

Harriet Riddle Davis

(1854 – 3 Jun 1938)

Davis, Harriet Riddle. On Friday, June 3, 1938 at her residence, 1931 9th street northwest, Harriet Riddle Davis, widow of Henry E. Davis. Friends are invited to call at Gawler's, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Services at St. John's Episcopal Church, 16th and H streets northwest on Monday, June 6 at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Mrs. Davis Dies; D.C. Novelist

Father, Friend of Lincoln, Aided in Prosecution of J.H. Suratt

Mrs. Harriet Riddle Davis, 84, author, died yesterday at her home, 1931 Nineteenth street N.W. Death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Born in Cleveland, Mrs. Davis had spent most of her life here. She was the widow of Henry E. Davis, at one time United States attorney for the District, and daughter of the late Albert Gallatin Riddle, Representative from Ohio during the early part of the Civil War.

Her father, a friend of President Lincoln, formerly was corporation counsel for the District and was retained by the State Department to aid in the prosecution of John H. Surratt after the latter's arrest in connection with the assassination of President Lincoln.

Wrote Nearly 30 Novels

Mrs. Davis had written nearly 30 novels and at one time was an associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post. She also had written a number of political articles under a pen name. She frequently had accompanied her father to the White House and talked to President Lincoln.

She was a member of the Washington Club, the Columbia Historical Society, the Literary Society and St. John's Episcopal Church, Sixteenth and H streets N.W.

Funeral Monday

Among survivors are a nephew, Albert Riddle Foster, San Diego, Calif.; a niece, Miss Alice Foster, and a grandniece, Mrs. John Turner Dawson, both of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. The body will rest at Gawler's funeral directors, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., until the time of the funeral.

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Mrs. Davis' Rites Here Tomorrow

Funeral for D.C. Author, 84, Will Be Held in St. John's Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet Riddle Davis, 84, author, who died Friday at her home, 1931 Nineteenth street N.W., will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in St. John's Episcopal Church, Sixteenth and H streets N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. The body will rest at Gawler's funeral directors, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., until the time of the funeral.

Mrs. Davis, the author of nearly 30 novels, at one time was an associate editor of the Saturday Evening Post and had written a number of articles on political subjects. She was the widow of Henry E. Davis, at one time United States attorney for the District.

In her youth, Mrs. Davis frequently had talked to President Lincoln when visiting the White House with her father, the late Albert Gallatin Riddle, Representative from Ohio during the early part of the Civil War. Her father, a friend of President Lincoln, at one time was corporation counsel for the District of Columbia and was retained by the State Department to aid in the prosecution of John H. Surratt, after the latter's arrest in connection with the assassination of President Lincoln.