

## Margaret Ellen Griffin

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**Griffin.** On May 14, 1909 at 1 a.m. in the St. Lawrence apartment house, Margaret Ellen, daughter of Capt. Spencer C. and Mary Craighead Sandys Griffin of Virginia and North Carolina. Funeral from her late apartment, Monday, May 17 at 10 a.m. Friends and relatives invited.

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### **Miss M.E. Griffin Dead**

#### **Smithsonian Clerk for Many Years Expires Suddenly**

Miss Margaret Ellen Griffin died suddenly about 1 o'clock this morning in the apartment of a friend at the St. Lawrence, 1807 California street. Miss Griffin occupied an apartment in the St. Lawrence, and this morning she went across the hall to the room of her friend and complained that she was ill. She adopted the suggestion that she remain there until a physician could be summoned, but when the latter arrived he found life was extinct.

Miss Griffin, who was 67 years old, was a native of Virginia, and spent her early days in North Carolina, coming to this city about 40 years ago. She had been employed as a clerk in the Smithsonian Institution during the past 35 years. It is stated that she had been ill recently, having been treated for heart trouble, and her death, Coroner Nevitt found, was due to valvular disease of the heart.

Miss Griffin, Coroner Nevitt was told, had but few relatives here. Her nearest relatives, he was told, were nieces, and they were notified of her death.

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### **Miss Griffin's Funeral**

#### **Services for Veteran Clerk of Smithsonian Institution Tomorrow**

The funeral of Miss Margaret Ellen Griffin, who died suddenly in the apartment of a friend at the St. Lawrence, 1807 California street, yesterday morning, will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The interment will be made at Congressional cemetery, in the family plot. Details of the funeral have not yet been announced.

Miss Griffin was the daughter of Capt. Spencer C. and Mary Craighead Sandys Griffin. She was born in Virginia, but shortly after her birth her parents removed to North Carolina. During the war the family went to Richmond, but when that city fell removed to this city.

Miss Griffin was for thirty-seven years a clerk in the Smithsonian Institution, and up to the day of her death was engaged in service. She was a member of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Her death is keenly felt by a large circle of friends, to whom her excellent traits and lovable disposition have long endeared her.