William T. Pruette

(1858 - 15 Jul 1918)

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Singer's Ashes Buried

Remains of William Pruett Brought From Liberty, N.Y.

The ashes of William Pruett, who was born in this city in 1858 and died in Liberty, N.Y., were brought to Washington and buried in his mother's grave, in Congressional cemetery, with Masonic honors a few days ago.

Mr. Pruett was past master of one of the local Masonic lodges. He had long been identified with that order. He had a fine baritone voice and entertained many Washington audiences in comic and grand opera.

"I Want What I Want When I Want It" was a song that was a favorite with him. He expressed a wish shortly before he died that his body be cremated.