

MRS. E. B. WASHINGTON DEAD.

Was a Descendant of Washington's Family—Performed Many Daring Acts During the Civil War.

Mrs. Ella Bassett Washington, one of the nearest descendants of George Washington's family, died of pneumonia yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at her residence in the Parker apartment house, 123 West Thirty-ninth Street, after a protracted illness.

Mrs. Washington was born fifty-nine years ago in Hanover County, Va., and was the daughter of George Washington Bassett and was related to many of the most distinguished families of America, having the blood of Presidents Washington, Taylor, and the two Harrisons in her veins. She was also a great-granddaughter of William Burnet, one of the Colonial Governors of New York and Massachusetts Bay. She married Col. Lewis William Washington of Jefferson County, West Va., who was the son of George Corbin Washington of Maryland.

Mrs. Washington was an early member of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, which secured and has preserved the home and tomb of Washington. She was the possessor of many valuable relics of Gen. Washington. She was a member of the Society of Colonial Dames of Virginia, of the Mary Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, of New York, and a Trustee of the National Historical Museum. She was well known in literary circles, having contributed to many of the well-known magazines. Some of her poems, notably "The Song of the Sea" and "The Ruined Castle," have been widely published.

Being a Southerner by birth, and living at her father's family place in Virginia, near Richmond, she was within the sound of the guns of seventeen battles, and performed many daring deeds in the way of transmitting information, &c., through the lines. Among the most notable of her acts of bravery was the capture of a Federal officer whom she turned over as a prisoner of war. For this she was voted a gold medal by the Confederate Congress.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at St. Ignatius's Church, Fortieth Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. The burial will take place at Charles Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia.

TYPOTHETAE ANNUAL DINNER.

Bishop Potter Discourses Upon Franklin and the Devil of the Printer.

The annual dinner of the Typothetae of the City of New York was given last night at the Hotel Savoy. One hundred and fifty guests, representing nearly every large publication house in the city, attended, and Joseph J. Little, Vice President of the Typothetae acted as Chairman. Besides singing and recitations a number of speeches were made.

Bishop Potter spoke on Benjamin Franklin. He said that the only thing that discouraged Franklin, though he had achieved many great things, was the attempt to bring about temperance on the part of the Philadelphia policemen of his day. The printers to-day, he remarked, were about the only people who believe in a personal devil, and they make all the use they can of him.

Other speakers were John Kendrick Bangs, Will Carleton, F. Hopkinson Smith, and Joseph Howard.