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MISS SANDS DIES AFTER WEEKS' ILLNESS

After an illness of several weeks' duration, Miss Ella J. Sands died last night at her home, 134 Prince George street. She was the youngest daughter of the late Captain James and Jane Holland Sands, and sister of the late Mrs. Martin F. Revell. Her elder sister, Miss Annie Sands, died eight years ago this Advent season.

Miss Sands is survived by three brothers, James H. and William H., of this city, and John Sands, of St. Louis, Missouri.

The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence.

The deceased was descended from one of the families of the earliest settlers of Annapolis, her forefathers having built the first frame house in this city from logs hewn from the forest, which house has been for years one of the show places here. Her aunt, the late Miss Sarah Sands, lived to the good old age of 97, retaining her faculties to the last, and telling with great gusto the account of the visit to the old house made by General Washington, under whom her father served in the Revolutionary War. It was during the time Governor Paca was Governor, and the Governor in those days lived in the enclosure, now the Naval Academy.

General Washington went to the Sands house on Prince George street, near Randall, and the crowd was so great around the front door, that the General was obliged to make his escape through the rear garden to Governor Paca's home. It is also related on this occasion the General saw a

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boy without a hat. In those early days it was not the fad for boys and men to go without hats, and General Washington asked the boy where was his hat and whose son was he. The lad replied he had no hat and he was Charles Brewer's son. The General took from his pocket money and gave it to the lad to buy a hat.

The old Sands' house, the home of the forefathers of the deceased, was also visited by General Lafayette on the occasion of his last visit to Annapolis in 1824, when the people gave him a reception on college campus, at which Miss Sarah Sands, then a young girl, was present.