# Mary L. Parsons

(1860 – 11 Feb 1935)

**Parsons.** On Monday, February 11, 1935, Mary L., widow of the late James L. Parsons. Body resting at Warren E. Pumphrey's funeral home, Rockville, Md. Services at her residence, 9204 Connecticut avenue, Chevy Chase, Md., on Thursday, February 14 at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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## Widow of Capital Builder is Dead

## Services for Mrs. Mary Parsons Will Be Held Tomorrow

Mrs. Mary L. Parsons, widow of James L. Parsons, who constructed the District Building, American University structures and many other well-known Washington landmarks, died Monday night at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Maddox, at Chevy Chase, Md. She was 75 years old.

Mrs. Parsons, who was born in Manchester, England, but who had lived in this country since she was 3 years old, is survived by three children, Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. F. Larmour Oyster, also of Chevy Chase, Md., and Capt. David A. Parsons of Washington, commander of the Howitzer Company of Kensington, a unit of the Maryland National Guard.

In addition, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. H.R. Blodgett of Saco, Me., and Mrs. J.R. Stabler of Lutherville, Md.; a brother, J.C. Rathbone of Washington, and three stepchildren.

Her husband, who also constructed a large munitions plant at Baltimore during the war, died in 1917.

Funeral services for Mrs. Parsons will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maddox, 9204 Connecticut avenue, tomorrow, at 2 o'clock and burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

#### The Washington Post, February 14, 1935, p. 12

Mrs. Parsons' Rites Today; Died Here at 75

#### Widow of Prominent Capital Builder Was Born in Manchester

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary L. Parsons, widow of James Parsons who was a well-known builder in Washington, will be held at 2 p.m. today at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Maddox, 9204 Connecticut avenue, North Chevy Chase, Md. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mrs. Parsons died Monday at the home of her daughter with whom she lived. She was 75 years old. Born in Manchester, England, she came to this country at the age of 3. Her husband, who died in 1917, constructed the District Building, several units of American University and a large munitions plant in Baltimore, as well as other Washington buildings.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maddox and Mrs. F. Larmour Oyster, also of Chevy Chase; a son, Capt. David A. Parsons, of Washington, commander of the Howitzer Company, First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, of Kensington, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. H.R. Blodgett, of Saco, Me., and Mrs. J.R. Stabler, of Lutherville, Md.; a brother, J.C. Rathbone, of Washington, and three stepchildren.