

## Catherine Dowell

(1810 – 2 Jan 1864)

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**Dowell.** In this city on the 2d inst. At 6 a.m., Mrs. Catherine Dowell, a native of England and a resident of Washington for the past 18 years. Friends and relatives of the deceased are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence on 6th street between G and H streets south on Tuesday, 5th at 2 1/2 o'clock p.m.

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### **Brutality**

Thursday about 7 o'clock p.m. some villain entered the house of an old lady, Mrs. Dowell, Sixth between G and H streets south and knocked her down. The old lady remained senseless for some time and when she recovered, said her assailant was a white man. Her face was badly cut. Just previous to the above, a young girl was knocked down at the corner of F and Sixth by some ruffian.

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### **Died**

In the Star of Saturday was an article under the head of "Brutality," relating to the assassination of Mrs. Dowell, an old lady who keeps a little dry goods store on 6th street between G and H south. We regret to state that the old lady died from injuries received yesterday morning about 6 o'clock. No one has yet been obtained to the murderer, and it is a matter to be regretted that such villains sometimes escape justice.

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### **The Dowell Murder Case**

#### **Another Investigation**

Yesterday morning, James H. Scharff, a witness at the examination of the sons of Mrs. Dowell, relative to her mysterious death, gave himself up to Justice Clayton, and demanded an investigation, as reports, he said, implicating him with the murder, were in circulation. Justice Clayton held him to bail in the sum of \$500, for his appearance on the 14th instant.