

Rachel A. Smoot

(- 15 Jan 1904)

Smoot. At 12 o'clock noon, January 15, 1904 of pneumonia, Rachel A. wife of Samuel C. Smoot. Funeral from residence, 1616 Rhode Island ave. at 11 o'clock a.m., Monday, January 18. Interment private.

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Funeral of Rachel Belt Smoot

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Rachel Belt Smoot, the wife of Mr. Samuel C. Smoot, whose death from pneumonia occurred at noon Friday, were held at the family residence, No. 1616 Rhode Island avenue, at 11 o'clock this morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman of Mount Vernon Place M.E. Church, of which Mrs. Smoot was a member, assisted by Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Greene.

The loss of Mrs. Smoot will be felt most keenly by her numerous friends. Although of rather frail constitution, and at times quite a sufferer, she was exceedingly happy in manner and disposition, and greatly delighted to have her friends about her. As a hostess she was cordial, gentle and most pleasing; as a friend sincere, sympathetic, considerate, kind. By those who best knew her, of her tender sympathies, kindly deeds and the surpassing sweetness of her domestic life, she was most beloved.

Mrs. Smoot was a daughter of the late Osborne Belt of Baltimore county, Md., and had resided in Washington since girlhood. Her surviving brothers and sisters are Rev. Osborne Belt, Dr. Samuel J. Belt, Mr. Philip C. Belt, Miss Jane Belt and Mrs. E.P. Haviland of Baltimore and Mr. Robert V. Belt of Washington.