

## Mary Catherine Beardsley Prince (1846 – 1925)

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Mary Catherine Beardsley was born in Oswego, New York, on September 4, 1846, the daughter of Colonel Samuel Beardsley of the “Iron Brigade” and his wife Charlotte Elizabeth Burckle, the granddaughter of Judge Levi Beardsley and a descendant of Miles Standish. She began life in surroundings which enabled her to acquire an early interest in American History and an unusual command of the English language, which she manifested time and time again in articles she wrote for newspapers and addresses she delivered. She was married to Governor Prince, a widower, November 17, 1881, and came to New Mexico as a bride to live in the then Governor’s Mansion, the famous Palace of the Governors. On the August 18, 1894, (four years after the formation of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution), Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, President General-NSDAR, appointed Mary Catherine State Regent of New Mexico. On December 9, 1903, Mary Catherine suggested marking the old Santa Fe Trail in New Mexico. Twenty-one Salida granite markers were placed at a cost of over \$700, six hundred of which was appropriated by the Legislature of New Mexico. On August 21, 1911, the “End of the Trail” marker was placed in the Santa Fe plaza.



Mary Catherine had one child, a son, one granddaughter, and three grandsons. Her son and grandchildren were born in New Mexico. Mary Catherine passed away on December 25, 1925, at her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is buried in Flushing, Long Island, New York, beside her husband, LeBaron Bradford Prince.

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