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Claremont Woman's Mother Summoned; Funeral Wednesday

After a lingering illness, Mrs. Hannah L. Duncan, widow of Captain Charles Duncan of Brooklyn, died at Colton yesterday morning (Aug. 31) at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Duncan was known to Californians as the mother of Frances Duncan, the well known garden writer of the Times. She was an accomplished musician, having in her early days been the contralto soloist at Saint Paul's in Brooklyn, and she was for some years organist at the Tabernacle of T. DeWitt Talmadge. Captain Duncan was an intimate friend of Henry Ward Beecher and was the organizer of the "Quaker City Expedition," immortalized by Mark Twain in the "Innocents Abroad"—first of the personally conducted tours and a devoted advocate of woman suffrage, in the days when such advocacy was unpopular.

Mrs. Duncan came to California seven years ago on account of failing health. Besides her daughter, Frances Duncan (Mrs. John Manning of Claremont), she leaves an older daughter, Mrs. Elsie D. Yale, also a writer, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, interment in Inglewood cemetery.