

Isabel Atkinson Thompson

(- 25 Jan 1970)

Thompson, Isabel Atkinson. On Sunday, January 25, 1970, at Westchester, Ill, Isabel Atkinson Thompson, formerly of Washington, D.C., beloved wife of the late Clinton R. Thompson; dear mother of Franklin A. Thompson, Mrs. Tyrus J. (Joan) Howell, and Clinton Paul Thompson; loving grandmother of seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Friends may call at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. n.w., Wednesday, January 28, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. (parking facilities). Services at the above funeral home, Thursday, January 29, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Isabel Thompson Dies; Ran Community Paper

Isabel A. Thompson, 79, a former Washington resident who was a founder of the Arkansas Avenue Community Association and editor for more than 10 years of its neighborhood newspaper, the Arkansas Traveler, died Sunday in a Winchester, Ill., nursing home.

A District native, she was the former Isabel Atkinson.

Mrs. Thompson, a graduate of old Central High School, taught for about 15 years at West Elementary School here and was the school librarian for 10 years.

The Arkansas Traveler was put out by Mrs. Thompson and six assistants starting in 1940. The Traveler was typical of many citizens association papers published here, and was in the group of the larger papers with four or more pages. Mrs. Thompson edited all the copy.

A book about her girlhood in "Washington, When Washington and I were Young," was published in 1965.

Mrs. Thompson had moved to the Chicago area to live with a son in 1963, and for several years was a columnist for a paper there. She also was known as a lecturer on herbs and antiques.

She leaves two sons, Franklin A., of Washington, and Clinton P., of Chicago; and a daughter, Mrs. Joan Howell of Bel Air, Md., seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Clinton P. Thompson, who died in 1936, was associated with the old Washington Rapid Transit Co.

Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th St. NW, with burial in Congressional Cemetery.