Mary Frances E. Purcell

(-24 Feb 1876)

Purcell. On the 24th inst., Mrs. M.F.E. Purcell, relict of the late Judge W.F. Purcell, aged 57 years. The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 96 Myrtle street tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited.

The Evening Star, March 7, 1872 Petition of Mary F. Purcell

Mr. Vickers presented in the Senate yesterday the petition of Mary F. Purcell, widow of the late Judge Purcell, of the Orphans' Court for the District of Columbia, asking that there be paid her the amount of his salary from the date when the court was abolished until the time of his death. The petition was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Evening Star, March 9, 1872

The Petition of Mrs. Mary F.E. Purcell.

Widow of the late Judge Purcell, of the Orphans' Court of this District, praying Congress that an appropriation for her benefit be made equal to the amount of his salary from the time the court was abolished to the date of his death, is signed by all the prominent members of the District bar. The petitioner represents that she had "twenty-two" children by her late husband, also that she has not been able to leave her house for the past four years on account of lameness.