

Aged Woman Dies Of Burns

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Mrs. E. E. Merrick, Aged 90 Years,
Of Malcom, Is Victim Of
Tragedy.

E. E.

**CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE FROM
HER FLAMING COOKSTOVE.**

**Mrs. Merrick's Husband Was At One
Time Prominent Chicago Busi-
ness Man.**

Mrs. E. E. Merrick, one of Malcom's fine old ladies, aged 90 years, was fatally burned on the morning of Friday, Memorial Day, and passed away at a Grinnell hospital at 11 o'clock the same evening.

Mrs. Merrick was putting some papers in her cook stove when the flames licked out and caught her apron. In her alarm and confusion she ran out of doors, the flames caught in her clothing and before help could reach her she had been terribly burned.

For a number of years, since the death of her husband, who was at one time a prominent business man of Chicago, Mrs. Merrick had made her home in Malcom with her sister, Mrs. D. D. Carroll. Mrs. Thomas Cheshire of Des Moines was a niece. Mrs. Carroll has been seriously ill and on account of her illness Mrs. Cheshire had been spending some days in Malcom. She was away from home in her car when she heard the fire alarm and returning as quickly as possible found tragedy awaiting her.

In spite of her advanced age Mrs. Merrick was bright and active. She passed through the Chicago fire and loved to tell of her experiences in that great disaster.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Carroll funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Amos Falkinburg home in Malcom and burial was made in Ivy Hill cemetery.