

CHRONOLOGY

- Ca. 1800** **Ann G. Thornton born Virginia.**
- 15 Nov 1818** **Married Benjamin Sprigg in DC, both of VA.**
- 1820 Census** **Household -- M: Age > 45: 1, F: 11 to 26: 3, 27 to 45: 2, Slaves: M: 14 to 26: 3, 26 to 45: 2, F: < 14: 1, 14 to 26: 1, 26 to 45: 1.**
- 23 Oct 1822 Martha L., age 2, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 1822 – 1830 Living at west side 1 east B & C north.
- 12 Aug 1827 William Bowie born, christened 15 Aug 1828, Christ Church.
- 3 Oct 1828 Elizabeth Jane, age 5, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 3 Jun 1831 Virginia born, christened 3 Jan 1832, Christ Church.
- 29 Sep 1833** **Benjamin Sr., age 54, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.**
- 18 Oct 1833 Orphans Court, Letters of Administration for the estate of Benj. Sprigg, A. Sprigg admx.
- 14 Nov 1833 Benjamin Jr. born, christened 23 May 1834, Christ Church.
- 1 Jan 1834** **Advertises able to accommodate 5 Members of Congress at New Jersey Ave., south of Capitol.**
- 13 Mar 1834 Mary R.C. Thornton (sister) married William Naylor at Sprigg's home, both born Virginia.
- 16 Jul 1834 Benjamin Jr., age 8 months, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 5 Dec 1836** **Mrs. Sprigg listed as having boarding house on New Jersey Ave. south of Capital.**
- 15 May 1838** **Advertises 4 pleasant rooms South of Capitol on New Jersey Avenue.**
- 16 Sep 1838 Eleanor, age 16, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 1 Apr 1839** **Advertises vacancies at boarding house on 1st Street S.E. across from the Capitol.**
- 17 Apr 1839 Mrs. Almira Stoddard dies at the boarding house. Asst. teacher at the Capitol Hill Seminary for Young Ladies, where her husband was Principal. Buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 1840 Census Household -- M: Age 10 to 15: 1, 15 to 20: 1, 20 to 30: 2, 30 to 40: 1, 70 to 80: 1; F: 5 to 10: 1, 10 to 15: 1, 20 to 30: 1, 30 to 40: 1, 40 to 50: 1; Free Col. M: 10 to 24: 1; F: 35 to 55: 2.
- 30 Jun 1840 Eleazer Early, a clerk in the House of Representatives, from Georgia, dies at the boarding house. Buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 19 Apr 1842 Congressman Lawrence's funeral from the boarding house, buried Congressional Cemetery.
- Aug 1842** **Robert, Ann's hired slave cook, and John Douglass escape to Canada via Smallwood's URR.**
- 15 Dec 1842 William Bowie Sprigg petitions for reappointment as a House page.
- 1847-1848** **Abraham Lincoln a boarder at Ann's house.**
- 14 Jan 1848** **Henry Wilson, Ann's hired slave is kidnapped. His wife, free, is also employed by Ann.**
- 12 Mar 1852 Jane Thornton, Ann's mother dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.
- 1862-1869 Ann living at 392 10th St. West (from City Directory).
- 21 Jul 1864** **President Lincoln writes to the Secretary of the Treasury recommending Ann for a position.**
- 1869 Virginia, Ann's daughter, joins her at 392 10th St. West. (from City Directory).
- 1870 Living at 925 10th N.W., Clerk, Treasury, also with son William B. (from City Directory).
- 12 Dec 1870** **Ann Sprigg, age about 70, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.**
- 1880 Census Virginia listed as Govt. Clerk & Copyist, boarder with James Smith, parents born VA.
- 12 Sep 1885 Virginia, age 55, dies, buried Congressional Cemetery.