

Helen Clear

(12 Feb 1896 - 19 Nov 2000)

Blowing Rock Area Obituaries, November 2000

Mrs. Clear

Mrs. Helen Broome Clear, age 104, of the Charles Davant Extended Care Facility at Blowing Rock Hospital, died Sunday, November 19 at the Blowing Rock Hospital.

Mrs. Clear was born February 12, 1896 in Little Rock, Arkansas, a daughter of the late William and Henrietta Myers Broome.

At the age of three she returned with her parents to their former home in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She resided there until 1921. Mrs. Clear spent four years in the employment of the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C.

She married Thomas L. Clear in 1926 and in 1944 she and her husband established their residency in Blowing Rock.

She served on various committees and offices at St. Marys of the Hills Episcopal Church in Blowing Rock, serving on the Vestry of that church for over twenty years. Mrs. Clear was the first President of the Episcopal Churchwomen when year-round services were established.

Mrs. Clear was Secretary of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce for eight years, from 1954 until 1962.

Mrs. Clear is survived by two cousins, Helen Campbell Ellis of Jackson, Mississippi; and J.C. Campbell of Atlanta, Georgia; two step-grandchildren, Thomas L. Clear of New York City and Virginia Clear Jupp of Clinton Park, New York; her step-great grandson, Phillip F. Schaeffer of Kingston, New York; and one step-great great granddaughter, Shelby Schaeffer of Kingston, New York.

Graveside services for Mrs. Clear will be held at a later date, with interment in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home of Boone was in charge of the arrangements.

Family service held at Congressional Cemetery, May 18, 2001.