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In January 1997 we could read in a newspaper article that...

Oldest Titanic Survivor Dies

Edith Haisman died in January 1997. Her picture can be seen in all newspapers. She was the oldest of the Titanic survivors. In 1997 there are still seven survivors alive. They know little or nothing about the disaster because they were babies when the Titanic sank in 1912. Edith Haisman was fifteen and travelling to New York with her parents. She often spoke about the disaster:

I can still see my father standing on deck, he is holding a cigar in his one hand, a glass of brandy in the other. I am sitting in a lifeboat where we were put by my father. My mother is sitting beside me. He waves to us and calls to me: 'I will see you in New York. There we will begin a new life.' I will never forget the darkness and the cold.

In August 1996 Edith travelled to the area in the Atlantic where the Titanic had sunk. She took one of her ten children with her. Edith Haisman died in Southampton where she had boarded the Titanic in 1912. She was a hundred years old when she died.

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