

# ***Blackwelder Family Genealogy Notes***

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“Francis W. Blackwelder Dies at 91

Conservative Episcopal Minister

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The Rev. Francis Winfield Blackwelder, 91, the rector of All Souls Episcopal Church in Washington from 1948 until he retired in 1974, died May 9 at Georgetown University Hospital of complications related to a broken hip suffered six weeks ago. During his 26 years at All Souls, Mr. Blackwelder was known for conservative stands on social issues and opposition to political positions taken by the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. . . .

Mr. Blackwelder was born in Salisbury, N.C., the son of an Episcopal minister. He grew up in the South and graduated from the University of North Carolina. He received a master's degree in sacred theology from General Theological Seminary in New York City, and he received an honorary doctorate in divinity from the Theological Seminary of Kentucky. During the Great Depression, he was rector of three Episcopal parishes near Asheville, N.C.

Later, he went north to serve as a canon at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, where he directed the cathedral's social works program. That included providing emergency financial support to merchant mariners on ships plying the Great Lakes. In that period, he also was Protestant chaplain at the Erie County jail. In 1941, he became rector of St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Buffalo, where he remained until 1948, when he came to Washington. . . .

At the time of his death, he lived in Hollywood, Md. His first wife, Evelyn Hellen Blackwelder, died in 1969.

Survivors include his wife, Mary G. Blackwelder of Hollywood; three sons from his first marriage, Brent, of Washington, Blake, of Houston, and Brion of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and five grandchildren.”