

## Josephine C. McDonald

(22 May 1858 – 25 Nov 1935)

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**McDonald, Josephine C.** On Monday, November 25, 1935, at her residence, 1661 Crescent place n.w., Mrs. Josephine C. McDonald, beloved mother of Miss Madge McDonald and a charter member of the Twentieth Century Club. Funeral services at the chapel of John R. Wright, 1337 10th st. n.w., Wednesday, November 27, at 2 p.m. Interment (private) in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Mrs. McDonald Will Be Buried This Afternoon**

#### **Burial to Be in Congressional Cemetery; Rites Set For 2 O'Clock**

Mrs. Josephine C. McDonald, next to the last survivor of a family whose members were among the earliest Washingtonians, will be buried today in Congressional Cemetery. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. in the Wright Funeral Home at 1337 Tenth street northeast.

Mrs. McDonald's husband was the late Lieut. William J. McDonald, an officer in the Marine Corps and employed for many years in the Pension Office. His father, grandfather and brother were chief clerks of the Senate.

Until her death Monday, in her home at 1661 Crescent place northwest, there were only two persons in Washington bearing the family name. The other is her only survivor, a daughter, Miss Madge McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald was in her 78th year. On Tuesday and Friday of last week she suffered paralytic strokes. She was born in Brooklyn on May 22, 1858, and married Lieut. McDonald in 1878. She had lived in Washington since. Lieut. McDonald died in 1915.

Mrs. McDonald's grandfather-in-law, John G. McDonald, was clerk of the Senate during the War with England in 1812. When the British burned the Capitol he rescued the Senate's most valuable archives, carrying them in Rock Creek Park, where they were buried and later unearthed to become the only Senate records of the period available.

Mrs. McDonald was widely known in Washington. She was one of the founders and charter members of the Twentieth Century Club. She resigned from the organization several years ago and was made an honorary member.