

Agatha Rabaza

(- 14 Oct 1890)

Rabaza. On October 14, 1890 at 7:30 a.m. at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Charles McLane, 509 Eighth street southeast, Mrs. Agatha Rabaza, aged 104 years. Funeral will take place from residence, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock a.m. Friends and relatives invited.

The Evening Star, October 14, 1890

She Was 104 Years Old

Death in This City of a Woman Who Had a Remarkable Career

It is not usual for a person to live to be more than a hundred years old, but this morning a woman died in this city who had reached the very advanced age of one hundred and four. The woman was Mrs. Agatha Rabaza, who has been living for a great many years with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. McLane, 509 8th street southeast. Five generations lived under the same roof tree, Mrs. Rabaza being the head of the group. She was born at Port Mahon, on the Island of Monaco, but came to this country when her daughter was widowed by the explosion of a gun on board the U.S.S. Princeton. While she was still in Spain, she met Napoleon Bonaparte and conversed with the Empress Josephine. Her life, beginning as it did well back in the last century, was a varied one, and it was her custom for years to interest her friends and relatives with reminiscences of her youth and of the interesting people and things she had seen in her long life. Both physically and mentally she was remarkably active, but since the death of a granddaughter several months ago she has seemed quite broken, and it was realized that her life could not be prolonged much further.

The Evening Star, October 16, 1890

The Funeral of Mrs. Rabaza

The funeral of Mrs. Agatha Rabaza, who died Tuesday morning at the residence of Mrs. Charles McLane, No. 509 8th street southeast, at the age of 104 years, as stated in The Star, took place this morning, attended by a daughter of the deceased, aged 69 years; nine of her grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a large concourse of her friends and neighbors. The services were those of the Catholic Church, in which she was brought up, and were conducted by Rev. Father Sullivan of St. Peter's Church. The pall-bearers were four of her grandchildren and the interment was at Congressional Cemetery. The old lady had been a resident of the District over forty years, and was in many respects, as well as from her great age, a remarkable woman. Her memory up to and within a few weeks before her death was notable and her health had been excellent ever since she could remember. Since the death some months since of her granddaughter of Mrs. Heinline (widow of Thomas W. Heinline, who served as an engineer in the navy during the war), she seemed to grow weaker and without any apparent disease. Her death seemed to result from a final wearing out of the system.