

Julia de Kay Winans (1825-1875)

Nationality: American

Date of Birth: 24 October 1825

Place of Birth: Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Date of Death: 26 September 1875

Place of Death: Brighton, Greater London, England

Date of Burial: 04 December 1875

Place of Burial: Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Julia de Kay Winans was the only daughter of Ross Winans, an important railroad pioneer, and Julia de Kay, daughter of Thomas de Kay, a wealthy landowner, and his wife Hannah Blain. She married George William Whistler who was the son of George Washington Whistler and his first wife Mary Roberdeau Swift. They had five children: Julia de Kay (1855-1930); Thomas Delano (1857-1921); Ross Winans (1858-1927); Catherine Neva Beatrice (1860-1907); and Joseph Swift (1865-1905).

She lived for long periods of time in both Russia and Germany. In 1872, three years after the death of her husband, she returned to Baltimore, MD. Her brother, Thomas de Kay Winans, presented her with a new home in Baltimore. She inherited a number of Whistler's paintings including *Harmony in Green and Rose: The Music Room*, *The Coast of Brittany*, and *Symphony in White, No. I: The White Girl*.

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