

Mary F. Mills

(- 17 Jul 1936)

Mills, Mary F. On Friday, July 17, 1936, at her residence, 422 6th st. n.e., Mary F. Mills. Funeral services at the W.W. Chambers Co. Southeast funeral home, 517 11th st. s.e., on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Civil War Blast Survivor Dead At Capital Home

Mary F. Mills, 88, One of 2 Who Escaped Arsenal Explosion

Mary F. Mills, 88, one of two survivors of an explosion which ripped the Navy Arsenal during the Civil War and claimed many lives, died yesterday at her home, 422 Sixth street northeast.

Miss Mills, a native of Washington, was a child of 12 when she underwent the experience in the arsenal. She was pouring powder into bullets when the explosion occurred. Hosea Molton, the other survivor is still living. Miss Mills was not harmed, but the explosion left its mark on her -- a nervousness which she was unable to overcome in later life.

For 57 years she worked in the Government Printing Office and was retired a few years ago. She fed the presses there. She was a member of St. Agnes' Episcopal Church and the Press-feeders Union.

Miss Mills had been ill for a week. She died of heart disease.

She is survived by two nieces and two nephews, Mrs. Grace E. Murphy, 422 Sixth street northeast; Mrs. John Scrivener, 151 Kentucky avenue southeast; R. Byron Bond and John Simmons, 53 Q street northeast; Mrs. John Scrivener, 151 Kentucky avenue southeast; R Byron Bond, and John Simons, 53 Q street northeast.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the W.W. Chambers funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.