

UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

THE STRANGE CASE OF GEORGE GREEN IN ETRICK.

THE WOMAN POSED AS A MAN.

An Aged "Wife" Survives to Mourn the Decease

SIMILAR CASE IN NEW YORK.

The Circumstances, However, Are Even More Unusual—Cause of This Person's Death is Unknown—Relatives Refuse to Give Any Definite Information on the Subject.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 22.—(Special.)—There were no further developments to-day in the case of the Ettrick sensation, beyond a brief statement made by Mrs. Mary Green, relative to the sex of the woman with whom she had lived before the world for thirty-five years as wife.

She says she had no doubt or suspicion of George Green's manhood during his courtship or when they pledged their troth at the marriage altar.

She was then the widow of John Bidles, and the marriage to Green took place in Erie, Pa.

WANTED WIFE FOR A SISTER.

It was not until several days after the marriage that George Green undeceived Mrs. Green as to "his" sex, confessing her womanhood, imploring her to keep the secret, and beseeching her to live with her as a sister.

Mrs. Green's surprise and mortification at the discovery were great, but she yielded to the request, and as a matter of pride faithfully kept the secret, and to all outward appearances, they lived together as man and wife—no shadow of their secret ever escaping the lips of either. And thus for thirty-five years their life went on.

And no one of George Green's relatives here or in Pennsylvania ever knew him other than as a man. Green's niece, Mrs. Moriarity, now living with her children in Ettrick, and nearly three score years of age, whom Green reared almost from her childhood, knew her only as a man, was as greatly surprised yesterday at the discovery of her "uncle's" sex, as was the general public.

Her sons and daughters, now grown to maturity, were educated to call Green "uncle."

MUCH GRIEVED BY GREEN'S DEATH.

Mrs. Green is greatly grieved and prostrated over the death of her partner, whom she had learned indeed to love as husband. She deploras the publicity given to the affair, and regretted that, sad and difficult as the preparation of the body for burial would have been, she did not perform this last duty herself.

The strangers who were called in to wash and dress the body made the discovery of Green's sex, and were so surprised and startled that they mentioned it to friends, and thus the secret was divulged.

As far as known to Mrs. Green and the relatives of the deceased, Green always dressed as a man.

THE MOTIVE A MYSTERY.

What the object or motive was in doing so is a secret that dies with "him," or is locked up in the breast of Mrs. Green. The latter speaks tenderly and affectionately of her spouse, and is apparently greatly devoted to his memory.

The funeral of George Green took place this afternoon from the Catholic church in this city, Rev. Father O'Ferrall officiating. The interment was in Blandford cemetery.