

Elizabeth Washington Wirt (- 27 Jan 1857)

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Death of Mrs. Wirt

Intelligence reached this city yesterday of the death of the estimable and venerable widow of the late William Wirt. She died at Annapolis, Md., on Saturday last. Her remains will be brought to this city today to be interred by the side of those of her illustrious husband, in the Congressional burying ground.



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Wirt. In Annapolis at the residence of her son-in-law, Alex Randall, on Saturday evening last (Jan. 24, 1857), Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wirt, widow of the late Hon. William Wirt in the 73d year of her age. Her remains were brought here this morning in the train from Baltimore to arrive at 11 o'clock at which time the friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral from the depot to the Congressional Burying Ground.

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Mrs. Wirt was Elizabeth Washington Gamble, daughter of Colonel Robert Gamble, of Richmond. She was accomplished in many ways and figures prominently in the social annals of the day. She wrote the first book on flowers published in this country, "Flora's Dictionary, being a complete botany, a floral letter writer and a book of quotations." It was published in Baltimore in 1829 and may still be found in libraries of the Maryland and Virginia gentry who were Mrs. Wirt's kindred.