

Amanda E. Brown

(- 10 Dec 1918)

Brown. Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 10, 1918, Amanda E., widow of the Rev. Stephen Brown, in her eighty-second year. Funeral from her late residence, 930 B street southwest Thursday, December 12, at 2 p.m. Interment private.

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Mrs. Amanda E. Brown Served U.S. 43 Years

Death of Expert on Mutilated Money Distinct Loss, Says Treasurer Burke

""Famous throughout the land.""

This is the appreciation of Mrs. Amanda E. Brown, expert in redemption of mutilated money, paid by John Burke, treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Brown died last Tuesday, after forty-three years of exceptional services to the government, aged eighty-one years.

"She served with great fidelity and rare skill and judgment." says Treasurer Burke, in notifying the Secretary of the Treasury of Mrs. Brown's demise.

"She was a great expert in the redemption of badly mutilated currency and was famous throughout the land. Her death is a distinct loss, not only on account of her invaluable services, but by virtue of the splendid qualities that constitute true womanhood."

Received Only \$1,600

Mrs. Brown received only \$1,600 a year despite her expert knowledge. She was recommended to office by President Grant, by Dr. O.H. Tiffany of the great jewelry house of Tiffany and Company of New York, and by Maj. Gen. McDougal of civil war fame.

She carried into her work in redemption of badly mutilated currency not only a sense of duty to her service and the government, but also a humanitarian sense of the hardship entailed upon those who stood liable to loss from mishap to their earnings, savings and securities.

As an expert in the identification of charred remains of currency she was a benefactress of many poor persons everywhere in the United States who had the misfortune to lose their property through fire. Their hearts were often unexpectedly gladdened by receipt of brand-new money in return for the fragments almost unrecognizable, they had recovered from ashes that represented entire worldly possessions in many cases. This was especially true of the victims of the fire and earthquake in San Francisco.

Did Marvelous Work

Marvelous are some of the exhibits of identification performed by Mrs. Brown. Some such are prominently displayed in the office of the United States treasurer for the interest of the 'sightseer.' Pure charred fragments are patched together and made to show, by aid of a powerful glass that they are the remnants of real money or securities.