

## **Rebecca C. Merillion**

**(1808 – 8 Sep 1906)**

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**Merilion.** Departed this life on Saturday, September 8, 1906 at 3 a.m., Rebecca C. Merilion, in the 99th year of her life. Funeral from her late residence, 725 20th street northwest, Sunday September 9 at 3 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery.

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### **Aged Resident's Funeral**

#### **Last Rites Over Remains of Miss Rebecca C. Merilion**

The funeral of Miss Rebecca C. Merilion, who died Saturday morning, took place yesterday afternoon at the Western Presbyterian Church, of which church she had long been a devoted member. The Rev. Dr. Bailey, rector of the church, officiated. The choir sang a hymn which had been a favorite of the deceased, and the church bell tolled ninety-nine times, a stroke for each year of her life. Miss Merilion was born in England in 1808, but came to Washington in 1818. She had seen the city grow, and in one of her latest reminiscences referred to the days when Lafayette Park was a neglected graveyard. Miss Merilion visited England after she was sixty years old, and had traveled extensively over the United States. She was a woman of culture, and possessed a winning personality, which endeared her to many friends, both old and young.

Following the funeral services the remains were laid in the receiving chapel in the Congressional cemetery, to be interred later besides relatives whom she had long outlived.