

Mary Macon Cannon Bryan
March 27, 1824 – May 20, 1848

Section 2 ID # 20082

Mary Macon Cannon, daughter of Governor Newton and Rachael Stearns Cannon, was born on March 27, 1824, in Williamson County, Tennessee. Her father died on September 16, 1841, before Mary was married.

Cannon Family Bible recorded Mary's marriage to William P. Bryan in 1844 and also recorded the birth of their son Macon Cannon Bryan on January 16, 1846.

The local newspaper announced that the death of Mary Macon Bryan, wife of Col. William P. Bryan and daughter of late Gov. Newton Cannon, had occurred "on Sunday, the 20th inst. half-past two o'clock P.M. She was aged at the time of her death, 24 years one month and twenty four days, having been born on the 27th of March 1824... a regular member of the Methodist Episcopal Church... (we should) cherish and protect the little son whom she so fondly loved." Mrs. Mary M. Bryan, wife of Col. William P. Bryan, was buried at City Cemetery on May 23rd.

After the death of his mother, Macon went to live with his grandmother. U.S. Census 1850 Williamson County, Tennessee, listed Macon, aged 4 years, in the Household of Rachael Cannon with her own daughter Maria, aged 10 years. When he was 14 years old, Macon was living in his father's home in Nashville as shown in the U.S. Census 1860 Davidson County, Tennessee. W. P. Bryan was listed as "Gentleman" with \$40,000 in Real Estate holdings and \$25,000 Personal Estate. Eleven years later Macon was a student at Georgetown College, District of Columbia. On January 15, 1866, the burial of M. C. Bryant (sic), the son of Wm. P. Bryant (sic), who died of pneumonia, took place on Willow avenue in City Cemetery.

William P. Bryan bought a cemetery lot on Willow avenue, on May 24, 1848, the day after Mary's funeral. He subsequently bought two additional adjacent lots thereby increasing the size to 80 feet x 80 feet, a very large lot in City Cemetery. A monument was erected for Mary. The inscription on the monument "Mrs. Mary Macon Bryan" was recorded during the first survey of Sections, Lots and Tombstone Inscriptions by Engineer F. R. R. Smith in 1908. During surveys conducted in 1971 and 2005, no inscription could be read.

Mary's beautiful monument is still in the Bryan lot at City Cemetery but her remains and her son Macon C. Bryan's remains were removed and reburied at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on May 7, 1866.

Sources

Cannon Family Bible. Bryan Births, Marriages, Deaths. Bible Collection TSLA. On-line Obituary. *The Whig*, May 23, 1848. Mary Macon Bryan City Cemetery website
U.S. Census 1850 Williamson Co. Tn. Macon Bryan in Rachael Cannon household
U.S. Census 1860 Davidson Co. Tn. Macon Bryan in W. P. Bryan household
City Cemetery Interments. Mary Bryan 1848; M.C. (Macon C.) Bryan 1866. City Cem. website
City Cemetery 1908 Plat & Inscriptions recorded 1908. City Cemetery website
Mt. Olivet Interment Records. Reburial of Mary Macon Bryan May 7, 1866

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