

## HISTORIC MANSION NOW CHURCH HOME

Presbyterian Institution Located on Noteworthy Estate Once Known as Ingleside.

The building and grounds now occupied by the Presbyterian Home of the District of Columbia at 1818 Newton street have an interesting history. The property was part of what was formerly known as the "Ingleside" estate, and the house, used as the Presbyterian Home, was the "Ingleside mansion." The original tract known as "Ingleside" was composed of parts of two tracts known as "Pleasant Plains" and "Mount Pleasant." The grounds will be the scene Tuesday and Wednesday of a garden party for the home.

"Pleasant Plains" was owned at the time of the cession of the District of Columbia by Anthony Holmead. By his will, probated February 11, 1803, he devised his land to his two sons, John and Anthony, in fee, as tenants in common. John Holmead and Anthony Holmead divided the property March 23, 1807. Anthony Holmead, Jr., died intestate, leaving as his only heirs James B. Anthony, Mathilda S. Emily V. Alfred, Mary E. and John B. Holmead. The heirs mentioned by deed dated April 7, 1830, conveyed Anthony Holmead's third part of "Pleasant Plains" to John B. Holmead.

John B. Holmead and wife, November 1833, devised the property to Francis Hoskins. He conveyed it, April 4, 1843, to Abner C. Pierce.

### Title Vested in William Holmead.

John Holmead died intestate in 1830, leaving no widow, and as his only heirs, his sons, Henry and William, and a daughter, Jane M. who married David Holm. Henry Holmead died unmarried and intestate. John M. Holm died intestate, never having had issue. Thus the title to John Holmead's part of "Pleasant Plains" rested in William Holmead.

William Holmead and wife, by deed dated July 13, 1847, conveyed part of "Pleasant Plains" to John P. Heiss.

At the time of the cession of the District of Columbia the part of Ingleside embracing part of Mount Pleasant was owned by Robert Peter, the elder. By his will, probated May 29, 1806, he left all his estate to his five sons, Thomas, Robert, David, George and James. Thomas Peter, by his will, dated June 23, 1809, devised the property to his brothers, James Peter, intestate, unmarried and without issue. The others divided the property, part of it going to George Peter. He died in April 9, 1824, and his estate was transferred to Abner C. Pierce. The latter, March 19, 1824, transferred it to John P. Heiss.

April 24, 1850, Heiss and his wife, Howlings, that "parcel of land, called Ingleside, composed of lots 4 and 5 of subdivision of Mount Pleasant, and of Pleasant Plains, and also another part of Pleasant Plains."

After several other transactions of no significance, the land was conveyed by deed dated May 12, 1854, to Hiram Walbridge.

### Recalled as Walbridge Home.

Persons living today recall Ingleside as the Walbridge home, it being occupied in the early 50's by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walbridge, and their country home. They had a city home on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue near Fourteenth street. Chester Walbridge, father of Gen. Hiram Walbridge, was the son of Gen. Ebenezer Walbridge, who served in the Revolutionary war. Chester Walbridge had three sons, Hiram, Horace and Heman. Following the death of Chester Walbridge, his widow, the mother of Gen. Hiram Walbridge, occupied Ingleside until her death. Then Gen. Hiram Walbridge became the occupant.

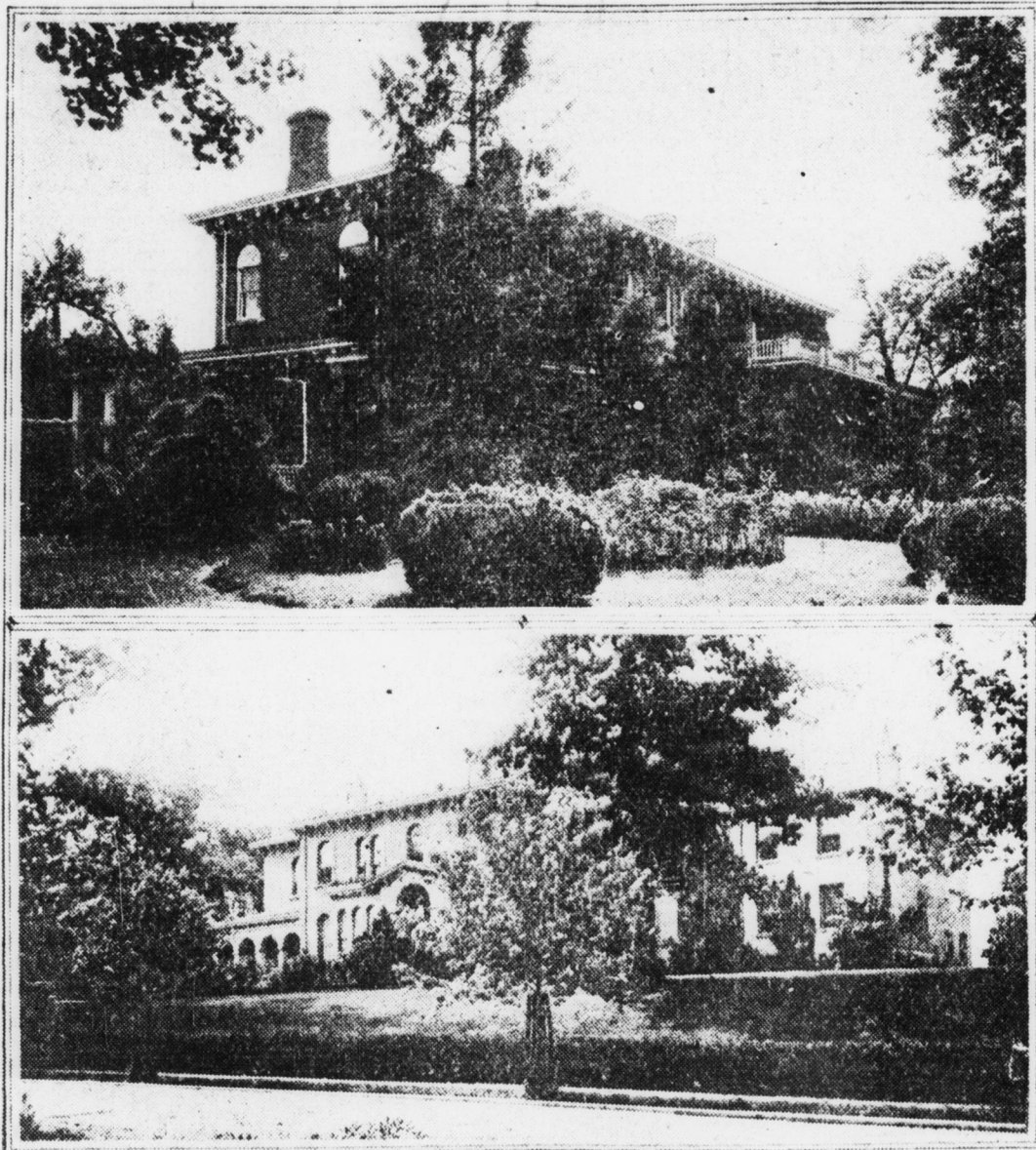
One of the Walbridge descendants is authority for the statement that the Ingleside mansion was built by an Englishman, although he is unable to furnish the date, or the approximate date, it was erected. The descendant remembers being told by his grandfather, Heman Walbridge, that the structure had been built of brick laid in cement.

The game of checkers was a favorite diversion for Mrs. Walbridge. Among her friends and visitors were the Matthews, the Browns and the Pierces. The latter owned the famous Pierce Mill. Servants at Ingleside were slaves hired in Alexandria. Mrs. Walbridge, being a Northern woman, did not own slaves.

### Once Served in Congress.

Gen. Hiram Walbridge was born in Thane County, N. Y., February 2, 1821, but moved with his parents to Ohio and settled in Toledo in 1836. He graduated in law and practiced as an attorney. He was appointed a brigadier general of the militia in 1843. He moved to New York and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855), declined to be a candidate for re-election and resumed his former pursuits. He was an unsuccessful Union candidate for election in 1862 to the Thirty-eighth Congress; was president of the International Commercial Convention in Detroit, Mich., July 11, 1865, and was a delegate to the Southern Loyalist Convention at Philadelphia in 1866. He was a cousin of Henry Sanford Walbridge, a Representative from New York to the Thirty-second Congress (March 4, 1851-March 3, 1853). Gen. Walbridge married rather late in life. He had no

## PRESBYTERIAN HOME HAS HISTORIC PAST



Upper: Ingleside, the historical setting for a garden party, to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, for the Presbyterian Home, 1818 Newton street.  
Lower: Picture of Ingleside, taken about 1896, when it was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Noyes.

children. He married a Mrs. Jane M. Blake, who had one daughter and one son, Gen. Walbridge, by his will, provided: "In lieu of the right of dower, I hereby give to my esteemed and beloved wife, as a tribute for her devotion and affection to me—I give and bequeath the mansion Ingleside and the 60 acres of land which surrounds it north of the road which leads to Mr. Pierce's farm."

Mrs. Walbridge devised the property to her children. In that way Mrs. Helen B. Corbitt, wife of President Lincoln, and at one time United States attorney for the District of Columbia, became the owner of Ingleside.

### Gen. Walbridge Lincoln's Friend.

In the way of reminiscence it is related of Gen. Walbridge that he was a close friend of President Lincoln, and that the latter offered him a commission as major general in the United States Army, but he declined, because of his lack of military training other than in the militia.

At the time of his death, which occurred at the Astor House, New York City, Tuesday, December 6, 1870, Gen. Walbridge was 49 years of age. In the account of his death, published in The Star, Friday, December 9, 1870, it was set forth that he left an estate worth about "a million of dollars, most of which falls to his wife, an estimable lady of fine accomplishments." The account of the death contains the following paragraphs:

"Gen. Walbridge leaves no children. Mrs. Walbridge has two children living, by her first husband. One is an invalid son, the other is Mrs. Dr. Phillips, whose husband is the resident physician at the Metropolitan Hotel, and the attendant upon Gen. Walbridge during his last hours."

"The deceased leaves two brothers. His aged mother died about three years ago in the city of Washington, leaving a valuable estate in the suburbs, where the general and his family have resided for several years past."

Quotation From The Star.  
The Star of Thursday, December 8, 1870, contains the following:  
"Arrival of the Remains of Gen. Walbridge."

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## EXPERTS CONSIDER TEXT OF GERMANS

Belgians and Italians Oppose Annuities Suggested by Young.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, May 17.—The reparations experts of the creditor nations today were studying the proposed text of the committee's report with the German conditions preparatory to a full discussion among themselves later in the day.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, head of the German delegation, remained at his hotel pending an agreement between the allies and the American representatives, but one of the German experts called at the headquarters of the committee just after noon with a response to inquiries as to the meaning of some of the phrases in the German conditions.

The principal opposition to the annuities suggested by Owen D. Young is now coming from the Belgians and Italians, but all the creditors found what they held to be objectionable features in the German conditions.

This morning the committee seemed tending more and more toward a report in which both sides would present their minimum demands, their conditions and their reservations, leaving the governments to complete the work.

It has already been suggested that Foreign Minister Briand, Dr. Stresemann and Sir Austen Chamberlain may have to decide on a new method of negotiation when they meet at Madrid for the next Council meeting of the League of Nations.

was undergoing repairs. The president of the asylum at that time was Mrs. Elizabeth Blair Lee, wife of Admiral Lee, who for 14 years was president of the Washington Club, of which she was a founder. Ingleside, then comprising 60 acres running down to Piney Branch, was at that time offered to the asylum for \$45,000, but the offer was refused, as the place was "too remote, too far in the country."

The house is of brick, with stucco exterior. It is of two stories, with a tower. There are extensive porches and a conservatory. It consisted of 18 rooms, with three bathrooms. A broad central hall opened on a large reception room, from which a wide stairway led to the second floor. The rooms were large, with high ceilings. The house was equipped with steam heating and with electricity.

The ground has a frontage of 350 feet on Newton street, with a depth of 124 feet. The landscaping is exceptionally attractive, with immense oaks, evergreens, a formal garden and a fountain. There is a two-story garage, with living quarters on the second floor.

Mr. Noyes was the owner of the property until 1904, when he conveyed it to Chester A. Snow. The latter, in 1910, executed a deed to the Capital City Improvement Co. The following year, 1911, Samuel J. Masters acquired title from the Capital City Improvement Co. He held the title until late in the year 1917, when Ingleside was bought by the present owner, the Presbyterian Home of the District of Columbia, formerly the Washington City Orphan Asylum, while its building on Fourteenth street

## Heads Equipment Men



W. H. McCARTY, Master mechanic of the Capital Traction Co., who has been elected president of the Electric Railway Equipment Men at a meeting held in Wilmington, Del.

## MILLER'S RECOVERY

SERIOUSLY DOUBTED

Hope Waning for School Principal

Suffering Infection From Bite of Pet Cat.

Hope was waning this afternoon for the recovery of Alvin W. Miller, Central High School principal, who lies critically ill at Garfield Hospital, where for three days he has been battling against blood poisoning, induced two and a half weeks ago by the bite of a pet cat.

Although his general physical condition was described this morning as "unchanged," the infection was spreading rapidly throughout the patient's body. Another blood transfusion, the fourth since he was removed from his home to the hospital, was to be performed today in an attempt to reduce the percentage of poison in the blood stream. Mr. Miller has retained consciousness throughout his illness.

Mr. Miller was stricken over two weeks ago when home treatment failed to halt infection in a wound in his wrist caused by the bite of his pet cat with which he was playing.

Willson, England, recently refused to pay \$1,500 for a child census of the district.

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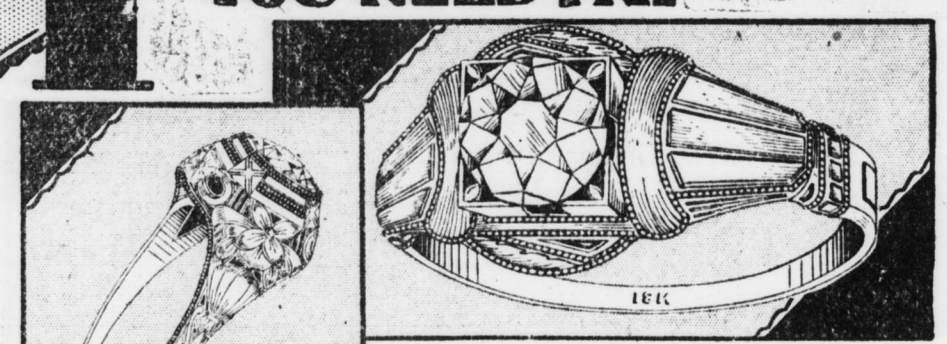
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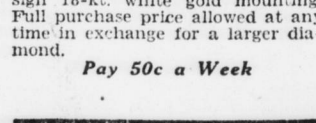
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