

[Markham, Anna C. Murphy]

Anna C. Markham, Wife of Noted Poet
Educator and Short Story Writer Dies at 78 in Her Port Richmond Home

Mrs. Anna C. Markham, wife of Edwin Markham, famous poet and author of "The Man With the Hoe," died yesterday at her home, 92 Waters Ave., Port Richmond, S. I. [Staten Island], after a long illness. She was 78.

Born Anna Catherine Murphy, in Iowa Hill, Cal., a mining town, in 1858, she became well known as an educator, lecturer and short story writer. It was while editing text books for the State of California in 1898, that she met and married Mr. Markham.

The Markhams came to New York in 1900, and for several years lived in Brooklyn. Their home was at 45 3d St., and it was there that the poet wrote "Lincoln, the Man of the People," a poem marked by many as second to his "Man With the Hoe." From Brooklyn they went to Staten Island.

She is survived by her husband, who will celebrate his 86th birthday on Saturday of this week; a son, Virgil Markham of Staten Island, and a sister, Miss Mary Shela Murphy, of Los Angeles. Miss Murphy has been East for several years during her siser's illness.

The Rev. Cornelius Greenway, pastor of All Souls Universalist Church in Flatbush, a close friend of the Markham family, has ben asked to conduct private funeral services tomorrow in Port Richmond.

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