

Emma Frances Root

(1868 – 28 Mar 1928)

Root. Suddenly, Wednesday, March 28, 1928 at 1:45 a.m. at her residence, 1814 Ingleside terrace n.w., Emma Frances Root, beloved mother of E. Albert Root and sister of Caroline E. Toner. Funeral (private) from her late residence, on Friday, March 30 at 8:30 a.m., thence to Sacred Heart Church.

The Evening Star, March 29, 1928, p. 9

Mrs. Emma F. Root Dies

Funeral Will Be Held at Residence Tomorrow Morning

Mrs. Emma Frances Root, for 18 years a resident of this city, died at her home, 1814 Ingleside terrace, yesterday. She had been in failing health for the past several months. She was 61 years old.

Mrs. Root was a member of the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association and of the William S. Deck Circle, a women's organization. She is survived by a son E. Albert Root, and a sister, Miss Caroline E. Toner, a teacher in the Macfarland Junior High School here.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock and later in the Sacred Heart Church. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

William A. Paquette, The Root Family of Bolivar, New York, p. 44-45

Asa W. Root m. Emma Frances Toner in Washington, D.C., b.a. 1868 in Washington, D.C., d. March 28, 1928 at age 61 in Washington from a heart attack complicated by chronic nephritis.

Asa W. Root was named for his uncle who died during the Civil War. After the death of his mother, Asa lived with various relatives but spent more time with his father in Washington, D.C. After his marriage to Emma Toner he moved back to Bolivar. In the mid 1890s he owned and operated a carriage and wagon repair shop in Bolivar. In 1907 he moved to nearby Wellsville where he worked for the Doty Wagon Company.

In 1908 Asa Root moved to St. Louis, Missouri with his brother, George, and George's family to seek better employment. Asa's wife, Emma, and their children did not accompany him. Emma Root suffered from rheumatic heart disease and feared she could not withstand the rigors of travel and the climate change. She remained in Wellsville with their two surviving children. (A third child was a stillbirth.) When Asa did not come back, Emma, a devout Roman Catholic, did not consider divorce. She experienced financial difficulties while in Wellsville. Her husband's relatives provided her with the necessary funds to return to her family in Washington, D.C. where her father was a clerk at the State Department. For the remainder of her life Emma Root lived with her sister, Caroline Toner, at 1814 Ingleside Terrace. They jointly owned the house. Caroline Toner was a school teacher. She taught J. Edgar Hoover. Emma Root is buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington.

Children:

- I. Armina (Aurmina) M.
- II. Edwin (Edward) Albert