and the pain increasing. It is supposed she took a dose of chloroform to alleviate her suffering and died from the effects of an overdose. The funeral took place last Thursday, and was attended by many friends. Mrs. Cox was a most estimable young lady, beloved and respected by a host of friends. *** to the bereaved husband their most heartfelt sympathy and unite with him in mourning her untimely death. The young couple were married but two months ago and life seemed all sunshine, no clouds foreshadowing the impending evil which has befallen them.

Peculiarly Sad

A bride of a few weeks found dead from an overdose of chloroform.

Mrs. Lotta Josephine Cox, wife of Mr. Clark Cox and daughter of Colonel James Marsh who in his lifetime was well known in Kansas City, died yesterday morning at 803 Wyandotte Street under peculiarly sad circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married only seven weeks ago and went to board at 803 Wyandotte Street. Several nights ago Mr. Cox was suffering from neuralgia and bought some chloroform in order to temporarily deaden the pain. Yesterday morning Mrs. Cox suffering from a severe headache and did not go down to breakfast. About 11 o'clock Mrs. Brown, who keeps the boarding house, went to the room of Mrs. Cox and found her lying face downward on her bed. Mrs. Brown, thinking she was asleep, tried to awaken her and discovered that she was dead. A handkerchief was found to be saturated with chloroform showed the cause of death.

Coroner Elston was notified and held an inquest yesterday afternoon. The evidence showed that Mrs. Cox had probably poured some of the chloroform, bought by her husband, on the handkerchief, and held it to her nose to ease the headache. Being ignorant of its use, she may have taken too much, or she may have used just enough to put her asleep, and turning her face downward on the pillow she may have suffocated from the amount of chloroform used. The jury was inclined to the latter opinion and returned a verdict that she came to her death from chloroform, self-administered, but not with suicidal intent. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Cox was a sprightly, vivacious lady of good faith and cheerful spirits and the death was as sad as it was unexpected.

Sad Death of a Young Married Lady

Coroner Elston was notified yesterday afternoon of the death Mrs. Lotta Josephine Cox who only a few weeks ago was married to Mr. Cox and was the daughter of Colonel James Marsh. The circumstances of the lady's death were peculiarly sad. Mrs. Cox had been suffering from a severe headache and did not partake of breakfast as usual. About noon Mrs. Brown at deceased's boarding house on Wyandotte Street where she resides, found her laying with her face downward in bed. Tightly clutched in her hand was a pocket handkerchief which had been saturated with chloroform. Her husband had used some of the drug to obtain relief from

neuralgia several days and it is believed Mrs. Cox had recourse to it for the same purpose, and being ignorant of its use took too much of it. The jury returned a verdict of death from chloroform, self administered, but not with suicidal intent.

(transcribed by Ron Ritchie from the "Scrapbook" of Mary Ann Cox)

Note: "Lottie" changed to "Lotta" as that is what she called herself on her marriage license and in the Census.

Lotta Josephine *Marsh* Cox

Daughter of Colonel James Marsh of Pennsylvania and an unknown mother from Ohio

Birth: 1867-1868 in Missouri

Death: 1886, Kansas City, Jackson Co., Missouri

Marriage: October 13, 1886 to Clark Alonzo Cox (son of James Clayton Cox and Mary Ann *Nicholson* Cox) in Kansas City, Jackson Co., Missouri; no children