

Poet Has Last Word  
In Suffolk Mouse Case

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Riverhead, L.I.,  
 Aug. 19 - The case of  
 Morris, the Mouse,  
 was laid to rest  
 today with a quote  
 from Robert Burns.

State Supreme  
 Court Justice  
 L. Barron Hill  
 dismissed the suit of  
 22 prisoners at the  
 Suffolk County Jail  
 who charged that  
 their pet mouse,  
 Morris, had been  
 "assassinated" by  
 guards who flushed  
 him down a toilet  
 while jail

him down a toilet, while jail  
 officials failed to do any-  
 thing about other rodents,  
 flies and mosquitoes they  
 said infested the jail. The  
 suit asked County Sheriff  
 Philip F. Corso and Warden  
 Charles Cyrta to "show  
 cause" why the tame mouse  
 had been killed but nothing  
 had been done to control  
 "the wild variety."

Judge Hill said in a one-  
 page decision that a tour of  
 the jail he made this morn-  
 ing showed it to be "an anti-  
 septic, scrubbed stone en-  
 vironment, which would  
 prove very inimical to the  
 natural proclivities of any  
 but the most ascetic rodent."

Then quoting Burns, he  
 noted: "The best laid schemes  
 o' mice an' men gang aft  
 agley and leave us nought  
 but grief an' pain for prom-  
 ised joy."