

## Margaret A. Krepps

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**Krepps.** On December 13, 1911, Margaret A. Krepps, beloved wife of Marine T. Krepps, late of Harpers Ferry, W. Va. aged 91 years. Funeral (private) will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. N.E. Webb, 1314 East Capitol street on Friday, December 15 at 2 p.m.

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### **Wedded On Birthday Seventy Years Ago**

#### **Marean T. Krepps, Aged Ninety-Two Years, and Wife Celebrate Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Marean T. Krepps, formerly of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., but now of this city, celebrated, yesterday, the seventieth anniversary of their marriage and also the ninety-second anniversary of Mr. Krepps' birth.

The court records of Shepherdstown, W. Va. show that Marean T. Krepps of Harpers Ferry and Margaret Lemon of Charles Town, W. Va., were married there October 13, 1840. Mr. Krepps was born in 1818.

With the exception of two or three years he has spent his long life in Harpers Ferry. He is the last surviving member of a family of four brothers and two sisters, all of whom lived to a ripe old age

### *Oldest Odd Fellow*

In 1839 Mr. Krepps joined the Odd Fellows having been initiated in Virginia Lodge, Harpers Ferry. For seventy-one years he was an active member of the order. He is known as the oldest Odd Fellow in West Virginia, if not in the United States. Both he and his wife have been, for seventy-five years, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Krepps was born in Charles Town and is in her eighty-ninth year. Like her husband, she is the last of a large family, having had six brothers and five sisters, all of whom outlived three score years, two of them having reached over ninety years of age.

Their long life in Harper's Ferry brought Mr. and Mrs. Krepps in contact with many thrilling events connected with the civil war, from the raid of John Brown until the close of the great struggle. Their reminiscences include many deeds of heroism of the battlefield, as well as a most interesting recollection of the first steam railroad.

### *Washington Relic Treasured*

Mrs. Krepps treasures among her heirlooms a brass shovel and five tongs once the property of Martha Washington, which the wife of Gen. Washington presented to Miss Margaret Burriss as a token of friendship upon the latter's removal from Philadelphia to Charles Town, W. Va. Upon the death of Miss Burriss, then Mrs. Downey, the articles were given to the grandmother of Mrs. Krepps.

Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Krepps four are still living. They have seven grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

The aged couple are now dwelling at 420 10th street southeast and are busy receiving congratulations from relatives and friends both at home and out of the city. They have been so blessed in their long years of companionship that "Ma" Krepps as she is affectionately known among her little friends, declarest.

"Life has been one continuous honeymoon. Pap and I never had a real quarrel in our lives."

Both Mr. Krepps and his wife enjoy a reasonable degree of health, are in possession of all their faculties and are dearly beloved and honored by all who know them.

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**Mrs. M. Krepps Dead**

**Member of the Methodist Church for Seventy-Five Years**

Mrs. Margaret Krepps, wife of Martin T. Krepps, for seventy-five years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. N.E. Webb, 1318 East Capitol Street, at 6 o'clock this morning. Funeral services will be held at her late home Friday afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. A.H. Thompson, pastor of Waugh Church. The interment will take place in Congressional cemetery.

Mrs. Krepps was in the ninety-first year of her age. She celebrated the seventy-first anniversary of her marriage October 13 last. Her mind was clear to the end of her life, and among her interesting recollections was the running of the first train over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the John Brown insurrection at Harpers Ferry, where she had spent the greater part of her life. Mrs. Krepps is survived by her husband, who is ninety-three years of age, and four married daughters.