

G. F. Mercer, 102, Dies At Florence

FLORENCE, Ala., Feb. 20 (AP) — George F. Mercer died yesterday at the age of 102. He once sought the aid of President Abraham Lincoln in locating his family during the Civil War.

When the war began, Mercer's father took him from their home in Alabama to get out of the war zone. After the father died, the child, then 11, walked back to Fairfax, but his home had been destroyed.

A friend took him to see Lincoln, who was unable to help. It was nine years later that his mother found him.

Mercer had made and lost a fortune in oil. When he was 60 he attempted to end his own life. But then he made another fortune in oil.

His grandmother lived to be 114, his mother was 96, and his several brothers all lived beyond 70.

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