

## Franklin Rives

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**Rives.** On Saturday, March 22, 1919 at 1:30 a.m. at George Washington University Hospital, Franklin, son of the late John C. and Mary Ann Eliot Rives in the 77th year of his age. Funeral from 1818 Jefferson place n.w. on Monday, March 24 at 2:30 p.m. Interment private.

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### **Franklin Rives Dies; Was of Notable Line**

#### **Son of John C. Rives; Was Part Owner of Congressional Globe**

Franklin Rives died at the George Washington Hospital Saturday in his seventy-eighth year. He was the son of John C. Rives, who, with Francis H. Blair, founded and edited the Congressional Globe. The Congressional Globe was the official organ of Congress from the time of President Jackson until 1874, when it was superseded by the Congressional Record.

It was Andrew Jackson who brought John C. Rives and Francis B. Blair together, and it was the acquaintance thus formed which ripened into the partnership which lasted for so many years, terminating with the death of Mr. Blair. Both the elder Blair and the elder Rives played prominent parts in public affairs in Washington for more than a generation. Both died during the civil war and Franklin Rives, just deceased, and his brother Jefferson Rives, succeeded to the proprietorship of the Globe and held it until its discontinuance.

When John C. Rives died, Congress adjourned out of respect to his memory, the only time such an honor was paid to any man who had not been in official life.

In 1864, Franklin Rives married Jennie Tree, daughter of Lambert Tree, for many years assistant postmaster of Washington. She was also the sister of Judge Lambert Tree of Chicago, who served as United States minister to the courts of Brussels and St. Petersburg. The death of Franklin Rives makes one less in that steadily decreasing list of scions of the old families of Washington who were prominent and distinguished before the civil war.