Elizabeth E. Haliday

(10 Jul 1850 – 13 Aug 1920)

Haliday. Friday, August 13, 1920, at her residence, 321 12th st. s.w., Ellen E. Haliday, in the 70th year of her age. Funeral from Ryland M.E. Church, 10th and D sts. s.w., Monday, 2 p.m.

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Miss Haliday Dies; Teacher 50 Years

Succumbs to Nervous Breakdown on Eve of Retiring From Duties

Miss Ellen E. Haliday, school teacher for half a century in southwest Washington, died yesterday at her residence, 321 12th street southwest. Death came after a nervous breakdown following the close of her last year of teaching in June. She was seventy years old and would have retired this fall.

Miss Haliday, the daughter of Henry and Mary Haliday was born here July 19, 1850. She received her education in the local grammar schools, which would today be compared with both the graded and high schools. Her teaching began in 1870, when she started at Isleland Hall. She taught at the little row of houses used for educational purposes near the Amidon building. She also taught at the Jefferson school and was at one time principal of the Potomac building. Her last year was spent at Bradley school.

All her teaching was confined to the fifth grade. Miss Haliday was a great lover of children, and even after school hours had many of them come to her home and chat with her. It was her own statement that she considered no boy a bad boy, and with this attitude managed the little ones with kindness only, to which they quickly responded. Alexander T Stuart, at one time superintendent of the District schools once said of her: "I wish that all the children of Washington could have the privilege of spending one year in a class of Miss Haliday's."

Miss Harriet M. Haliday, her sister, with whom she lived, praised her sister's work among the children of this city and stated that her death came just as the "allotted three score and ten years" had rolled round, and upon the completion of her fifty years of teaching.

"Her life was just like a machine which had completed its long service of usefulness and then broke down" the sister said.

Miss Haliday also was a primary Sunday school teacher at Ryland M.E. Church, where she was long in attendance. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at that church. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. John E. Briggs of the Fifth Baptist Church as the rector of Ryland Church is out of town. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

Surviving her are two brothers, James B. Haliday of Galveston, Tex., and Harry E. Haliday of this city, and two sisters Mrs. Isabella Green and Miss Harriet M. Haliday, both of this city.

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Funeral of Miss Haliday

Funeral services for Miss Ellen Haliday of 321 12th street s.w., who died Friday, were held today. Burial was in Congressional Cemetery. Miss Haliday who was 70 years old was a school teacher here for more than 50 years. She is survived by two sisters and two brothers.