

**CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ONLINE EXHIBIT:**

**Chevy Chase Reads: The Chevy Chase Literary Club**

**Helen and Fanny Childs were members of the Chevy Chase Literary Club**

**Mary Lowrie Childs** (1856-1930), **Fanny Graham Childs** (1857-1932), and **Helen Porter Childs** (1863-1938). The Childs sisters were daughters of The Rev. Thomas Childs, founding pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase. Fanny and Helen were actively involved in the Working Boys Home in Washington, the Needlework Guild, and were early members of the Chevy Chase Literary Club. Helen and Mary were early members of the Chevy Chase Reading Class. The three sisters lived at 5901 Connecticut Avenue from about 1900 until their deaths more than thirty years later.



5901 Connecticut Avenue, home of the Childs Family. Originally built for Chevy Chase Land Company officer Howard Nyman, this photograph was taken around 1900. The house was later demolished. CCHS 2008.189.01.