

BIG FUNERAL CLOSES LAST SNOWDEN CHAPTER

Rev. Briscoe Preaches Eloquent,
But Conservative Funeral Ser-
mon To Large Crowd

FEW WHITES PRESENT

A crowd which filled every available inch of floor space and overflowed into the street attended the funeral of John Snowden, who was hanged Friday morning for the murder of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon. The services were conducted in Mount Moriah M. E. church, on Franklin street.

Long before 2 o'clock, the appointed hour for the services to start, the crowd had filled the edifice to overflowing. There was no disorder, however, and quiet reigned when Rev. Briscoe stepped to the pulpit.

Following prayer, which was offered by Rev. A. L. Malley, of Baltimore the Rev. B. S. Holt, Snowden's spiritual adviser during his long stay in the death cell and who followed him to the scaffold, pronounced a beautiful eulogy.

Choosing for his text, "Thy Grace is Sufficient," the Rev. James S. Briscoe drew a truly remarkable lesson from the affair that cost Snowden his life. He pointed out that had Snowden lived a cleanly life he might not have been put to death. Rev. Briscoe said it was not his purpose to discuss whether or not Snowden was guilty or innocent, but to point out the errors of his ways to his people so that they might avoid the pitfalls which would bring them only dire trouble.

Mrs. Ella Rush Murray, who was foremost in the fight to save Snowden from the death penalty spoke to the vast throng for a few minutes. She reviewed her efforts to save the man from death and said that she felt as badly as anyone present. The services lasted for two hours.

The procession moved promptly from the church as soon as the services had been concluded and the body was buried in Brewers cemetery.

Throughout the service was marked for its absence of bitterness or the spoken word which might have aroused the feelings of the many colored people who are convinced Snowden died for another's sin. The favorite hymns of the deceased which he sang were sang again and again by the crowd, and Georgia Boston sang, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." She said Snowden had asked her to sing it at his funeral.