

John Spencer (- 9 Nov 1854)

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\$91,563 Estate Held Without Claimants

The District of Columbia Supreme court was asked yesterday by the American Security and Trust Company to decide what is to be done with the residue of an estate, amounting to \$91,563, which was intended to be spent on a vault and monument in Arlington National cemetery but cannot be spent for that purpose.

The estate is that of the late Miss Mary Ann Spencer, who died June 8, 1919. The trust company, which was named executor in Miss Spencer's will, has paid the debts and also the legacies amounting to \$4,000 and, according to the terms of the will, is directed to spend the residue on the vault and monument. It was Miss Spencer's request that the bodies of her parents, John and Catherine Spencer, which now rest in the Congressional cemetery, be removed to Arlington and buried with her body as soon as the national cemetery was opened for burial purposes to the general public. Neither Miss Spencer nor her parents was eligible for such a burial as she ordered in her will.

The trust company, which states that it has been unable to find any heirs at law or next of kin of Miss Spencer, suggests to the court that the District of Columbia government is the next lawful claimant of the residue of the estate.