

## Kate Henry

(30 Apr 1839 – 9 Jun 1921)

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**Henry.** At her residence in Washington, Thursday, June 9, 1921, Kate Kearney Henry, widow of Capt. James Lake Henry, U.S.A., in her eighty-third year. Funeral services at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Saturday at 2 o'clock. Interment private. (Maryland and Virginia papers please copy).

*The Evening Star, June 10, 1921, p. 2*

### **Mrs. K.K. Henry Dies at Age of 82 Years**

#### **Lifelong D.C. Resident Member of St. John's Church for Half Century**

Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, widow of Capt. J.H.L. Henry, United States Army, and lifelong resident of the District, died at her home, 2021 I street yesterday.

Mrs. Henry was born in Washington April 30, 1839, the daughter of Surg. John A. Kearney, U.S.A., and Mary M. Forrest, who was a (grand)daughter of Gen. Uriah Forrest, aide to President Washington.

She was a member of the American Clan Gregor Society, the Old Washingtonians Society and for more than seventeen years one of the directors and vice presidents of the Children's Hospital. She was also a member of the Maryland Chapter, Colonial Dames, and had served as president of the Daughters of 1812. She was vice president of the Guadalupe Club, and one of the charter members of the Washington Woman's Club. She was also a member of the D.A.R.

Mrs. Henry had been a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church for more than fifty years.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. John E. Mason of Virginia, James Malcolm Henry and William Henry.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. John's Church.

*The Evening Star, Feb. 16, 1910*

### **Society of 1812**

The District of Columbia Society, United States Daughters of 1812, held its February meeting Monday afternoon at the Ebbitt House. The president, Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, presided.

*The Evening Star, February 26, 1898*

### **The New Officials**

#### **President General of the D.A.R. and Her Aids**

#### **Distinguished Line of Ancestry**

#### **Sketches of Their Lives a Rich Contribution to History**

#### **Names in High Repute**

#### **Of Maryland Stock**

Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, the newly-elected corresponding secretary general, is one of the most energetic and best-loved women in the order. She is a descendant of David Cranford and Zachariah Forrest of Maryland, and a daughter of Fleet Surgeon John A. Kearney, U.S.N., and Mary M. Forrest, his wife. David Cranford was a signer of the "Declaration of the Freeman of Maryland," July 25, 1775; commissioner of revenue for the support of the war and contributed \$5,000 to the sufferers at Valley Forge. Zachariah Forrest was one of the committee of safety for St. Mary's county during the revolution. Mrs. Henry is also great-great-granddaughter of Thomas Forrest, M.D., and his wife, Sarah Fazel, mother

of Gen. Uriah Forrest, who was a colonel in the Maryland line. He was wounded at Germantown and lost a leg at Brandywine.

*The Evening Star, March 17, 1909, p.*

### **Daughters of 1812**

#### **District Chapter of the Society Meets and Transacts Business**

The District Chapter, Daughters of 1812 Society, held a large meeting at the Ebbitt House Monday afternoon, presided over by the resident, Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry. Reports of officers were read by Mrs. Frank Wilson, Miss Alice Douglass Goddard, Mrs. William Magruder Dove, Mrs. Noble Newport Potts and Miss Margaret McCabe, Mrs. Alexander Perry and Mrs. Mary Wright Gill were received into the society. Mrs. George W. Trowbridge, Mrs. Charles J. Gates and Mrs. Frederick W. Matteson were welcomed s new members.

The chapter was informed that Mrs. Albert L. Pitney would soon be able to return to Washington.

Mrs. Henry spoke of the ceremonies under the auspices of the chapter given at the Octagon House February 17. Mrs. Fulmore of Texas, who organized an 1812 society in her state, gave a talk on the work accomplished.

*The Washington Post, September 25, 1937, p. 9*

### **Daughters of 1812 Will Mark Graves of Two Members Here**

#### **Society Will Honor Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry and Mrs. Jane Jessup Nicholson, Kin of Soldiers**

The District of Columbia members of the United States Daughters of 1812 will open their fall session on Monday, October 4, with ceremonies marking the graves of two members.

The first will be at 2 o'clock at the Congressional Cemetery. The grave to be marked is that of Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, widow of James L.M. Henry and daughter of Surgeon John A. Kearney, U.S.N., who served in the War of 1812. She was born August 20, 1839, and died June 9, 1931. She was an active member of the District of Columbia Chapter of the society and served as its president from 1903 to 1919.

The second grave to be honored is that of Mrs. Jane Messup Nicholson, daughter of Maj. Gen. Thomas Sidney Jessup, of the War of 1812. She was born here in Washington, November 29, 1827, and died February 19, 1922. These ceremonies will take place in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Lane Schofield, president of the District of Columbia Chapter, will unveil the bronze markers at the two above-named graves.

On Saturday, October 9, the same group of officers and members will go to Middletown Valley, Md., to mark the grave of one of their distinguished soldiers, David Bready. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1796, but when the British entered Washington in August 1814, David Bready enlisted with Capt. Nicholas Turbutt's Infantry in Maryland. He served at the battles of Bladensburg and Fort Henry in September, 1814.