

Beulah Burr Stelle

(1767 – 7 Dec 1851)

Stelle. In this city on Sunday last, Mrs. Beulah Stelle, relict of the late Pontius D. Stelle, aged 84 years.

Mrs. Stelle was one of the oldest inhabitants of Washington, having come here from New Jersey with the Government in 1800. She had consequently seen the place rise from field and forest into a city worthy to bear the great name of its immortal founder, and worthy of the high position it holds as the metropolis of the great Republic of the world.

Mrs. Stelle was one of the young ladies selected to strew flowers in the path of Washington as he crossed the bridge at Trenton, on the occasion of his visiting New York and the Eastern States, while President of the United States, and to sing an ode of welcome written for the gratifying occasion. With others who, while living, formed connecting links between us and the glorious era of the Revolution, she has now passed away.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral at half-past, two o'clock this day, from the residence of her son, Mr. E.B. Stelle.

Maud Burr Morris, *"Life of Pontius Stelle,"* Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 7, p. 54

In 1793, while city treasurer and a warm personal friend of Richard Howell, the first governor of New Jersey, Pontius D. Stelle met and afterwards married Mrs. Beulah Burr Wharton, a young widow who for some years past had assumed the social responsibilities of the governor's mansion, as her sister, Mrs. Howell, was somewhat of an invalid.