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MRS. S. M. WELCH, 101, DIES; "GRAND LADY OF FLATBUSH"

Mrs. Sarah Mayhew Welch, who celebrated her 101st birthday on March 10, died yesterday at her home, 2665 Bedford Ave.

Announcement of the death of the "Grand Lady of Flatbush," who had lived through four wars in which this country had engaged, was made by the Rev. Cornelius Greenway at the close of services yesterday in All Souls Universalist Church, Ditmas Ave., of which Mrs. Welch had been a member for many years.

Looking on the sunny side of life all her years, Mrs. Welch followed the slogan, "Keep Smiling." She received a bouquet of 101 roses from All Souls Church on her birthday last month.

Born in Manhattan, Mrs. Welch moved to Brooklyn when she was 12 years old, and early in life taught school. Two years after the Civil War she was married to Robert Welch, a veteran of the war, who once met Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Welch, according to her daughter, Emily Welch, with whom she made her home, was a student of dancing in her early years and never lost the sense of rhythm as she grew older. She was especially fond of patriotic music.

Mrs. Welch laughingly remarked on her 101st birthday that she couldn't understand why so much fuss was being made over her.

"I ought to stop going forward," she said. "I ought to start all over again—this time going backward.

Also surviving is another daughter, Mrs. Perry Gleason.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at All Souls Church.

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MRS. SARAH M. WELCH

The death of Mrs. Sarah M. Welch occurred in the home of her daughter in Brooklyn on April 10. She reached her 101st birthday on March 10 and often spoke of the fact that she had lived through four wars. She had been a member of All Souls' Universalist Church in Brooklyn for eighty-nine years and on her birthday, the church sent her 101 roses. She had been a former school teacher, marrying Robert Welch two years after the Civil War. His death occurred several years ago. She was known as the "Grand Old Lady" of Flatbush. Her life-motto was "Keep smiling" and this philosophy did much to enable her to live beyond the century mark. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Emily Welch and Mrs. Perry Gleason of Brooklyn. The Rev. Cornelius Greenway, pastor, conducted the funeral service in the Gunnison Memorial Room of the church on April 13.

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