

## Barbara A. Lowe

( - 29 Oct 1851)

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**Lowe.** Suddenly at her residence in this city, on the morning of the 29th instant, of a hemorrhage of the lungs, Miss Barbara Lowe in the 85th year of her age. She has been a resident of Washington for the last forty years. This estimable lady was the grand aunt of the present Governor of Maryland, the Hon. E.L. Lowe, and through her long life maintained the character of a sincere and zealous Christian, a kind and indulgent mistress, and a useful member of society. Her heart was ever open to the calls of the suffering and afflicted, and her "pity gave ere charity began." Her life and death furnish a beautiful illustration of the influence of Christianity on the human heart. She died as she had lived, calm, resigned, and happy, leaving the world without casting one lingering look behind, and hailing the joys of that state of being to which the genius of Christianity had long directed her mind and heart with delight, as one tired of the sickening vanities of the world.

Her funeral will take place on this afternoon, the 31st instant, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, at the corner of 4th street east and M street south, which her friends and those of her family are requested to attend.

*Will of Barbara Lowe, of City of Washington* (dtd. Jan. 17, 1848, probated Nov. 4, 1851; Book 6, pp. 419-420; O.S. 3210; Box 21)

To niece Barbara Woodward, all real property in City of Washington, consisting of two lots, a 2-story brick tenement, and outhouses; at her death to nephew David Lowe; to her and my sister Henry Dawson, all household goods to be divided between them; to her slaves; colored woman Mary to serve term of 2 years, colored woman Matilda Ward to serve 3 years, colored woman Cynthia to serve 7 years, negro man Tom to serve 10 years, then they shall be free; servant woman Maria shall be free at my death, and her children: Mary Anne, Elizabeth and Beverly, and children of Matilda: Lucy, Frederick and Frank, and children of Cynthia: Adelaide and her second child not yet named, shall serve niece Barbara Woodward until females arrive at 21 years of age then free.

Niece Barbara erect a small wooden shed or tenement in rear of my brick kitchen for use occupation of servant Maria and other servants when they become free and when sick, infirm and disabled.

Exr.: George Watterston

Wits.: Thompson VanRiswick; J.P. Fugitt; Walter Evans