

# Memorial service set for Mrs. Bannister

Graveside memorial services for Mrs. Catherine Holland Bannister will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in the West Columbia Cemetery.

Mrs. Bannister died in California where she had been living at Huntington Beach with her youngest son and his family, William "Judge" Bannister for several months.

Prior to that time she resided in the Sweeny Plantation home of her grandfather, John Sweeny, on Chance's Prairie, now known as Old Ocean. The rambling old home was built with slave labor and slavemade materials in 1836-37. Mrs. Bannister and her late husband, John Howard Bannister, restored the home in 1947 and some of the furniture was owned by her grandmother.

The old homeplace is designated with a state medallion as one of the buildings of historic significance. Mrs. Bannister had talked on plans to open the home for public showings on

Post Office a couple of years ago after serving in that capacity for 25 years.

She is also survived by another son, John H. Bannister of New Orleans, La. five grandchildren; a sister Mrs. Musetta Holland Bishop and a brother, Judge William Holland, both of Houston.



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Catherine was born 29 April 1898 and died 12 July 1970.

**From Lisa Bannister:** A fun story about my gma Catherine.... Having been post mistress and all. When she passed, it was here in California, so my folks had her cremated and then shipped her to by USPS the people at the cemetery to bury her near her mother and husband. I don't remember the exact story, but leave it to gma's ashes didn't arrive as expected. The gentleman from the cemetery contacted my parents to tell them that she 'hadn't

arrived' yet. I believe it was about 3 weeks or so later that her ashes did finally arrive. My father chuckled and said that is was expected... she wanted to take a final tour of the postal system... yup, gma got lost in the mail for a time.

2nd paragraph has error: William "Judge" Bannister should be Wesley, not William.