

Esther Rittenhouse Woodward

(22 Nov 1877 – 5 May 1948)

Woodward, Esther Rittenhouse. On Wednesday, May 5, 1948, at her residence, 2456 20th st. n.w., Esther Rittenhouse Woodward, daughter of the late Mark R. and Martha J. Woodward, sister of Dr. William C. Woodward and Mary Woodward Pitts of Cleveland, Ohio. Services will be held at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pa. ave. n.w., on Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Miss Woodward Dies; Teacher for 42 Years

Miss Esther Rittenhouse Woodward, 70, a public school teacher here for 42 years, died yesterday at her home, 2456 Twentieth street N.W. She had been in ill health for two years.

Miss Woodward was retired in 1940 after teaching American history at Hine Junior High School for 17 years. She began teaching in 1898, after graduating from Washington Normal School, now Wilson Teachers' College. She taught at the Twining and other elementary schools in Anacostia and Northeast Washington.

Miss Woodward was born in Washington, the daughter of Mark R. and Martha J Woodward. Her father was head of the bill room at the Government Printing Office.

An active worker in Wesley Methodist Church, she taught Sunday school there for many years and was a member of Circle 5 of the Women's Society of Christian Service. She was also on the board of the Methodist Home and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Dollology Club.

Survivors are a brother, Dr. William C. Woodward, 2701 Connecticut avenue N.W., District Health Officer for 24 years prior to 1918, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Woodward Pitts, Cleveland.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.