

## Henrietta V. Caterson

( - 17 Nov 1903)

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**Caterson.** On Monday evening, November 16, 1903, at 10:15 o'clock, Henrietta V. Caterson. Funeral from her late residence, 710 H street northeast, Wednesday, November 18, at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

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### **Court Orders Body To Be Disinterred**

### **Marriage Certificate Buried With Mother Causes daughter to Act**

### **Wheat Grants Petition**

Declaring that it has become material and urgent that she discover the time and place of the marriage of her mother and father, Laura A. Sieverling, of 710 H street northeast yesterday obtained a District Supreme Court order to disinter the body of her mother, Mrs. Henrietta V. Caterson, who died November 17, 1903, and whose body for the last 26 years has lain in a grave at the Congressional Cemetery.

The order of disinterment was signed by Chief Justice Wheat and specifies that Attorney Julian T. Cromelin, of the law firm of Cromelin & Laws, shall take charge of anything that might be found.

In her petition the daughter sets out that she believes that her mother's marriage certificate or other evidence will be found in the casket or grave.

The petitioner points out that all her efforts to discover the date of the marriage of her mother and her father have failed, since both are dead. She sets out that it is essential that she find this information immediately in order to protect her legal rights and interests.

A permit from the District Health Department authorizing the disinterment was issued June 10, according to the petition.

Chief Justice Wheat ordered that the superintendent of the Congressional Cemetery in the City of Washington District of Columbia, is hereby authorized and directed to disinter the body of Henrietta V. Caterson, now lying in the aforesaid cemetery, in the presence of Julian T. Cromelin and to allow the said Julian T. Cromelin to remove from the casket, grave or body of the said Henrietta Caterson anything found therein or thereon which may be useful and material as evidence in establishing the marriage of said Henrietta Caterson.