

[Wallace, Mary Elizabeth Merritt]

MRS. WALLACE DEAD AT 94 [93]
Aged Woman Had Lived Sixty Years in Eastern District

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wallace, one of the oldest residents of the Eastern District and a direct descendant of Thomas Merritt, who settled Rye, N.Y., in 1662, died yesterday of pneumonia at her home, 57 Morton street. She had been ill but five days. Had Mrs. Wallace lived until the 28th of this month she would have been 94 years of age. She was born on November 28, 1820, in Greenwich, Conn. Her father was Benjamin Woolsey Merritt, and her mother, Maria Haunts Merritt.

In 1842 she married Thomas Wallace, a carpenter and builder, in Portchester, N.Y., coming shortly after her marriage to New York and settling in the Seventh Ward, New York City. She and her husband removed to the old City of Williamsburg in May, 1853, and from that date down to the present time she had lived there continuously. She had occupied her present home since 1860.

Mrs. Wallace had been a constant attendant at All Souls Universalist Church since 1853. Her husband died in 1898.

She is survived by four sons, Thomas E., Benjamin Merritt, Andrew and Dr. E. Chapin Wallace; by five grandsons, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. T. [Thomas] E. Potterton officiating. The interment will be in Cypress Hills Cemetery on Wednesday morning.

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