

Mary Adelaide Mirick

(- 23 Jan 1906)

Merick. On January 23, 1906 at the Baptist Home, 3248 N street northwest, Miss May Merick, aged 84 years. Services at the Home at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 25. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Death of Mary Mirick

Was Teacher in Washington Schools for 35 Years

Miss Mary Mirick, well known to the teachers of the public schools and to many of the citizens of the capital, died last evening at the Baptist Home for Old Ladies, 3248 N street northwest. Miss Mirick was in her 85th year. She was a sister of the late Rev. Stephen Mirick, for many years a pastor in one of the local Baptist churches, and of the late Mr. William Mirick, prominent as a music teacher. She was the last of her family.

As she was for many years a member of Grace Baptist Church, East Washington, the funeral services will be conducted by the pastor of that church, Rev. William M. Nevins. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock p.m. From the home. Interment will be made at the Congressional cemetery.

Miss Mirick was for thirty-five years a teacher in the local public schools. She was appointed in August, 1857, and had charge, successively, of many of the small grammar schools of Capitol Hill before the inauguration of the modern school system. At the Wallach building, the first modern school and now the oldest in the system, Miss Mirick taught for many years.

"I owe all the training of my educational life to Miss Mary Mirick" said an East Washington principal this morning. She was a skilled musician and many of the older teachers and successful principals now engaged in the school system received their early training at Miss Mirick's hands.

In June, 1892, Miss Mirick was retired by the board of education, and for several years was protected by the devotion of her former pupils and friends, who seven or eight years ago secured her entrance into the Baptist Home. After the erection of the new dormitory Miss Mirick had the room of honor in the home, which was furnished by the Young People's Baptist Union of the Second Baptist Church, Rev. E. Hez Swem, pastor. Many of these young people are grandchildren of the teacher's former pupils.

It is stated upon good authority that it was the retirement of Miss Mirick by the board of education which caused that movement among the teachers which resulted shortly after in the inauguration of the Teachers' Aid and Annuity Association which has as one of its laws the retirement of teachers upon an adequate annuity after thirty-five years of service.

Miss Mirick's public services are held in grateful remembrance by hosts of teachers and parents on Capitol Hill many of whom have been her constant attendants in her years of decline.

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Funeral of Miss Mirick

The funeral services of Miss Mary Mirick were held yesterday afternoon at the Baptist Home for Old Ladies, Georgetown, at 3 o'clock. Rev. W.M. Nevins, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, of which the deceased had been a member, officiated.

Miss Mirick for thirty five years was a teacher in the public schools and for years was in charge of the Wallach building. Many of her friends among the older teachers and the residents of Capitol Hill attended the services. The interment was made at the Congressional cemetery.