

Sarah A. Tucker

(7 Dec 1810 – 7 Jun 1902)

Tucker. On Saturday, June 7, 1902 at 12:10 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Rye, 429 10th street southwest, Sarah A., widow of the late John H. Tucker in the 92nd year of his age. Notice of funeral in Sunday papers.

The Evening Star, June 9, 1902

Death of Mrs. Sarah A. Tucker

Mrs. Sarah A. Tucker died Saturday last at 12:10 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Rye, 429 10th street southwest, in this city. Mrs. Tucker was one of the oldest native residents of Washington and probably one of the most widely known and beloved women of the city. Her death will be mourned and she will be missed by a very large circle of relatives and friends. Mrs. Tucker, was born in Georgetown, December 7, 1810, nearly ninety-two years ago, and resided here continuously up to the time of her death.

In 1826 she with her husband, the late John H. Tucker, moved into and occupied a residence on B street southwest owned by them, the same being about the twelfth house to be erected on what was then the "Island." During the terms of Presidents Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren and William Henry Harrison, Mr. Tucker was selected from among the employees of the Post Office Department as a special messenger to convey the President's message to New York by stage, to be delivered to the postmaster in that city for publication.

Mrs. Tucker was of Scotch descent from the MacPhersons, the earliest settlers of Georgetown, two of whom became mayors of the ancient burg. Her father, William MacPherson, was captain and owner of the sailing ship Jeannette, plying between Georgetown and England, on which the late Dr. William Gunton took passage to this country, and mentioned in the published life of Mr. Gunton, his personal friend. Mrs. Tucker was of a most lovable disposition, vivacious, always cheerful, and loved to indulge in reminiscences of her young days, especially during Jackson's administration, with whom Mrs. Tucker was personally acquainted, and with whom she danced at his inaugural ball.

Three daughters, Mrs. Jeannet M. Rye, Mrs. Thomas H. Walker and Mrs. Annie O. Thompson, widow of William S. Thompson; and two sons, Francis Cookman Tucker and Alexander Dallas Tucker, survive her. She leaves, also, twenty-seven grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren.

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Funeral of Mrs. Tucker

Last Rites Over the Remains Held Yesterday Afternoon

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Sarah A. Tucker were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of her daughter. Mrs. Jennie Rye, 429 10th street southwest, a large concourse of relatives and friends being present. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

The services were conducted by Rev. Alexander Bielaski of Ryland Chapel and Rev. C.C. Meador of the Fifth Baptist Church. The deceased has been a member of Ryland Chapel for more than fifty years.

Mrs. Odell rendered two solos, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Some Sweet Day, Bye and Bye." Acting as pallbearers--now all grown to manhood--were the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the deceased: Messrs. Will and Frederick Theimbach; Hart Burt, Clarence and Frederick Walker; Edwin and Frank Tucker; Raymond and Edward Ayre.

The interment was in the family lot in Congressional Cemetery.