

DYER, Elsie Louise



On March 14, 1935, 14 year old Elsie Dyer left her home on 25th Street West in Saskatoon to buy some tobacco for her father at Morley's Store. After purchasing the tobacco, she left the store, and was not seen alive again.

Despite a search by her family, she was not found until the next morning, when her lifeless body was discovered by her father and partner in the poultry killing room of the Continental Packing Co., a building that had been taken over by her father and the partner a month before. She had been

hit on the head a number of times with what appeared to be some type of iron bar. The time of death couldn't be determined due to the cold temperature of the building.

Friends of the family said that the entire family was popular with everyone who knew them, and no one knew who could have done such a thing.

One witness saw a young woman enter the building with a man at approximately 8:30 p.m. that evening. They were visible in the car lights, as well as illuminated by the street lamp. Both the man and woman seen were short and slight. Another witness had seen Mr. Dyer and Elsie at the door of the plant that night, and that he was unlocking the door.

It was discovered that her father had taken out an insurance policy on Elsie in 1933, with a value of \$450 and a double indemnity clause in the event of accidental death or death by foul play. Only two keys existed for the padlock on the door to the building. One was kept by McKee Cartage and the other was kept by Elsie's father. Soon Mr. Dyer was the main suspect.

For some reason, murder charges were never laid, and the Dyer family left Saskatoon for Prince Albert soon after. The insurance policy was paid in May, 1935. The case is still open in the Saskatoon Police Services files.

Elsie's grave was unmarked until 1993, 58 years after her death and burial, when a monument was placed to mark her last resting place.

The flat grave marker reads:

DYER
ELSIE LOUISE
DIED MARCH 14 1935
REST IN PEACE