

Florence J. Lithgow

(- 2 May 1925)

Lithgow. On Saturday, May 2, 1925, at 6:15 a.m., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Michael, 3802 Military road, Chevy Chase, Florence J. Lithgow. Remains are resting at Zurhorst's funeral parlors, 301 East Capitol st. Services will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3rd and A sts. S.e., Monday, May 4, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Please omit flowers. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Civil War Nurse Dies At Home Here

Mrs. Florence Lithgow, 91, Had Served Country for Half Century Since 1862

Mrs. Florence Pettigrew Lithgow, 91 years old, who for nearly a half century was engaged in active service of her country, begun as a nurse in the hectic days of 1862, in hospitals in Washington, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Michael, 3802 Military road, Chevy Chase.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Mark's Episcopal Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was in Congressional Cemetery.

Volunteered for Service

When the call came for nurses to care for the wounded soldiers Miss Lithgow, who before her marriage was Florence Pettigrew, volunteered and was assigned in the old Armory Square Hospital. She served continuously through the last three years of the war.

It was during her work at the Armory Square Hospital that the romance with the late George W. Lithgow, who was in charge of the hospital dispensary, had its beginning terminating later in their marriage. Mrs. Lithgow remained as a nurse serving in a number of different hospitals until peace was declared.

Employed at Treasury

In addition to valiant service rendered as a nurse during the Civil War, Mrs. Lithgow was for 40 years employed in the redemption division of the Treasury Department, retiring at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Lithgow was a charter member of the Army Nurses' Association and was an honor guest at the dedication of the new Red Cross building in this city.

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Michael; three sons, Arthur A., William H. and Allen H. Lithgow; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Hiram Spear of this city, and Mrs. Eugene Luber of Laurel, Md.