

Henrietta Arth (- 29 Jul 1940)

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Mrs. Henrietta Arth Death Removes Link With Historic Past Daughter and Widow Of Two Prominent Marine Band Musicians

With the death last Friday of Mrs. Henrietta Arth, 90, daughter and widow of two prominent Marine Band musicians of President Lincoln's time, Washington has lost another direct link with the Civil War period.

Mrs. Arth was born in Washington, the daughter of Prof. Francis M. Scala and Mary Wood Scala. Her father, a native of Italy, was one of the accomplished musicians whose name has long been associated with the history of the Marine Band. Known as the President's Own, the band often played at the White House, and one of Mrs. Arth's clearest remembrances was her visit to the White House with her father when she was 15, when she was greeted by President Lincoln.

She was the widow of Joseph A. Arth, drummer with the band during the same period. Files of The Star report that Joseph Arth was the drummer in the pit at Ford's Theater the night President Lincoln was assassinated.

Mrs. Arth, who would have been 91 on August 21, died at the home of a daughter, Miss Grace A. Arth, at Gambrill, Md., where she had lived for the past 18 years. Mrs. Arth had spent most of her life in Washington, however. Funeral services were held Monday at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Claude Burlingame, 1350 South Carolina avenue S.E. She is survived by four other daughters and two sons. Burial was in the family plot in Congressional Cemetery.