

Susan Butler Stevens

(- 6 Apr 1901)

Stevens. On Saturday, April 6, 1901 at 1706 P street, Susan Butler Jeffers Stevens, widow of M.H. Stevens aged 78 years. Funeral from her late residence, Tuesday at 11 a.m. Interment private.

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Death of Mrs. Stevens

Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow Morning at 11 o'clock

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Susan B.J. Stevens, widow of M.H. Stevens, who, in the period prior to and during the civil war was one of the foremost citizens of Washington, will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the late residence. 1706 P street. The interment in the family lot at Congressional cemetery will be private.

Mrs. Stevens died Saturday evening at the age of seventy-eight years after a long illness. She was one of the few survivors among the old Washingtonians who have flourished here for three quarters of a century. She was born in the District, the daughter of Mathias and Mary Ann Jeffers, in a house that is still standing on Missouri avenue, and was the last of eight children. Her father was an influential man in his day and contributed materially to the building up of Washington in the era immediately following the establishment of the national capitol here. Hardly a stone's throw from the old Jeffers' mansion, on Missouri avenue, where she passed the most of her life till her marriage, in 1848 is the family residence of her husband, who died nearly thirty years ago.

Two children, Dr. Edward Stevens and Mrs. D. Pratt Mannix, and five grandchildren, all of this city, are the survivors of the home circle over which, till recent years, when she became an invalid, Mrs. Stevens presided with all the grace and domesticity of a woman reared in the strict ideas of the old school. Accustomed to the luxuries and comforts of her time, she was nevertheless charitable, as well as sympathetic, and enjoyed the friendship of nearly all the best of her contemporaries in Washington, who appreciated substantial character and unassuming but dignified worth.