

# A REVELMENT MOST SENSATIONAL

**George Green, Known as Married Man, Proves a Woman.**

**DEATH TELLS THE SECRET**

**Amazement of Gentlemen Who Dressed the Corpse.**

**RELATIONS IGNORANT OF IT**

**The Wife Overcome With Grief, But Now That George Is Dead, Cares Not That the Secret Kept for Forty Years in Her Own Breast Is Known to the World—People of Ettricks Are Much Exercised.**

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., March 21.—The little manufacturing town of Ettrick, across the river from this city, is under intense excitement over the greatest sensation known to its oldest inhabitants. George Green, a citizen known to every man, woman and child in the vicinity as a man, turns out to be a woman.

George Green, who was seventy-two years old, and who for forty-one years had been known to the world as the husband of Mary Green, who had mixed with men, consumed a man's daily ration of tobacco, worn boots, trousers, suspenders, coats and waistcoats, was a female.

#### A REMARKABLE LIFE.

George Green died at home in Ettrick, near this city, at 3 o'clock this morning. Green came here three months ago from Raleigh, N. C., near which place he owned a large cotton plantation. Being an invalid from a complication of heart disease and dropsy, Green had done no work for a year, and was supported by his wife and sister's children, most of whom worked in the cotton mills in Ettrick. When Green's death became known the sympathy of the little town aroused, and men, out of pity for humanity, offered their assistance to the widow. Three gentlemen went in to prepare the body for burial.

#### ATTENDANTS ASTOUNDED.

When the apparel had been removed, and the identity of the form became apparent to these gentlemen, they stood speechless, gazing at each other. It seemed moments before a word was spoken, and one of the number, almost overcome by surprise, declared in an audible whisper, "He is a woman." These words relieved the awful silence, but the evident fact remained in the minds of these gentlemen that they were preparing the body of a woman for burial.

They did not rush hastily at conclusions, but were satisfied that their first impressions were correct. They proceeded with the utmost care to examine and prepare the body, and so it was dressed in its accustomed masculine apparel, and was ready for the undertaker. When the men left the home, they could hardly speak of it for consternation.

From the innocent expressions of the faces of the little family it is evident that they have been ignorant of the fact, whom they called uncle was indeed a woman. They disdained the suggestion, and when it was told them that such was reported to be true, they said "The face itself would show he was a man."

#### CHANGE FROM BAD HEALTH.

Green, thirty-five years ago, weighed over two hundred pounds. Disease and age have wrought their work upon the form, and in death it weighed probably one hundred and twenty pounds. The face showed no sign of beard, and the man who went through the process of shaving, said only two or three white hairs were to be found on the face. Daily has Green worked with men, and never a suspicion that their companion was a woman.

Everywhere Green's identity has been undiscovered, and but for the fact that men were called to shroud the form the public would never have known that Green, the husband, was a woman. The body in form and figure, and every respect, resembles that of a woman. The face, rather dark in complexion, is decidedly feminine, when carefully looked into, shows unmistakable feminine lines. Green was the last born of triplets, and the mother died at their birth.

Green came to America from England when only a child, and lived for many years in Canada, going from there to Rochester, New York, then to the oil district of Pennsylvania, then to Erie county and several years ago moved to Wake county, North Carolina, about five miles from Raleigh.

In Erie county thirty-five years ago Green married Mrs. John Biddle, of Warfield, Pa., who was Miss Mary Givens, of Ohio. Green and the wife came to Petersburg about three months ago. Mrs. Lizzie Coover, now living in Erie, Pa., is a daughter of Mrs. Green by her first marriage, and is a woman about forty-one years of age.

#### GREEN'S FAMILY.

Green had a brother and a sister, the latter, Mrs. John Moriarty, who, with four sons and three daughters, lives in this city.

When Green went to Raleigh twenty-seven years ago, the now emaciated body weighed about two hundred and twenty-five pounds. For the past year Green has been an invalid, suffering from dropsy and heart trouble, and it was this complication of diseases that caused death. The entire family disclaim the idea that the body is that of a woman and say that idle slanderous tongues are responsible for the report for which there is not the slightest foundation. From the evidence of the three men who shrouded the body not the slightest doubt prevails that Green was a woman, and Mrs. Green herself, now that death has revealed the truth, makes no further denial of her strange mating between women.

#### OVERCOME WITH GRIEF.

The wife is almost overcome with grief. No sorrow more profound or deeper was ever seen. As soon as the body had been prepared Mrs. Green, the wife, was interviewed. "Did you know your husband was a woman before you married him," she was asked. "No," replied as firmly as her grief would permit her to emphasize her words.

Then she was asked if any one save herself knew that Green was a woman.

She said that no person on earth save herself knew it; that it was a secret known to them alone, and she had kept it carefully guarded from the world, mother, father, sisters—all—and that the family then in the house knew it not.

To another question she replied that she could get no woman to assist her in preparing the body, and then the masculine neighbors offered their services.

She was told that the secret she had borne in her bosom so many years could have been buried with the woman she had loved as passionately as if she were a man, had she only attended the body alone.

### NO LONGER A SECRET.

She said: "I know it, but death has come now; it can do her no harm for the truth to be known." She was questioned further, but resolutely declined to say more.

Why the passionate love of these women for each other existed may never be known.

The reporter called several times this afternoon and evening for another conversation with the grief-stricken woman, but he was not permitted to see her. Each time he was told that she was peacefully sleeping, and her family refused to wake her.

Back of all there may be still a deeper mystery. Many reasons are suggested for this disguise, but absolutely nothing definite. Green is said to own some valuable property near Raleigh, N. C., but this case obtained recently, and, therefore, could not be connected with the disguise.

It is a mystery still unsolved, and the problem can only be worked out by the woman so long thought to be a wife.

### MANY RUMORS.

All sorts of rumors are afloat in Et-tricks to-night, and the intensest curiosity prevails in regard to the case.

It is believed by some that Mrs. Green will now prove to be a man, and that they swapped identity for some purpose known only to themselves.

So certain are citizens that further revelation will come that there was talk to-night of watching the house. Green is said to have considerable property in Raleigh.