THE WEALTHY WIDOW MYSTERY

Mrs Ennie May Anderson, with her round, chubby face and twinkling smile, was everyone's picture of a grandmother. She was 78, devoted to her grandchildren and interested in church activities. She was the type of woman who would not pick an argument with anyone. She was a simple soul with simple tastes and interests. Unfortunately, rumours had swept the inner suburb of East Melbourne that Mrs Anderson had a lot of money stashed away in her Clarendon Street flat. Mrs Anderson leased the Clarendon Terrace apartments, and sub-let them. Naturally, she collected rent and she often kept money in secret pockets in her clothing. However, Mrs Anderson was no hoarder and the money she kept in the flat was not worth killing to get. Her killer could not have believed that and Mrs Anderson was stabbed to death in her flat on October 29, 1961.

Mrs Anderson was wearing a nightgown when her killer struck. She apparently was in bed when disturbed. However, Mrs Anderson was stabbed only once, a thrust below her left shoulder blade, just near the heart. The killer fled, apparently escaping with about £30.

Officially, the murder investigation is still open. The police file on Mrs Anderson's murder reads, 'Ennie May Anderson, 78 years, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne. Apartment house proprietor. At 12.30 p.m., 29.10.61, the body of Anderson was found in her bed at above address. It was an upstairs bedroom. She had been stabbed in the chest with a knife.