

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 90 Space: A2

Find A Grave # 130276321

Name: **Irby, Mildred**

Birth date: September 5, 1897 Death date: April 14, 1985 Burial Date: May 1985 Age: 87  
b. Raleigh, NC

Spouse:

Children:

Parents: Benjamin Irby (1862-1925) and Jessie Faye *MacMunn* Irby (1863-1957)

Siblings: Arthur Henri Irby (1891-1976); Benjamin Earl Irby (1894-1960); Richard E. Irby (1895-1975); Jessica *Irby* Terry (1900-1989)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: cremains

Service/occupation information: Interior designer and teacher

Officiate:

Lot Owner: N. Maxson Terry, A – H, Perpetual care, Oct. 27, 1966

Marker: Plaque on Kerbin St. wall

Inscription:

Mildred Irby  
1897 - 1985  
Beloved Sister of  
Jessica Irby Terry

DIMENSIONS: H 10" x W 20" x D ½"

STYLE: Plaque on east wall of cemetery

No repairs needed



Inventory date: March 22, 2020 Recorder: Ted George

# Mildred Irby, 87, interior designer

DOVER — Mildred Irby, 87, a noted interior decorator, died April 14 in Crescent Farm Nursing Home, Artis Drive.

Born in North Carolina and raised in Texas, Miss Irby was a graduate of the Parsons School of Design in New York. While an undergraduate, she was chosen by Frank Alvah Parsons, co-founder of the school, to teach interior design, first in New York and later at the Parsons School in Place des Vosges in Paris under William Odom.

Among her students were William Pahlmann, a one time well-known newspaper columnist and designer and Mary Jane Alexander, designer, author and teacher.

Miss Irby's design credits include rooms for Winthrop Rockefeller, wall designs for the S.S. United States cruise ship, settings for

shows such as "Paris in New York" and the national Home Furnishings Show.

During her career, she was involved with and later owned several decorating firms, including ones in New York City, Greensburg, Pa., and Dover.

She moved to Dover in 1959 to be near her sister, Jessica Terry, wife of former Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr., who served from 1967 to 1971.

Miss Irby received the Gold Medal award from the Decorator's Club of New York in 1963, which at the time had been presented only 10 times since the early 1900s.

In Dover, Miss Irby was active in art and historic organizations, including the Delaware State Arts Committee; CIRA, for the rescue of Florentine art; the board of directors of Friends of John Dickinson Mansion; Friends of Milford, Historic Society of Delaware and the Colonial Dames. She was also a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

She is survived by her sister, Jessica Terry of Dover.

Memorial services will be in May.



Miss Irby

Passport

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The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A false signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application. The photograph must be on this page, should have a light background and be set over these hatches in size.

**FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
PASSPORT  
ISSUED  
WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

I, Mildred Irby, (aged) (aged) a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport, accompanied by my wife.

(State and place of birth.)

I solemnly swear that I was born at Raleigh, in the State of North Carolina, on or about the 5th day of September, 1917; that my father, Benjamin Irby, was born in Dorris, Mississippi and is now residing at Beaumont, Texas; that he emigrated to the United States from the part of (fill in the applicant's home or home town in the country, name street or cross through the street in brackets) on or about (fill in date); that he resided (fill in years) years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from (fill in date) to (fill in date); that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the (fill in date) Court of (fill in name) at (fill in place) on (fill in date); that I have resided outside the United States at the following periods: (fill in periods) that I am domiciled in the United States at (fill in address) in the State of (fill in state); that I am about to go abroad temporarily, that I intend to return to the United States within (fill in months) months with the purpose of residing and (fill in purpose) and that I desire a passport for my original expiration hereafter named for the following purpose: (fill in purpose)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York sailing on board the Algonquin on May 11 1982.

My last passport was obtained from (fill in name) and was (fill in details)

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.**  
Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

Sworn to before me this 22 day of March 1982  
at (fill in place) day of (fill in month).

**DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.**

Age: 25 years. Month: Medium  
Stature: 5 feet 6 inches, Eng. Color: Round  
Complexion: Light Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue Complexion: Fair  
Name: Mildred Face: Round

Distinguishing marks:


**AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTIFYING WITNESS.**

I, Appelline Morse, solemnly swear that I am a (native (initials)) citizen of the United States; that I reside at 1049 Conover and that I have known the above-named Mildred Irby personally for 5 years and know her to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Appelline Morse  
Witness

Sworn to before me this 22 day of March 1982 at (fill in place) day of (fill in month).

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:  
Miss Mildred Irby  
323 W. 83rd St  
New York City



**FORM OF AFFIDAVIT FOR A RELATIVE.**

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, on 22 day of March 1982, Mildred Irby, who on oath says:  
That she is the daughter of Mildred Irby  
Mildred Irby, who is an applicant for an American passport, and that she has personal knowledge of the said Mildred Irby on or about the 5th day of September, 1917.  
The affiant bases her knowledge upon the following facts: I am her father and have the records in my family Bible.

(Signature)  
Red Castle, Beaumont, Texas  
Rev. 1492 McFadden

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 22 day of March, 1982  
at (fill in place) day of (fill in month).

(Signature)  
Frank W. Irby  
Notary Public

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York City sailing on board the Algonquin on May 11, 1982.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.**  
Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

Sworn to before me this 22 day of March 1982 at (fill in place) day of (fill in month).