

Adelaide Davis

(- 24 Dec 1940)

Davis, Adelaide. On Tuesday, December 24, 1940 at 7:15 p.m. at her residence, 400 Pa. Ave. s.e., Adelaide Davis. Funeral from the James T. Ryan funeral home, 317 Pa. Ave. s.e., Friday, December 27 at 8:30 a.m., thence to St. Peter's Church where mass will be offered at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, January 31, 1883, p. 4

Gen. Birney Resigns

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The committee on teachers, by Trustee Johnson submitted a report which was received and adopted, making the following nominations: Miss Adelaide Davis, to be acting teacher in the second division, and to be assigned to the sixth grade; ...

The Evening Star, December 26, 1940, p. A12

Miss Adelaide Davis Dies; 46 Years in D.C. Schools

Miss Adelaide Davis, long prominent in the District's public schools, died at her home, 400 Pennsylvania avenue S.E., Tuesday following a long illness.

Associated with the school system for 46 years, Miss Davis served as principal of the Emory School for 20 years and was supervisor of schools in the Northeast section of the city for six years.

Miss Davis was born in Boston and educated in New England. She came to Washington to teach in 1883. Teaching the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, she was appointed principal of the Emory School on its erection in 1903.

Miss Davis served for several years as president of the Principals' Association. She also was active in legislative work for a higher salary schedule for teachers and for passage of the retirement law.

In 1923 Miss Davis was appointed to a supervisorship, which she held until her retirement in 1929.

A requiem mass will be held at 9 a.m. tomorrow in St. Peter's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. She left no immediate family.

The Washington Post, December 26, 1940

Adelaide Davis, Teacher, Dies; Rites Friday

Former Principal of Emery School Had Taught Here 20 Years

Funeral services for Adelaide Davis, for 46 years an elementary school teacher here, and for 20 years principal of the Emery School, will take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Miss Davis died Tuesday at her home, 400 Pennsylvania Avenue Southwest.

A native of Boston, Miss Davis came to Washington to teach in 1883, and had a part in the education of literally thousands of District youngsters.

Teaching successively in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, she was appointed principal of the Emery School when its doors first opened in 1903.

Miss Davis served as the school's principal for 20 years, during which period she acquired city-wide prominence in public school activities.

She served for several years as president of the Principals' Association, where she was known for her work on legislative committees to secure a higher salary schedule for teachers, and also for her part in securing passage of the retirement law.

In 1929 Miss Davis was appointed to a supervisorship. She retired from active teaching during that year.

Miss Davis left no immediate family.

The Washington Post, September 26, 1923

**Miss Adelaide Davis Made Supervisor of New School Division
Education Board Also Names Mrs. W.B. Hardy Community Center Head
Survey of Districts is Made At Meeting
Entire System Is Now Arranged in Regular Sequence of Units**

Miss Adelaide Davis, administrative principal of the Emery-Eckington school, was chosen supervising principal of the Fourth division, newly created, and Mrs. William B. Hardy, assistant director of the community center department, was chosen general director of a conference of the Board of education last night at the Franklin school.

Miss Davis' appointment, although to a new division, fills the vacancy to be made when Robert L. Haycock becomes assistant superintendent on October 1. Mrs. Hardy's appointment is to succeed Mrs. Cecil Norton Sisson.

The board voted that the superintendent of schools should by an executive order fill the existing vacancies to be effective on October 1. This will obviate the necessity of calling a special meeting to pass upon the selections of the superintendent. The board will ratify the appointments when it meets again at its regular meeting the first week in October.

Survey of Districts

The next most important business was the survey of the new school districts laid out during the past two weeks.

In making Miss Davis supervising principal of the Fourth division the board established an entirely new district in the downtown section.

Miss Jessie LaSalle, who was appointed supervising principal last June to install the psychological tests and educational research work in the local schools, was designated to be in charge of the Second division. This division is also a new district and was made by combining portions of other districts.

Kimball Transferred

Ephraim G. Kimball, of the Seventh divisions, will be changed to the Third division, that over which Mr. Haycock now has charge.

Miss Flora L. Hendley, who is now supervising principal of the Seventh division and takes over a portion of Mr. Kimball's old territory in addition to her own. The other portion of Mr. Kimball's old division will be taken over by Dr. Hosmer M. Johnson, who is now supervising principal of the Ninth division, but who will on October 1 become supervising principal of the Eighth division.

Walter B. Patterson, director of special schools, and at present nominally in the Franklin-Thomas division, will after October 1 be nominally in the Ninth division over which he will supervise. The Franklin-Thomson division will be abolished on October 1.

Gives Regular Sequence

This arrangement will give the local school system a regular sequence of divisions for the first time in many years. The divisions now run First, Third, Franklin-Thomson, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and

Ninth. After October 1 they will run consecutively from one to nine. The colored school divisions have always run in sequence from ten to thirteen.

In mapping out the new school divisions the special committee has been guided chiefly by the populations of the various sections and with a view to having them harmonize with the arrangement of the Junior High schools.

Miss Adelaide Davis, who becomes the new supervising principal, has long been considered one of the most valuable teachers and principals of the system. Besides her regular school work Miss Davis has taken advanced courses during the summer at George Washington University, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and Columbia universities. She is a member of the National Education association, the National Geographic society, the Red Cross, the Associated Charities and the Washington Society of Fine Arts. She has traveled extensively both in this country and abroad. She was promoted to administrative principalship last week.