

## Maria Elizabeth Merrick

(23 Aug 1828 – 17 Mar 1915)

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**Merrick.** At 11 p.m. at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Church at Woodmont, Va., Maria Elizabeth Merrick of Washington, DC, widow of the late Edward Clinton Merrick in the 87th year of her age. Funeral from Waugh M.E. Church, corner 3d and A streets s.e. at 3 p.m., Friday, March 19. Interment private.

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**Mrs. Maria E. Merrick Dead**  
**Was One of Most Earnest Methodist**  
**Church Workers in Washington**

In the death of Mrs. Maria Elizabeth Merrick, Washington has lost one of its most venerable residents. Born in Cincinnati, August 23, 1828, of pioneer parents who had gone down the Ohio River on a raft. Maria E. Wells received her education partly at the college town of Oxford, where she met and married Edward C. Merrick, who became a teacher at the Delaware Wesleyan and afterward a member of the Cincinnati conference of the M.E. Church. In the early years of the civil war, he accepted a position in the internal revenue bureau and with his family came here in 1863. They became members of Waugh M.E. Church, for which for a few months Mr. Merrick supplied the pulpit. After 34 years of married life her husband died and for 34 years since his death Mrs. Merrick has been a member of the Capitol Hill W.C.T.U. She also was a charter member of the board of managers of the Methodist Home for the Aged; a life manager of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baltimore branch, and a successful Sabbath schoolteacher. Two of her children, Mrs. Robert A. Church, of Woodmont, Va., and Mrs. Susie K. Graham of Portland, Oreg., survive her.

*W.C.T.U. = Women's Christian Temperance Union.*