

Mary H. Fant

(- 13 Nov 1946)

Fant, Mary Hathaway. On Wednesday, November 13, 1946, Mary Hathaway Fant, aged 94 years, of the Baptist Home, 3248 N st. n.w., wife of the late Charles C. Fant and mother of Joseph M. Fant of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Emma Yewell of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. Judith G. O'Toole of Glendale, Calif. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w., on Friday, November 15, at 1 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Mary Hathaway Fant Dies at 94; Recalled Father Hiding Mosby

Mrs. Mary Hathaway Fant, 94, at whose home, Western View, in nearby Fauquier County, Va., Col. John S. Mosby, famous Confederate raider, often took refuge, died yesterday after a brief illness at the Baptist Home, 3248 N street N.W.

Mrs. Fant was the daughter of the late Charles H. Hathaway, who owned a plantation near The Plains, Va. She recalled that Col. Mosby after forays on Union supply lines hid on her father's plantation. Suspected by the Unionists, but never proved guilty, Mr. Hathaway was twice imprisoned by Federal authorities.

Mrs. Fant could remember scolding pursuing Union troops as they searched for Col. Mosby in the Hathaway house time and again. Her sister, Ann Hathaway, married Capt. Fountain Beattie, one of Col. Mosby's raiders.

Mrs. Fant moved to Washington about 20 years ago from Culpeper, Va., where her late husband, Charles C. Fant, operated a grocery for many years. Leading a quiet life recently because of her age, Mrs. Fant formerly was a member of the First Baptist Church, Sixteenth and O streets N.W.

She is survived by a son, Joseph M. Fant of Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Judith O'Toole of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Emma Yowell of Roanoke, Va.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be in the Congressional Cemetery.