

Sarah A. Fletcher (- 28 Aug 1926)

Fletcher. Entered eternal life, Saturday, August 28, 1926 at the residence of her daughter, Melvius Toner, 634 F street n.e., Sarah A. Fletcher in her 91st year. Services at the Nativity Chapel, Massachusetts ave. and A street s.e., Monday, August 30 at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers (Norfolk papers please copy).

The Evening Star, August 30, 1926, p. 2

Mrs. Sarah A. Fletcher Succumbs at Age of 90

Mrs. Sarah A. Fletcher, 90 years of age, one of Washington's oldest native-born residents, a witness of and participant in many local historic events, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Melvius Toner, 634 F street northeast. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Church of the Nativity, Fourteenth street and Massachusetts avenue southeast. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery.

Mrs. Fletcher was born in old Southeast Washington and for many years was a tireless worker at Christ Episcopal Church, near her home on Ninth street southeast.

During the Civil War she was active in aiding the wounded, bringing many injured during the Battle of Bull Run, or Manassas, back to her home and nursing them to health. At the close of the war her home on Ninth street southeast was used as headquarters for the review of the troops of Gen. Sherman.

Mrs. Fletcher was the widow of William Archibald Fletcher, who was well known in social and political life of older Washington. He was commissioner of the sixth ward of the District during the administrations of Mayor Wallach and Mayor Emery.

Surviving Mrs. Fletcher are six children--Mrs. Elvie Clark, Mrs. I.F. Jones, Mrs. I. Britt, Mrs. Franzoni Myers, Mrs. L.O. Fletcher and Mrs. M. Melvius Toner--as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Washington Post, August 31, 1926, p. 2

Civil War Nurse Buried As 4 Generations Mourn

Mrs. Sarah A. Fletcher, 91, Cared for Soldiers at Battles of Bull Run-- One of the Oldest Native-Born Washington Residents

With great-great-grandchildren standing in line of mourners, Mrs. Sarah A. Fletcher, 91 years old, 634 F street northeast, was laid to final rest yesterday in a grave in Congressional Cemetery. Mrs. Fletcher was a civil war nurse and one of the oldest native-born Washington residents.

For more than fourscore years, Mrs. Fletcher resided in the Southeast section and only in recent years took up her residence in the Northeast. She was of the Episcopal faith and until her death was active in church work. To her efforts principally was attributed the building of the Christ Church parish hall, on G between Sixth and Seventh streets southeast.

During the civil war she was active day and night, administering to the wounded. When the battles of Bull Run were fought, Mrs. Fletcher was on the scene and took many of the wounded to her home, nursing a majority of them back to health. At the close of the war, her residence in Ninth street near G southeast was the headquarters for the review of Gen. Sherman's men.

Her husband, the late Archibald Fletcher, was well known in the city. He was commissioner of the Sixth ward of the District during the administrations of Mayors Wallach and Emory, during the days when Washingtonians voted. Mrs. Fletcher died at her home Saturday morning.

The Rev. Enoch M. Thompson, rector of the Chapel of the Nativity, Massachusetts avenue and Fourteenth street southeast, where Mrs. Fletcher worshiped in the late years of her life, officiated at services there. Six members of her immediate family, five daughters and a son survive her. They are: Mrs. Elvie Clark, Mrs. I.F. Jones, Mrs. I. Britt, Mrs. F. Myers, Mrs. M.M. Toner and L.O. Fletcher, all of this city.