

Mrs. John Allen Montgomery

Mrs. Mary Powell Montgomery, widow of the late John Allen Montgomery, died January 12, 1962 at the age of 94 while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Stewart in Bluffton, South Carolina. (Sarah J)

Mrs. Montgomery was a life long resident of Decatur, living for many years on Sycamore Street, but in recent years at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Thomas Alfred Branch, Jr. on Glendale Avenue.

Mrs. Montgomery was the daughter of the late James Oliver Powell and Sarah Carroll Powell, pioneer citizens of DeKalb County and granddaughter of Dr. Chapman and Elizabeth Hardman Powell. Dr. Powell was said to be the first physician in DeKalb County.

She was a past regent of Baron DeKalb Chapter D. A. R. At the recent State D. A. R. Conference which met in Atlanta March 15-17, 1962 she was among the number for whom a beautiful memorial service was held.

She was also a former president of the Agnes Lee Chapter U. D. C., a member of the Daughters of American Colonists and the DeKalb Historical Society.

Funeral services for Mrs. Montgomery were held on Sunday afternoon, January 14, 1962 at the Decatur Presbyterian Church of which she was the eldest member. The Rev. J. Davison Phillips, pastor, officiated and interment was in the Decatur Cemetery.

Her survivors besides the above mentioned daughters include a granddaughter, Mrs. Grayson Parker, a grandson T. A. Branch III and four great grandchildren Allen, and Sessie Branch and Grayson, and Laura Parker, all of Decatur.

As a closing tribute we quote from the poem used in the Memorial service at the State Conference D. A. R.

"Beautiful the life is, that whose  
span  
Is spent in duty to God and man.  
Beautiful, calm when the course  
is run  
Beautiful, twilight at set of sun.  
Beautiful, death, with a life well  
done."