

Mary Ann Bacon (- 20 Oct 1915)

Bacon. On Wednesday, October 20, 1915, Mary Ann Bacon, a native of Washington, D.C., widow of the late Samuel Bacon in the 100th year of her life. Services at the residence of her son, Samuel H. Bacon, 1326 Columbia road at 11 a.m., Friday, October 22. Interment private

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Mrs. Mary Ann Bacon Dies at the Age of 99

Witnessed Inauguration of John Quincy Adams and Every President Since

Mrs. Mary Ann Bacon, ninety-nine years old, widow of Samuel Bacon, a life-long resident of the District of Columbia, and believed by friends to be the oldest white person in the capital, died early today at her apartment in the Northumberland. Funeral services are to be held at the home of her son, Samuel H. Bacon, 1326 Columbia road northwest, Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment is to be private.

Mrs. Bacon was born August 22, 1816, in a house where the navy yard now stands. She saw John Quincy Adams take the oath of office as President of United States in 1825, and had seen every President since, it is said. She was but a few months old when President Madison was succeeded by President Monroe. During the civil war period she lived at 620 E street northwest, and in 1885 moved with her husband, Samuel Bacon, to a new house at 1318 Rhode Island avenue.

Her husband, Samuel Bacon,, was one of the prominent men of the National Capital for twenty years following the civil war. He was president of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company and an officer of the National Union Fire Insurance Company, and did much to promote the growth of the city.

Health Failed in Last Two Years

Mrs. Bacon retained all her faculties until recently, her friends say, and it was only within the last two years that her general health began to fail. When past ninety years old she could discuss world problems as intelligently as any of her grandchildren, it is recalled.

In addition to her son, the following children are living: Mrs. Charles Heywood, widow of Maj. Gen. Heywood, late commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and Mrs. F.C. Ainsworth, wife of Maj. Gen. Ainsworth, U.S.A. retired, and former adjutant general for the War Department.

A third daughter, who was the wife of he late Col. James P. Martin, U.S.A., died about fifteen years ago. Besides her three children, Mrs. Bacon is survived by six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.