

Mary Ireland Peyton Browning

(1882 – 5 Nov 1950)

Browning, Mary Whiteley. On Sunday, November 5, 1950, at her residence, Riverdale, Md., Mary Whiteley Browning, beloved wife of Perry W. Browning and mother of Espey T., Frank, M.W. and Perry W. Browning, jr. She also is survived by two sisters, Marguerite Sloan and Charlayne Gellatly, and a brother, Richard P. Whiteley; also three grandsons, J. Walter, Espey, T., jr., and Perry W. Browning, 3d. Mrs. Browning rests at her residence. Services at Pinkney Memorial Episcopal Church, Hyattsville, Md., on Thursday, November 9, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. Browning Dies; Active Md. Democrat

Mrs. Perry W. Browning, 68, active Democratic figure in Prince Georges County for 30 years, died Sunday of a heart ailment at her home, 5615 Edmonston rd., East Riverdale, Md.

For the past 12 years, Mrs. Browning had been chairman of the Prince Georges County Liquor Board. She had been a board member since its formation in 1933.

Elected to the Democratic State Central Committee shortly after the passage of the "women's suffrage" amendment giving women the right to vote in 1920. Mrs. Browning served continuously as treasurer of the committee.

Mrs. Browning is distinguished as being the only woman ever to serve as a county commissioner. She served out an unexpired term from December 1929 to December 1930.

She married Perry W. Browning, now a retired wholesale coffee importer, about 40 years ago, and they have made their home on the Browning estate since that time.

Besides Mr. Browning, she is survived by three sons, Perry W. Browning, jr., of Bethesda, and Espey T. and Frank M. Browning, both of Riverdale, a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Pinkney Memorial Episcopal Church, Hyattsville, Md. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.