

Eliza Whyte

(30 Nov 1854 – 20 Apr 1940)

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Mrs. Eliza Whyte, 85, Dies; Pioneer District Resident

Mrs. Eliza Whyte, 85, a resident of Washington for 83 years, died at her home, 825 Fourth street NE, today following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Whyte came to this country with her family from Edinburgh, Scotland, and was in Washington during the Civil War days.

She was the step-other of the late Joseph C. Whyte, for many years superintendent of the composing room of The Star.

Survivors are Miss Minnie Whyte, with whom she made her home, and Noble Whyte of Washington, grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the home and interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

From: Clifton A. Whyte, Jr., June 7, 2002 (step great grandson)

Eliza (Bliss) Lithgow Taylor Whyte.

Bliss was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 30, 1854, of parents unknown to us. The family immigrated to the US about January, 1855. There is no information about the family until she married Frederick William Whyte, Jr., on September 6, 1877. She was his 2nd wife.

I can remember visiting Bliss many times at her home. Even though she was totally blind in her later years, she always had a hug for me and told me to go and get a cookie from the jar in the kitchen. She would ask me to stand in front of her so she could see how I was dressed. Then Bliss would run her hand over my chest and tell me how nice I looked. Her spirits were great.

My family visited her one day in the late winter and found that she was sick. She was concerned that she would die before the snow melted and that the people who attended her funeral would get their feet wet and catch cold. Bliss passed away on April 20, 1940 and it was a beautiful day when she was buried at the Congressional cemetery. I was there.