Irene S.K. Buchanan

(-8 Jan 1907)

Buchanan. Suddenly on Tuesday evening, January 8, 1907, Irene S., widow of the late Hon. James Buchanan and daughter of the late Frederick Koones. Funeral services at the residence of Dr. H.C. Thompson, 3500 13th street northwest, Thursday, January 10 at 2:30 p.m. Interment private.

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Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Irene S. Buchanan were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. H.C. Thompson, 3500 13th street. Mrs. Buchanan was a daughter of Frederick Koones of this city and the widow of James Buchanan of Trenton, N.J. After the death of her husband she returned to this city, and made her home with Rev. A.F. Anderson of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was a member of that church, and gave herself unreservedly to its work, especially in the Sunday school and mission circle. She was also president of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the District and vice president of the national society. Because of her deep and intense interest in world-wide mission work she spent several years in foreign lands, studying the fields and the work of the missionaries. She returned from these journeys to use the knowledge she had gained in an interesting and effective way, delivering addresses far and wide to the churches. At the time of her death she had in prospect a journey around the world for the purpose of studying mission fields.

Mrs. Buchanan was a member of the Dolly Madison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in this city, and her patriotic zeal was of a pronounced order. In that church she organized and led several large branches of work among young ladies. She was a member of the Civic Club of Harrisburg, in which she did large service for the good of the city. About a score of people from the church in Harrisburg attended the funeral services here yesterday, bringing with them elaborate floral tributes from every branch of the church.

The remains were interred in Congressional cemetery of this city, Rev. S.H. Greene, D.D., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Rev. D.W. Skellinger, pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church; Rev. C.F. Winbigler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. J.J. Muir, D.D., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church.

The pallbearers were William F. Holtzman, Frank Acker, George W.F. Swartzell, Dr. George C. Simpson, D.P. Jerauld, J.C. Nissley, J.R. Bradley, H.L. Griffin, Reuben Simmers, J.D. Coover and Gen. W.S. Shallenberger.

Mrs. Buchanan leaves three sisters -- Mrs. Florence B. Solger and Mrs. H.C. Thompson of this city and Mrs. A.F. Anderson of Harrisburg.