Granddaughter of Member of Boston Teaparty, Dies Here

Mrs. Martha White Stuff, at the Age of 87 Years, Passes Away—Is Descended From Colonial Stock and Her Family Has Been Full of Noted Warriors.



Mrs. Martha White Stuff, granddaughter of Thomas White, member of famous "Boston tea party," and her daughter, Mrs. Ada Briggs, 1100 Texas street, at whose home she died Monday.

Mrs. Martha White Stuff, daughter of a hero of the war of 1812, and granddaughter of Thomas White, at one time clerk to president George Washington and member of the famous Boston tea party, died in El Paso Monday at the age of 87 years. She was buried Tuesday morning from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Briggs, 1100 Texas street, where she died. The funeral was conducted by the Daughters of the America: Revolution and the Eastern Star. Interment was made in the Masonic plot in Evergreen cemetery.

Martha White was born in Bedford county. Pennsylvania, on August 11, 1825, the daughter of Thomas White, a farmer of that section, who had fought in the war of 1812, but had returned to more peaceful pursuits soon thereafter.

At the age of 23 years she married Joseph Stuff in the town of Philadelphia, Pa., and for many years made her home in Pennsylvania. After the death of her husband she went to San Diego, where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Gruber, who still resides in that city at 71 Waterfront street.

She was the mother of eight children, only four of whom survive her. They are: Mrs. Ada Briggs, widow of the late George Briggs, of the customs service in El Paso; Rev. Frank Stuff, a minister, of Knoxville, Ia.; Bernard Stuff, who when last heard from was a resident of Waterloo, la., and Mrs. Ellen Gruber, of San Diego, Cal.

About a year ago she came to El Paso to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ada Griggs, and remained at her home up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Stuff was proud of her forefathers, who had fought in the revolutionary war and the war of 1812; some of her relatives also fought in the civil war while two boys of the family fought and died in the Philippines.

In memory of her grandfather, Thomas White, of the Boston tea party, a monument has been erected near the town of North Point, in Broad township, Bedford county, Pa., and another stands in the city of Columbus, Ohio.