Emily A. Riley

(-16 Nov 1903)

Riley. On Monday, November 16, 1903, at 12 o'clock midnight, at the home of her daughter at Arcturus, Va., Mrs. Emily E. Riley. Funeral private, Wednesday, November 18.

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Death of Mrs. E.A.S. Riley

A Descendant of the Royal Line of Scotland

Mrs. Emily A.S. Riley, widow of Terrence Creed Riley, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reeves T. Strickland, Monday night at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Riley was formerly Miss Elgin, and was descended from one of the most ancient Scottish families through the earls of Garrick and kings of Scotland. She was a cousin of the eighth earl, who was a famous diplomat, and, successively, captain general of Jamaica, governor general of Canada and viceroy of India. She was connected on her maternal side with many old aristocratic families of the south. She was generous to a fault, kind and sympathetic. A few years ago her large and beautiful home was one of the most hospitable in Washington, but she lost her large fortune, from the shock of which she never fully recovered. One sister, Mrs. Matthew McPherson of Leesburg, Va., and three children, Dr. Terrence G. Riley of Delaware, Mrs. Catherine N. Thompson and Mrs. Reeves T. Strickland, survive her.

In accordance with her request, the funeral will be very quiet and private, only members of the immediate family being present.