

Called by Death



MRS. EMMA POESCHE,
Long Known As Teacher of Germanic
Languages In Capital, Succumbs
to Old Age and Heart Failure.

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Member Of Famous Family,
Noted As Teacher Here
For Half Century.

Mrs. Emma Poesche, dilettante and philanthropist, who for half a century was prominent as a teacher in Washington, having had many pupils at the White House, died at the Ruppert Home yesterday afternoon, at the age of eighty-four years.

She had been in failing health for three years, following an attack of heart failure. Yesterday afternoon her brother, Paul J. Pelz, architect of the Congressional Library and of several other noted buildings in Washington, was visiting her, and when he left she was in apparent good health. An hour later a telephone message announced her death.

During the career of Mrs. Poesche in Washington she had been prominently connected with various German organizations, and was the first president of the German Aid Society, out of which the German Orphan Asylum grew. She was a teacher of the Germanic languages, in which capacity she had taught in the families of several Presidents.

Born in Breslau, Germany, Mrs. Poesche was a member of one of the prominent families in the German revolution of 1848.

Her father, Edward Pelz, was a publisher in Breslau, and at the time of the birth of Mrs. Poesche, received a commission as publisher at St. Petersburg, where he amassed a considerable fortune.

At the outbreak of the German revolution Mr. Pelz was the delegate from his province to the Frankfort parliament, where his work was so dangerous to the government that his farm was confiscated.

Driven from pillar to post Mr. Pelz was finally crowded to Breslau, where a requisition for his arrest arrived from Prussia. Eluding the officers, he slipped aboard clipper and came to America.

Coming to Washington in 1853, Mrs. Poesche lived here for a year with her father, after which she went to Philadelphia, where she was married to Theodor Poesche, who himself was a teacher and exile from Germany.

With Mr. Poesche she went to St. Louis, where for several years prior to 1862, Mr. Poesche was a teacher in a German-American school.

Mrs. Poesche was one of the prime movers in the organization of the German Children's Home, and was one of the founders of the Ruppert Home, where she died. Of an artistic temperament, her home in this city was the mecca of artists and literary folk, who never tired of speaking of her kindly qualities.

She is survived by one son, Victor Poesche, of Washington, and by a married daughter, who lives in Berlin, Germany.

The funeral rites will be at Lee's chapel, 332 Pennsylvania avenue, where tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock several of her intimate friends will deliver short funeral eulogies. The body will be cremated, and the ashes placed in the grave with those of her husband, in Rock Creek Cemetery.