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MAN AND WIFE DIE AFTER REAR-END HIGHWAY CRASH

Death stalked the highway near O'Brien, Saturday night, two members of that community, a man and wife, having their life snuffed out as the result of fatal injuries received when the truck on which they were riding crashed into another truck, parked alongside of the road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bellamy, Sr. after spending the holidays in Jacksonville at the home of their son, J. L., Jr. and W. H. Bellamy, were being driven by the later to their home.

On nearing O'Brien, shortly after seven o'clock, the younger Bellamy was blinded by what he later said was a light from a service truck, off the highway but directed upon the side of a truck of the Rogers-Osborn Lumber Company of this city. The Bellamy truck crashed into the rear of the lumber machine, which was laden with building materials, several lengths of lumber extending a few feet back from the rear end.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy sustained fractured skulls and internal injuries and neither regained consciousness. They were first brought to this city by the county commissioner T. J. Fletcher of Branford and received hypodermic shots by local physicians. The Suwannee Undertaking Company ambulance was called and the Bellamy's were taken to a Jacksonville hospital. The father passed away at 10:35 Sunday morning, followed a little more than an hour later by his wife.

Services for the double funeral were held at O'Brien at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, interment being made at the cemetery of the Baptist church. John L. Bellamy, 71, and Vinnie Bellamy, 61, were highly respected residents of the community in which they lived, and their untimely deaths were a shock to scores of friends in the county. In addition to the two sons, named above, a daughter, Mrs. Annie Kelly of Branford also survives. Mr. Bellamy leaves three sisters, Mrs. Francis Wynn of Largo; Mrs. Loretta Foster of Wellborn; and Mrs. Julia Finnell of O'Brien; also three brothers, Bethel and Harley of Jacksonville and William of Oneca. Mrs. Bellamy is survived by a sister, Mrs. Susie Edwards of Brunswick, Ga.

W. H. Bellamy, driver of the truck which participated in the fatal accident, was uninjured, as was the case with two other young men, who were passengers on the machine, County officers took into custody the negro drivers of both the lumber and service trucks, these later being released after payment of bail. At the time of the crash, they were engaged in repairing a tire on a wheel of the lumber company truck.

Mrs. Arrie Mobley

Mrs. Arrie Mobley, beloved wife of H. K. Mobley, residing four miles west of McAlpin, died Saturday, surrounded by her loved ones, after a short illness.

Mrs. Mobley was born and reared in Suwannee county and was the daughter of Lemman and Betty Boatright, pioneer citizens of this section, having been born on September 5, 1888.

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Besides a loving husband several children are left to mourn their loss. Funeral services were held Monday, interment taking place in the cemetery near the home of the deceased.

J. T. Tippett

J. T. Tippett, well known pioneer of Suwannee county, died at his home on the river highway between Columbus and Dowling Park, Thursday afternoon, after a short illness, at the age of 76.

Mr. Tippett, who was born in Georgia, near Macon, moved to this section of Florida about 55 years ago and settled, a little later, on the farm which he lived and died. He would have celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary, having been united in marriage to Mrs. Tippett, who still survives, 50 years ago next month. Mrs. Tippett is the sister of J. M. Marable, another pioneer of this section.

Besides the loving companion of 50 years, he is survived by four sons, C. H. of Atlanta, Ga., J. T., Jr., of Daytona Beach, Norman and J. W. Tippett of this county. All were present at the last sad rites.

Services were held Wednesday, at the home and at the grave, conducted by Rev. Burr A. L. Bixler, interment taking place in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery. Mr. Tippett was a life long member of the Methodist church.

Heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family by their many friends in this section of the state.

(Friday, January 16, 1931)

Lloyd Stinson Dies

Lloyd Stinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stinson, residing near O'Brien, who accidentally shot himself in the shoulder with his shotgun last Wednesday evening, died early Wednesday morning in Lakeshore Hospital at Lake City, to which place he was taken last Friday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Orange cemetery, near Newbern, a large concourse of friends and relatives being present at the last sad rites. Rev. C. S. Duckworth conducted the services at the grave.

Surviving the deceased are a young wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stinson, and three brothers. Heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family in their hour of sadness.

S. P. Settle Dies

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Settle will regret to learn of the death of the former which occurred Tuesday in Jacksonville, following a fall.

Mrs. Settle, nee Miss Mable Wood, is well known in this city, the family having lived here many years. Mrs. Settle and son, Preston Settle, have visited here quite frequently as guests of Mrs. Settle's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Carter.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. BELLAMY

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The funeral services of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bellamy who were injured in an automobile accident on Saturday, Jan. 3, and died Sunday, Jan. 4, in Jacksonville were held at eleven o'clock, Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Union Baptist church four miles east of O'Brien, interment taking place in the church yard cemetery.

Rev. A. J. Futch of Live Oak assisted by Rev. Henry Holmes of O'Brien conducted the funeral services which were attended by numerous friends and relatives of the aged couple.

Of the immediate family Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy leave two sons Henry and John Bellamy of Jacksonville and one daughter, Mrs. Annie Kelly of Branford to mourn their passing.

(Friday, January 23, 1931)

GIRL DIES NEAR O'BRIEN

Cora Poole, the ten year old daughter of Mrs. Susie Poole, died at her home near O'Brien, Tuesday afternoon, January 20. Death came after an attack of heart trouble.

The deceased was born and reared in this county and her death removes a young life of much promise. Her parents have been a resident of the O'Brien community for many years, moving here from Hamilton county.

Interment was made in the O'Brien cemetery, Wednesday morning, with Rev. Wood of the First Baptist Church of Live Oak in charge of the services.

John D. Bozeman

Funeral services for John D. Bozeman, 84, who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Miller, 1019 East Ashley street, Jacksonville, was held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the funeral home Mrs. William C. Cooper, Jr., with the Rev. M. M. Reynolds, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church assisted by the Rev. W. I. Sanders, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, conducting the service.

The many friends of Mr. Bozeman will regret to learn of his death. Mr. Bozeman lived in Live Oak practically all of his life and moved to Jacksonville to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Miller, about six years ago.

MRS. GEORGE BRANNAN

Death invaded the Friendship community and removed one of its most lovable characters, Thursday, January 15. Mrs. George W. Brannan widow of the late George W. Brannan, former county commissioner, passed away after a brief illness of influenza.

The deceased before her marriage was Ella Walker, who had made her home in this county all of her life, being born and reared here. Her passing will leave a profound sadness in the hearts of her many relatives and friends. She was 56 years of age and spent a full life devoted to the interests of those she loved.

She is survived by one son, Clarence Brannan, of this county; two brothers, C. H. Walker of Winter Haven; W. A. Walker of Plant City; two sisters, Mrs. Horace of Suwannee county, Mrs. Julia Curl of Plant City; and several grandchildren. A host of friends mourn the loss of this good woman.

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Interment was made in the Friendship cemetery with Rev. W. T. Newsom conducting the services. Scores of people gathered to pay their respects at the funeral.

MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Warner Saturday morning and took from them their darling little boy. The infant was only seven months old. It was sick only a few days with whooping cough. The funeral was held at the Mt. Olive church, services conducted by Brother Milton S. Parker. The little body was laid to rest at the Mt. Olive cemetery. Those who are left to mourn the passing of the little infant are his father and mother and one little sister, Rachel, besides a host of other relatives.

(Friday, January 30, 1931)

Many Saddened By Death Of Pastor's Wife At Wellborn (by G. B. Smithson)

This correspondent twice reported the serious illness of Mrs. R. O. Wright, who was taken ill while attending church services the night of January 11 and succumbed to the inevitable last Friday night at 11:30, after a noble and all that physicians and loving hands of friends could do. She survived for thirteen days, on account of her wonderful will power and fortitude, before the end came, sending her soul to the God that gave it, to receive that reward He has laid up for her.

Mrs. Wright was the wife of Rev. R. O. Wright, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Wellborn for about ten years, and she endeared herself to all those whom she came

in contact, on account of her pleasant and lovable disposition and Christian character, Always having a smile for every one she met and she was an untiring worker, not only for her church but for Christ and his cause. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married some 32 years ago and their married life has been rather an exception, as we once heard Mrs. Wright remark that they married after knowing each other for just a few weeks and that Brother Wright had been making love to her ever since.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. F. Montgomery of Lake City officiating, assisted by Rev. R. F. Kersey, the Methodist pastor at Wellborn. Rev. Montgomery took from his text the 90th Psalm, first verse, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generation," an a more appropriate text could not have been found.

After the funereal, interment was in the family lot at Wellborn cemetery, and the funeral cortege reached from Wellborn to the cemetery which was over half a mile, many friends coming from Lake City, Live Oak, White Springs, and surrounding country, and the many beautiful floral offerings were only a small testimonial of the love and high esteem in which this good woman was held in the community in which she had lived for the past decade.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. R. O. Wright and three daughters, Mrs. W. H. Chapplin, of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs Lucille de Beruff, of Jacksonville, and Miss Katherine Wright of Wellborn. All of her children have been here for several days before the end came.

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Jasper Hart

Funeral services for Jasper Hart, who die January 21, were conducted at the Philadelphia Baptist church by Rev. W. T. Newsome, and attended by a host of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The deceased was born in Jackson county March 15, 1850, moving to this county with his parents in 1867, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was approaching the age of 81 years when he died.

He joined Clayland Baptist Church while in his young days, was an active member until the last few years when he was physically disabled. Still having the Faith and trusting in the One whom he trusted during all of those years, he bore his afflictions with much patience. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Jasper Hart, and eight children: Jesse B. Hart, T. T. Hart, Mrs. Hattie Stinson, Mrs. Mary Baker, Mrs. Minnie Hingson, Miss Blanch Hart, Miss Vera Hart, all being at his bedside when the end came.

(Friday, May 15, 1931)

George M. Harrell Dies After Long Illness

The death angel visited Tiger Lake community on last Saturday afternoon, May 9, and took from our mist George M. Harrell, one of our most respected citizens and prominent farmers.

Mr. Harrell had been confined to his bed since March 13 with ulcerated stomach. He was under the constant care of Drs. White, Price, Strickland and Reynolds during his sickness.

The disease was too deeply seated to be

reached by medical skill or the many loving hands that ministered to his wants during his sickness.

The deceased was born September 28, 1882, in Suwannee county and lived his entire life here. Mr. Harrell united with the Missionary Baptist church at Suwannee Station when fourteen years of age and was baptized by Rev. R. F. (Uncle Bob) Hacker. Later he moved his membership to Tiger Lake where he was an active worker for his Lord until his death.

He was married to Miss Willie Horne January 4, 1903, and to this union six children were born. One having preceded him to the home beyond the skys, while only a small child. He leaved to mourn his loss his wife, two sons and three daughters: Hardy M., of Jacksonville; Clyde M., Lorena, Georgia and Meta at home. Also two sisters, Mrs. T. H. Petty, of Manatee, and Mrs. H. O. Murphy, of Atlantic Beach.

Those loved ones and many friends have the blessed assurance that he is at rest, as just a few hours before his death he made the statement, "I see the Angels, I see many Angels."

Rev. S. F. Young conducted the funeral services at Tiger Lake Sunday afternoon. A burial ceremony by Woodmen of the World of which he was a member was solemnized.

The Pallbearers were his brothers-in-law: C. P. Mills, G. L. Dorman, H. J. Horne, H. V. Johns, E. T. Horne, C. W. Crosier, T. H. Petty and H. O. Murphy. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

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J. M. Scott

While visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bozeman, the weary spirit of J. M. Scott soared to its eternal home, Friday, May 8.

He was born in Hamilton county, Florida, February 16, 1855, and was reared to young manhood there. He was united in marriage to Sarah J. Poucher, April 4, 1878 and to this union seven girls were born. In December 1889, he purchased a farm near Suwannee Springs where he made his home until two years ago at which time he sold the farm due to advanced age and failing health. He made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Hara, of Macclenny, for the past few years.

The deceased joined the Methodist church in early manhood and lived a consistent Christian life always endeavoring to do his duty to God and his fellow man. He leaves to mourn his passing a sorrowing wife, five daughters, one brother, three sisters and a number of grandchildren.

Horace P. Jackson

Horace P. Jackson died at the home of his uncle, W. H. Cameron, near Falmouth, May 8. He had made his home with his uncle who reared him from early childhood.

The deceased leaves to mourn his death two brothers, J. H. Jackson, of St. Augustine, W. H. Jackson, of Jacksonville, a number of aunts and uncles and a host of friends.

His body was laid to rest in Mt. Gilead cemetery, Saturday with the pastor, Rev. E.

D. Johnson, conducting the services.

T. Z. Hurst

T. Z. Hurst, age 66, who has been a resident of this county for many years, died at the home of his son in Miami while on a visit to several of his children residing in South Florida. Death came after an illness of several months Saturday, May 10.

The body was brought to this city by Henry Grant and prepared for burial. Mr. Grant making the trip to Miami Sunday night.

Interment was made in the Macedonia cemetery with Rev. McGuire conducting the services. A large family connection in this county mourned the loss of this venerable old gentleman.

Brother of C. R. Wadsworth Fatally Injured In Accident

C. R. Wadsworth was called to Aucilla last Thursday morning on account of the death of his brother, R. E. Wadsworth, age 40, who was accidently and fatally injured in an automobile accident Wednesday morning between Monticello and his home in Aucilla. He was alone at the time and the particulars of his death are not known. Death came at a Thomasville hospital where he was rushed immediately after the accident.

Funeral services were held at Corinth cemetery near Lee Friday afternoon where several other members of the family are buried. Rev. McCall, pastor of the Methodist church of Madison, conducted the services assisted by Dr. Piner of this city.

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The deceased was a member of Greenville Lodge No. 28 F. & A. M. and a Masonic funeral was held at the cemetery.

The deceased leaves a wife, three daughters, two sons, five brothers and three sisters to mourn his passing.

Those attending the services from Live Oak were: B. W. Helvenston, W. T. Newsom, W. L. Tedder, C. A. Hardee, H. L. Goff, A. H. Grant, R. P. Hopkins, W. J. Walker, H. E. Graham, S. E. Fleet, Roy Hunter, H. P. Dal, Dr. Piner, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stokes, Mrs. Mamie Hines, Joe Hinely and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wadsworth and sons.

Death of J. J. North

Mr. John J. North, 74, one time resident of Wellborn, who at the time of his death, last Thursday, May 7, was living with his son, William North, 12 miles south of here in what is known as the Siloam section. His remains were brought through here Saturday morning and funeral services were conducted at Salem Primitive Baptist church, after which his body was placed by the side of his wife who preceded him by some thirty years in Salem cemetery.

He leaves six daughters and four sons to mourn his passing after a long and useful life; Mrs. Mary Copeland and Ethel Collins, of Wellborn Route; Mrs. Minnie Williams and Mrs Edith Shaw, of Miami; Mrs. Annie Davenport and Mrs. Bessy Green, South Jacksonville; William North and Dewey North of Wellborn; James North of Live Oak; and Calvin North of O'Brien.

(Friday, May 22, 1931)

J. A. Shelby Passes Away Wednesday Afternoon Here

J. A. Shelby, aged about seventy-four years, died at his home north of town Wednesday afternoon following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Shelby moved here from South Jacksonville, some years ago, and has made many friends who will sincerely mourn his passing. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Noble, with whom he lived, Mrs. W. A. and D. T. Adams of Fitzgerald, Ga. and Mrs. G. S. Acker, of Padacah, Ky.

About two weeks ago, he suffered a stroke of paralysis and his children were called to his bedside. His condition was so much improved the latter part of the week that the Mesdames Adams returned to their homes. He relapsed Monday and medical science could not stay that hand of the grim reaper—Death.

The funeral will be held from the Baptist church of this city, at an hour yet to be named, Thursday, after which the body will be conveyed to Jacksonville for interment in the family lot in West Evergreen cemetery.

The bereaved family will have the heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends in their great sorrow.

J. A. Singletary

J. A. Singletary, a resident of Lafayette County for the past forty-four years, passed away May 14.

He was born in Georgia in 1852 and ordained into the Baptist ministry forty years ago.

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The deceased was loved and esteemed by his many friends. He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, Mrs. Ida Singletary, and eight children, five boys and three girls, Robert Singletary, Henry Singletary, Jasper Singletary, Jammie Singletary, Giddy Singletary, Mrs. Eliza Bell, Mrs. Sallie Spies, Mrs. Emma Evans.

He was laid to rest at Mill Creek cemetery Friday afternoon, May 15, with T. W. Allen officiating in the burial ceremony.

Mrs. H. J. Anglin

Friends of Mrs. H. J. Anglin, a former resident of Live Oak, will be grieved to learn of her death which occurred at Thomasville, Ga., last Friday. Mrs. Anglin lived in Live Oak for many years, and will be remembered by many of the older residents as Mrs. Strong, having lost her former husband here in 1904. In June 1907, she was married to Mr. H. J. Anglin, who survives her and they resided here for some time, later moving to Tampa, where they lived until five years ago when they moved to Thomasville, Ga. However Live Oak was still home and she was brought back here Sunday on noon train where funeral services took place Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church with Rev. Wood in charge after which burial took place in her lot in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Anglin was a member of the Woodmen Circle, which order she had belonged to for many years, and the last sad rites were conducted by Suwannee Grove No. 83, of Live Oak.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful coming from friends in Tampa, Live Oak, and Thomasville showing in a small way the love and esteem of friends for this good woman in the cities where she had lived. She leaves to

mourn her passing her heartbroken husband, and one brother, the brother being unable to arrive here in time for the funeral.

The pallbearers were Messrs. G. B. Lord, Jas. M. Hall, S. T. Bozeman, B. C. Jones, Kenneth Luke and Wm. Watson.

C. R. O'Cain

Charles R. O'Cain passed away Monday at the home of his brother, W. R. O'Cain, eight miles south of here, after a short illness. His body was brought to the Wellborn cemetery for interment Tuesday afternoon after a short service by Rev. Thomas W. Allen of Lake City. The following friends of the deceased acted as pallbearers: O. L. Carver, E. J. Dasher, H. L. Avant, G. D. Eatman, W. T. Copeland and John V. Stansel.

Mr. O'Cain was 61 years and for a number of years was a deputy sheriff in this county under three different sheriffs and was well known throughout the county. His many friends will regret to hear of his death. He leaves only one brother, W. R. O'Cain, and a number of nephews and neices to mourn his passing.

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Mrs. R. E. Stokes

Friends here of Mrs. R. E. Stokes will be grieved to learn of her death which occurred at Salters Hospital in Eufaula, Alabama, following a major operation. Death came Tuesday afternoon following a few days of critical illness during which slight hope was held for her recovery.

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The Stokes have been away near three weeks, going away on account of the illness of Mr. Stokes' mother, who was a patient of the same hospital. While there, Mrs. Stokes was stricken and an operation, from which she failed to recover, was necessary.

The deceased is the wife of R. E. Stokes, employee of the Live Oak, Perry and Gulf Railroad in this city. They moved to this city about a year ago and have made many friends during their residence here who will offer their heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

Funeral services were held at Old Columbia, Alabama, near Bainbridge, Georgia, Thursday afternoon. Several friends of the family here attended the service.

The deceased leaves besides her husband, two sons to mourn her passing. Fuller details of this sad death will be given in next week's issue of this paper.

James A. Selby

Funeral services for James A. Selby, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Selby Noble, in the northern part of this city, were held at the First Baptist Church of this city with Rev. J. G. Wood conducting the services. The deceased had been in ill health for some time and death came Wednesday morning, May 20, after two weeks of critical illness.

Mr. Selby was born in Pekin, Illinois, 74 years ago and spent his early life in Louisville, Kentucky. He moved to Florida in 1911 taking a position with the Gibbs Gas Engine Company of Jacksonville, which he held until five years ago, when he moved to this city to make his home with his daughter here. His wife preceded him to her rest shortly after moving

to this city.

After the funeral services here, the body was taken to Jacksonville, where interment was made in the family lot in West Evergreen Cemetery in that city. A large number of friends accompanied the body to its final resting place and a huge floral offering attested to the love and esteem in which this family is held.

He leaves to mourn his passing four daughters; Mrs. Ruth Selby Noble, of Live Oak; Mrs. D. P. And W. A. Adams, of Fitzgerald, Georgia; and Mrs. G. C. Acker, who formerly resided here but now of Paducah, Kentucky; one brother, L. C. Selby, of Low Angeles, California, who was unable to reach here in time for the funeral; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild born while he was on his deathbed.

A host of friends of the bereaved family will extend their heartfelt sympathies to them in the passing of this venerable and honored man.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis

Mrs. A. M. Lewis, wife of Mike Lewis, died at her home about ten miles northwest of this city Tuesday morning after an illness of nearly two weeks. The deceased was about sixty years of age and a member of a well-known family of this county. Funeral services were held at the Antioch cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

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Mrs. W. D. Mercer

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The many friends throughout the county of Mrs. W. D. Mercer will regret to learn of her death which occurred at noon Thursday at her home on Houston street in this city.

Mrs. Mercer was an old resident of this county and was preceded in death only a few months ago by her husband, the late W. D. Mercer.

Funeral services will probably be held today. Fuller details of her death will appear in next week's paper.

Lubbie L. Musgrove

The death angel visited Suwannee community last Wednesday morning, June 3, and took from our midst Lubbie L. Musgrove, one of our most respected citizens and a prominent young farmer.

Mr. Musgrove had been ill all this year with plural neuritis. The deceased was born April 6, 1908 in Hamilton county, moving here with his father when a boy.

He was married to Miss Maude Stapleton on May 3, 1930. He leaves to mourn his passing a wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Musgrove; four sisters, Mrs. W. E. Turman, Mrs. Opal Albritton, Oma Nell and Nadine; and five brothers, Maurice, Vero, Elwyn, David and Bryson.

Rev. T. T. Law conducted the funeral service at Habron, five miles north of Jasper, Wednesday afternoon.

The Pallbearers were: John Driver, Frank Holcomb, Geta Kight, Claude Jones, France Driver, Paul Holcomb and Phil Mickle.

Cecil Robert Phillips

Cecil Robert Phillips, who was assistant Game and Fish Commissioner under Ex-Governor Martin, was buried here, June 10. Mr. Phillips died at The Deland Memorial Hospital, following a prolonged illness, June 9. He had made his home in DeLand for the past few years.

The deceased was a native Floridian being born in Madison county, the son of Rev. T. J. Phillips, Methodist minister, and Jessie Witherspoon Phillips. Mr. Phillips served as principal of the Gulfport Florida schools at one time and was later a candidate for the legislature from Hillsboro county.

The heritage that Cecil R. Phillips has left to the State of Florida is the active interest and cooperation that he inspired thruout the state in the protection of the wild game and the preservation of all other natural resources which underlie national prosperity and happiness. Always a lover of sports, his plea to the people for the conservation and perpetuation of Florida's fresh water fish and wild game life was a heart plea that rallied the support and willing service of the citizens of Florida in the organization of the Florida Game and Fish Protective Association, a legacy to be remembered. Mr. Phillips was a third year student in Stetson University Law School and actively interested in the University until his illness.

Surviving are his widow and five children; two brothers, Herbert S. Phillips, of Tampa, Benjamin Phillips, of Philadelphia; three sisters, Mrs. S. J. White, of Live Oak; Mrs. Philip McCall, of New York and Mrs. Susan Pate, of Jacksonville.

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Elijah Gillison

Elijah Gillison passed away at his home on Wilbur Street at 2:30 last Thursday morning, June 4 after a brief illness with high blood pressure which confined him to his bed on May 30.

The deceased was born on March 7, 1868 in Richland, S. C., where he remained until six years ago, coming to this city at that time. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in South Carolina.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of the Suwannee Undertaking Co., of this city. The body was shipped to Seneca, S. C., where it was interred in the old family churchyard, after the funeral rites which were conducted by the Reverend Crowley, the pastor of the Richland Presbyterian Church, at six o'clock Friday afternoon, June 5.

The deceased is survived by a wife, Mrs. E. Gillison, of this city; one daughter, Mrs. Glen G. Searing of Eatonton, Ga.; three sons, Charles Gillison of Tallahassee, John Paul, and Marion Gillison of this city; and three sisters and three brothers, all of South Carolina.

The Democrat joins with a host of friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

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Mrs. Mollie Mercer

Death claimed Mrs. Mollie Mercer, widow of the late W. D. Mercer, at her home in this city last Thursday noon, her demise being due to a Mrs. Jessie S. White died at her home in

complication of ailments and grief caused by the passing of her husband, who preceded her to the grave by but four months. A niece, Mrs. J. H. Eubanks of this county, was at her bedside thru a lingering illness and at the time of her death.

Mrs. Mercer's maiden name was Mollie M. Cheek and she was born in Polk county, Georgia, March 30, 1860, coming to Florida over 40 years ago at the time of her marriage. She lived at Ellaville, Branford and for the past 14 years in Live Oak.

She was a member of the Baptist faith and had been a devoted church worker until several years ago. The deceased was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are, one sister, Mrs. J. J. Hiers of Quitman, and a brother, J. P. Cheek of Thomasville.

Funeral services were said at the home, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. J. G. Wood of the Baptist church and interment was made in the local cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were: H. B. Blount, John Dempsey, Fred Phillips, C. A. Hardee, J. F. Harrell and J. W. West; and active pallbearers were: D. W. Henry, J. W. Bryson, J. D. Henry, W. N. Creekmore, L. C. Sweat and George Allen. Out of town relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cheek, Mrs. J. J. Hiers and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Johnson, the latter being from Lake land and Mrs. Johnson is a niece of Mrs. Mercer.

Mrs. Jessie S. White

Gainesville Monday, the funeral taking place

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in Gainesville at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. White is a daughter of Mrs. Ella Stripling, also of Gainesville. Mrs. White is well known by older residents of the city and friends will regret to learn of her death.

Relatives and friends from this city attending the funeral services included: Mrs. White's brother and sister-in-law, Col. And Mrs. J. L. Blackwell and daughters, Misses Martha and Emily Blackwell, Dr. W. C. White, Mrs. Leon May, Mrs. Carrie Bonnell, and J. W. Bryson.

James Hines

Mrs. Mamie Hines left Tuesday for Bainbridge, Ga., where she attended the funeral of her step-son, James Hines, who died June 8, at Mare Island, Calif. Mr. Hines was in the U. S. Navy and the body arrived in Bainbridge Tuesday night, the funeral being held Wednesday.

C. L. Murdock Dies

Clyde L. Murdock, of the Siloam section about ten miles south of here died suddenly at his home late Friday night and his body was brought here Monday afternoon for burial by the side of his wife who preceded him some ten years ago. Mr. Murdock was a member of one of the oldest families of this county and stood high in his community where he has lived for a number of years. He leaves besides a wife several children by his first wife and several by his last; two brothers, L. C. Murdock and William Murdock, of Wauchula, and two sisters, Miss Lula Murdock, of Wellborn and Mrs. Joe Kent, of the Siloam section. A large number of other relatives and friends mourn his passing. Wilson's Funeral Home was in

charge.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave by a friend and neighbor, Rev. Stokes Huggins.

J. H. S. Jordan

Sam Jordan, prominent farmer of the Dowling Park community, passed away at his home there, Sunday afternoon after an illness of several months. The deceased was about 75 years of age and moved to this county from Madison, his birthplace, about 27 years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Orange cemetery, near Newbern, Monday afternoon with Rev. Jones, pastor of the church conducting the service. A host of friends and relatives from Madison and Suwannee counties paid their respects to this aged citizen at this service.

Survivors of Mr. Jordan are his widow, two sons, J. T. And John, of Dowling Park; two daughters, Mrs. Bell Brim, of Dowling Park and Mrs. Rosa of Madison.

James David Lyons

James David, the two year old son of Mr. And Mrs. Bill Lyons, died at their home here June 5. Burial was at Pleasant Grove cemetery in Lafayette county June 6.

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A. J. Meeks

Andrew Jackson Meeds, aged 59 years, passed away at his home June 18 after a continued spell of sickness which began in

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1929.

The deceased was a member of the Christian church. He was united in marriage with Miss Emma O'Hara in 1893. To this union was born three boys, Omma, Farris, and Harry, all of whom survive. The wife of the deceased preceded him in death in 1911. Two years following her demise, he was married to Miss Ida Smith, who survives him.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Olive church on Friday, June 19, by Burr A., L. Bixler. Interment was made in the family plot in Mr. Olive cemetery.

Death of E. C. Strickland

Dr. And Mrs. H. M. Strickland accompanied by Clinton Parker left Tuesday afternoon for Reidsville, Ga., where they were called on account of the sudden death of E.. C. Strickland, only brother of Dr., Strickland.

About ten days ago; Mr. And Mrs. E. C. Strickland and their son, Roy Strickland, were guests here in the home of Dr. And Mrs. Strickland.

Mr. Strickland died Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held Wednesday in Reidsville, the burial taking place in the city cemetery.

(July 24, 1931)

E. T. Cochran

The death angel visited Mrs. E. T. Cochran's home on Wednesday morning, July 15, at 8:15 and took from it her devoted husband. His passing leaves a vacant place in that home that Fond memories will linger thruout the remainder of the lives of those who were the

can never be filled.

Mr. Cochran has made his home in Suwannee County for the past four years. There are many who regret very much to learn of his death, and are expressing their sympathy for his sorrowing family. He was a member of the Baptist church from early manhood. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and three sons, besides many friends and relatives. His body was taken to Camilla, Ga., for burial, accompanied by friends and relatives from this city.

(August 28, 1931)

William J. Moseley

The many friends of William J. Moseley will regret to hear of his death which occurred at his home 7 miles southwest of here on the old homestead late Monday afternoon, after a short illness. Mr. Moseley was a son of the late W. H. Moseley and a grandson of of the late Harley Moseley, one of the oldest families of Suwannee county, whose name has been prominent for the past half century.

The funeral arrangements are in charge of Sherrill and McDonald and the arrangements have not been completed at this time but a more extended report will be given next week.

(September 4, 1931)

Noted Citizen of Florida Taken by Death Here Friday Night Captain W. J. Hillman

friends and associates of Captain W. J. Hillman, and the one man who holds the

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richest store of recollections of days spent with him in years gone by is C. N. Hildreth, Sr., retired contractor of this city.

Having lived next door to Captain Hillman for many years, Mr. Hildreth had ample opportunity to live over again, by means of the richness of their recollections, the days of their young manhood spent in this county.

Shortly after the death of his father, Captain Hillman's elder brother left their Georgia plantation to seek his fortune in Texas. This was a time when real adventure meant Texas and the great Southwest. The younger Hillman attempted to follow his brother and managed to reach the Gulf coast, but had no money with which to secure transportation. He told members of a train crew that he wanted to work his way along and they permitted him to ride a train. However, when the string of cars pulled out, the engine was headed East instead of West!

When the train stopped at Live Oak, young Hillman got off to get something to eat and it went on without him. The youth is said first to have carried luggage between the station and the hotel and then secured a job as "printers devil" on the Banner, from which paper the Democrat later sprung. When he "pied" a difficult railroad time schedule, he decided he would never be a success in the printing business and sought work in turpentine camps, securing employment with Major Wise.

A year or two later, in 1878, Mr. Hildreth came to Live Oak and built a home for Major C. K. Dutton and had been associated with him in the naval stores business for 4 years when young Hillman asked him for a job. The company took him on and sent him to a camp about 12 miles south of Live Oak. Hillman Mr. Hillman declares the Captain was the first

proved to be an efficient leader of men and during his 8 years in various camps the title of Captain naturally became affixed to his name. At the time he left Camp Seymour of the Dutton and Hildreth operations he was in charge of 460 convict laborers. He worked in camps of the West stills near Lake City and then took a number of the convicts on to the first plant of his own, at High Springs. The "Big Storm" practically wiped him out, but he took his convicts on to Inverness and was there successful. At that time F. R. McCormack was running the paper at Inverness, prior to his coming to Live Oak, and he remembers having secured \$500 from Captain for the relief of storm sufferers of Bronson at a time when the Captain's entire resources did not exceed \$5000.

Following successful naval stores operations in Floral City and at other points in Central and South Florida, Captain Hillman interested himself in the formation of the Consolidated Naval Stores Company at Jacksonville and resided in that city for several years.

He never lost his love for Suwannee county and retired from his chosen vocation 29 years ago; returning to this city, where Mr. Hildreth built for him the present Hillman home. The Captain built a road (Now the Hillman highway) out to his large farm, Hillmonia, where he carried on agricultural experiments for many years before leasing the place for the planting of many acres of tobacco. He carried out similar experiments north of Live Oak on the road leading to Suwannee Springs, and at one time owned thousands of acres of land in this county. He was one of the first stockholders of the First National Bank.

man in Florida to own a car, and he spent one

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of the most pleasant months of his life on the celebrated Glidden tour from New York to Florida 20 years ago last month. When he realized Live Oak needed a modern hotel he helped in the organization of a company for the purpose of building and operating what is now the Suwannee Hotel, and he later held all of the stock until a sale was made to Mr. Randell. Mainly thru his generosity the Methodist parsonage and home for retired pastors were built, and his contribution to the new Methodist church was large. At various times thru the years, he financially aided scores of families, almost always without the knowledge of the general public. Mr. Hildreth declares, "Money never made a fool of Captain Hillman. He never let it remove him to a circle above that of his fellowman. He never forgot a favor. Two instances in particular bear out this trait. He took sick in the woods and was cared for at Rowland Newman's farmhouse, later helping Newland to seat in the legislature. Back on the old Georgia plantation, a negro had befriended him as a lad. It was one of the Captain's keenest pleasures to return there almost every year to visit and befriend the aged negro. It is a pleasure for anyone to hear Mr. Hildreth paint a word picture of the man who now sleeps the eternal sleep.

From the files of the Democrat of 1911 is taken the following story, which appeared in the Atlanta Journal in August of that year, in connection with Captain Hillman's interest in the Glidden tour, and is one of the best articles we have read concerning the interest he took in various projects and the esteem held for him by the people of his community:

"Captain W. J. Hillman, of Live Oak, foremost in every movement for the best interests of Florida, was the first in this State to enter his automobile for the Glidden tour, New York to Jacksonville. In this, like in all other things, he

has entered into with his whole soul and will work to make the tour a success so far as within his power lies, not for himself alone but for his State and home county, and for Live Oak and for all connected with it.

"Captain W. J. Hillman is one of the best known and most beloved men in Florida. A selfmade man who has forged his way to the very front in the political, financial and business world. He has by hard work and good business judgment amassed a handsome fortune. He is a director of the Consolidated Naval Stores Company, director of one of Jacksonville's leading banks, and largely interested in a number of business enterprises in Jacksonville and other parts of Florida. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Live Oak, owner of Live Oak's new and handsome hotel, the 'Suwannee', and interested in many of the business enterprises of the county. For years he was one of the largest manufacturers of naval stores in the State, but he has disposed of the greater part of his interests in this line, leaving him still owner of some 30,000 or 40,000 acres of pine lands. With all this he finds time to enjoy life and to do good. He is a great friend to the public schools of the county and in this way has got close to the hearts of the children of this city who shower him with their love and caresses. He is their favorite of all men, and the greatest in their eyes of them all. In all things good, including good roads. Captain Hillman is a leader. When the movement for good roads and the national highway was first agitated he went to work to accomplish something, and by his untiring efforts this, Suwannee county, and other counties in Florida have been benefitted. His time and his means were given to the cause without stint and what has been accomplished stands today as a monument to him. He is actually and truly building good roads all about in this

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county with his own means.

“But Captain Hillman’s greatest hobby is his farm, Hillmonia, a beautiful Florida plantation thirteen miles south of Live Oak, with its acres of perfectly level and fertile fields, producing crops of corn and cotton equal to the crops of the famous Yazoo valley.

“Captain Hillman is 55 years of age, but his sunny disposition and happy, easy manner gives him the appearance of a man many years his junior. For many years he has made Florida his home. Coming here as a boy from his native State, Georgia, without means and in a strange land, he has worked his way to the very top in estimation of the people of Florida. They love, honor and respect him because they recognize in him a true man.

(Friday, September 11, 1931)

2 Negroes Drown In Peacock Lake While 1 Escapes

Met Death While Boat Capsized
During Squall Saturday Afternoon

Two negroes in this city, Charlie Evans and Wyman Simpkins, went to a watery grave while a third member of their party, Clarence Wright, reached the shore safely, when their boat capsized during the hard winds of Saturday afternoon. Wright was handicapped in his struggle for life by a cork life but had the presence of mind to cling to the upturned boat and drifted to safety.

was organized, July 21st, 1902, by Brother J. W. Bell, special deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, of the General Grand Chapter. She received the beautiful, but solemn degrees of the Order, in the old Masonic Hall, Wellborn, Florida, on Monday evening, July 28th, 1902. Thus becoming one of the Charter members of

Evans drowned almost immediately and is thought to have become too frightened to make the distance to shore. Simpkins struck out for land as soon as he hit the water and had only a few more feet to go when he gave out and sank with his feet almost on the bottom.

The three negroes with a fourth, Tom Bivils, had been fishing in Peacock Lake thru-out the day. Bivils, having given up fishing for the day, returned to his car and went to sleep and only learned of the tragedy when awakened by Wright and it was too late to go to the assistance of the others. Both went down in full view of Wright, who was unable to aid them as his cork leg made it impossible for him to get out of the boat.

All of the negroes were valued employees of the Live Oak Perry and Gulf Railroad of this city and have been in their employe for many years.

In Memory of Sister Sidney Bell Stubbs

Who died Thursday morning, August 27th, 1931. Once more the golden chain that binds us so sweetly in our beautiful order has been broken. Truly a bright, golden link in our Chapter was this beloved, but now, departed sister. She was present when Grace Chapter No. 13, (Now No.8) Order of **Eastern Star,**

the Chapter. She has served on many of the important committees of the Chapter, and filled all the stations in a noble manner. She loved the Order of the Eastern Star, she strove to become a co-laborer with the great Brotherhood in the service of humanity. Her woman’s heart beat responsive to the

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same inspiration that prompts , and the piteous wail,man to noble deeds. She heard the cry of the orphan, the call of want and the piteous wail of deepest sorrow. She honored the Brotherhood for its noble work, and sought through the Eastern Star, to be a co-worker with the Masonic brother; to pay the tribute of her love and labor at the same shrine.

Our sister has finished her allotted task in the conflict of life. The chapter of her earthly sojourn is closed, but her many virtues shall not go unrecorded. For a time we have walked with her in the pilgrimage of life, and around the same alter we have learned the lessons of our Order. How brief and full of mystery is human life. Who can fathom its purpose, or disclose its issues. Standing beside the Broken Column , we may, with Martha's trustful faith, look beyond the shore of time, and know that our sister, though lost to mortal vision, is only waiting beyond the river to welcome us to our eternal home.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak, and Lake City, Gazette, Lake City, for publication, and copy be sent to the family.

A. Eugene Cobb.
(Mrs.) Annie Wilson,
(Miss) Mary McLeran,
Committee.

Hall of GraceChapter No. 8,
Order of Easter Star,
September 7, 1931,
Wellborn, Florida

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER W. H. MOSELEY

Who died August 24, 1931. We bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things

well. The membership of Wellborn Lodge No. 13 Free and Accepted Masons express our deepest regrets at the death of our esteemed friend and brother. All who knew Brother Moseley loved him. But among the brethren, he was loved much. It was there that the mildness of his temper, the firmness of his purpose, the affectionate tone of his heart, the dignity and elevation of his virtues, appeared in all their loveliness and all their power. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to loved ones in their bereavement, and pray that God will comfort them.

Be resolved that a copy of this memorial be sent to each of our county papers for publication, that a page be inscribed on our record book and a copy, properly inscribed, be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

WELLBORN LODGE NO 13
Free and Accepted Masons
August 24, 1931, Wellborn, Fla.
A. Eugene Cobb
Thurston B. McLeran
Thomas J. Gieger
Committee

MARY HELEN HOLTZCLAW

Funeral services for Mary Helen Holtzclaw (better known as Mollie) were held at old Siloam church in Columbia county, August 20, 1931.

Mrs. Holtzclaw was born in Tennessee April 1857. When two years of age she, with her parents, moved to Florida. She grew to young womanhood in Columbia county.

At the age of twenty-two she was married to F. M. Holtzclaw. To this union were born eight children, three of whom preceded her

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to the grave.
There are left to mourn her passing, her husband, F. M. Holtzclaw; two daughters, Mrs. Ola Robinson, of Wellborn and Mrs. Ralph Wiggins, of Jacksonville; three boys, James, Charles and Hardie Holtzclaw, all of Suwannee county, also two brothers and two sisters.

She united with the Methodist Episcopal church when a child and had lived a consistent member to her death.

(Friday, September 18, 1931)

DEATH OF MRS. VICTORIA PARKER

Mr. And Mrs. Mack H. Padgett were called to Lafayette county Saturday on account of the death of Mr. Padgett's sister, Mrs. Victoria Parker. Mrs. Parker had been ill for quite a while and her death was not unexpected, Funeral services were held Sunday morning at Pleasant Grove church and interment was in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

MRS. SARA McCLANA

Many friends will be sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah McClana which occurred at her home August 24, in Dowling Park. She was well known throughout the county and had many friends here who will be grieved to learn of her death.

Before her marriage, she was Miss Sarah Wheeler and was married to J. C. McClana, of Madison, when 21 years of age.

For the past ten years they made this their home. Mrs. McClana was sixty-six years of age at the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, **J. C. McClana; and two children, Mrs. J. W. Dees** of this county and G. R. Of Madison; one brother, Westley Wheeler, of Madison, besides a host of friends and other relatives.

(Friday, October 9, 1931)

Jennings Grocer Killed By Wife

According to the Jasper News, Ira Ashley, store manager, was shot to death in his home in Jennings last Thursday and authorities arrested his wife and charged her with the shooting.

Officers declared domestic troubles are believed to have led to the murder. Mrs. Ashley's grandmother Mrs. Waters, witnessed the slaying and informed the police she had pleaded with Mrs. Ashley not to shoot her husband.

Ashley is said to have run from the room in which he and his wife had been arguing and crouched close to a mill. By Mrs. Waters testimony, Mrs. Ashley shot through the wall and the bullet hit the man in the head. He died 20 minutes later.

There was no inquest but the woman was placed in the Hamilton county jail at Jasper. Three small children survive.

Woman Slain In Argument Near Columbia Line

A. L. McELVAIN LODGED IN
JACKSONVILLE JAIL AS RESULT OF
SHOOTING

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Wellborn, Oct. 8 (By Special Correspondent) – A homicide case developed last Saturday morning across the Columbia county line from here when A. L. McElvan is alleged to have shot Mrs. Nancy Kent, wife of Thomas J. Kent, with a lode of number four shot from a single-barrel gun, the entire discharge entering Mrs. Kent's body just above the heart and resulting in almost instantaneous death.

McElvain is said to have then reloaded his gun and wounded Mr. Kent in the neck and arm, but Dr. R. A. Barnett, physician attending the elderly man, believes his chances of recovery are good, unless complications should arise.

Soon after the tragedy occurred, James Kent of Lake City, son of the wounded man, was notified and he accompanied the Sherrell's ambulance to his fathers place at once. The body of his stepmother was taken to the funeral home and Mr. Kent was rushed to Lakeshore hospital after Dr. Barnett dressed his wounds.

Many rumors were in circulation with regards to the cause of the shooting, but about all that is really known is that some differences had been existing for several months between the two families on account of McElvain's children and hogs.

Mrs. Kent was 25 years of age and the second wife of the well to do farmer, who is 75, has large family connections and was born and has lived all of his life on his farm two and a half miles east of here. Mrs. Kent was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crews, who resides near Wellborn, coming from Hamilton county several years ago.

McElvain lives on a farm half a mile west of the Kents in this county and which he brought last February. He is 50 years of age, is related to Mr. Sessions was the father of seven children and

two of the oldest and largest families in the county and always had been considered and orderly and respected citizen. After the shooting he went to his home and waited till the officers, M. W. Lowe of this county and Bouge Dennard, deputy sheriff of Columbia county arrived. He invited them in and told them he was ready to go with them. He was charged with murder in the first degree and is being held with bond.

Many of McElvain's friends declare he had been attending a revival meeting, held here for some time, when he appeared to have done some peculiar things recently and at times appeared to have become partially unbalanced mentally. He seems to have held the belief somebody was going to do bodily harm to his children, even tho they live in another part of the county. The feeling here has been only one of kindness and sorrow for both families; in fact, this correspondent never has heard quite so much sympathy exchanged by both sides in such a terrible tragedy as this was. It can only be accounted for by the large family connections of both the Kents and McElvains.

A. M. R. SESSIONS

A. M. R. Sessions, of the Popular community, passed away September 26, 1931, at one o'clock. Mr. Sessions was the oldest citizen in Suwannee county, being about ninety years of age and a Confederate veteran. Mr. Sessions united with the Baptist church about fifty years ago.

three step children of whom two sons and

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one daughter are living the others having gone on before.. Mr. Sessions had thirty-eight grandchildren of whom thirty-one are living. He has a host of great grandchildren.

Friends sympathize with the bereaved family.

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Kent

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Kent, wife of Thomas J. Kent and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel L. Crews, who was killed on last Saturday, were held at Huntsville church, last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Thomas W. Allen, of Lake City conducted the services. Rev. Allen spoke many words of consolation to those who were broken hearted that were comforting to all parties connected and exhorted them to look that Higher Power for peace and happiness that was everlasting. After the service the burial was in the Kent family lot at the Huntsville cemetery, and perhaps the largest crowd was in attendance that has ever attended a funeral at Huntsville in Twenty-five years. The floral offerings were beautiful.

The deceased leaves an aged husband, aged father and mother and a little son of four tender years, to mourn her sudden passing. Sherrill & McDonald, morticians, were in charge.

(Friday, October 16, 1931)

HALF-CROPPER MURDERED BY HOUSTON MAN

R. H. Nash And Son Held For Murder By
Coroner's Jury

R. H. Nash, of Houston, was held for the murder of Joe Downing by a coroner's jury here Thursday morning following the shooting of Downing Wednesday afternoon. Anthony

Nash, son of the accused man, was also held as an accessory to the murder by the jury.

The shooting occurred shortly after noon on the farm of Nash near Houston and grew out of an argument the men had over a corn crop. The slain man was a share-cropper for Nash and a dispute arose over the division of their corn crop. At the time of the shooting, the men were in the field gathering the corn and Downing fell near a pile of corn.

Nash and his son, Anthony, were riding in their wagon and Downing and his son, Leo, were gathering the corn when the argument began. Nash and his son left the scene immediately after Downing fell without waiting to see how badly the man was injured. Leo Downing ran for aid and when a neighbor reached the scene it was evident that instant death was the result. A shotgun loaded with buckshot was fired by Nash and struck Downing in the chest and head.

At the coroner's request, Nash's son testified that Downing threatened him with an open knife and dared him to "hit the ground" as he was in the wagon at the time. Evidence given by Downing's son, a neighbor with whom the slain man ate dinner, and deputy sheriff Morrison showed that Downing did not have a knife on or near his person when the body was found.

The two men were bound over to circuit court and their case will be presented to the grand jury at their session of the circuit court slated to begin here November 9.

Members of the coroner's jury were: W.

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D. Peavy, W. A. Harrell, F. O. Strickland, A. A. Weaver, A. S. Dennis and T. W. Cannon.

Mrs. J. H. Hodge

Mrs. H. H. Hodge passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Hare at Perry, at 5:30 a.m. October 5.

Susie Barbara Newmans was born in Lafayette county January 1, 1862. She was united in marriage J. H. Hodge of this county more than fifty years ago. They were real pioneers, locating on a homestead six miles from Dowling Park as soon as they were married, from which they developed one of the counties best farms. She was the mother of twelve children, one of which died in childhood, two daughters died after were married, one son, a grown young man, died many years ago and the two remaining sons have passed away in a little less than three years. Six daughters survive, Mrs. A. H. Hare, Perry; Mrs. O. H. Hawkins and Mrs. A. H. Goff and Annie Hodge of Jacksonville; Mrs. C. P. Smith, Kissimmee; Mrs. J. H. Gilley, Cross City. She also leaves eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren; four brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Hodge had been a member of Beulah Baptist church for thirty-five years. It was a pleasure for her to attend the services and to contribute of her means for its support. Many were the calls she had to help with the sick of the community and numberless were the times she had witnessed the coming or going of life in the homes of her neighbors. She was active in the management of her home and farm until June of this year when she realized her rapidly failing health and arranged her business affairs where she could be with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Hare at perry. Since that time she made several trips to Jacksonville where she was treated by specialists.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Parker at Beulah church on the afternoon of October 6. Friends and neighbors for miles around attended and many from other counties. She was then laid to rest by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death eight years ago.

A.H. Grant was the undertaker in charge.

(Friday, October 23, 1931)

Mrs. R. C. Carver

Mrs. R. C. Carver passed away at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Mobley near Cypress Lake, October 14.

Before marriage, she was Lela Knight. She was born in Suwannee county, February 19, 1916.

She was united in marriage to Russell C. Carver November 15, 1930.

Lela's father died when she was quite young. A few years later her mother died leaving her and one sister to the care of her grandmother. She thought a great deal of her grandmother and at the last called for her husband and grandmother to come tell her goodbye.

She is survived by her husband, grandmother and one sister, Mrs. J. M. Shaw, also other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Mount Pisgah Baptist church and she was laid to rest beside her mother.

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Herschell Boutwell

Funeral services were held, Sunday afternoon for Herschell Boutwell of Jacksonville at the Wellborn cemetery with Rev. R. F. Kersey officiating. Boutwell was a young student of the Kirby-Smith Junior High school and died Friday morning from an attack of acute indigestion. The following students and close friends of the young acted as pallbearers: Donald Baker, Jack ___ttle, William Waits and Darmont ___eples. The young man leaves his mother, Mrs. J. F. Smith, of Jacksonville, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Bailey, and an uncle. O. Powell, of Wellborn. The floral decorations were beautiful.

(Friday, October 30, 1931)

Mrs. Louise Mairson

Mrs. Louise Mairson, wife of the late J. L. Mairson, passed away Tuesday night October 20 at her residence, 306 S. Albany avenue, Tampa. Mrs. Mairson, with her husband, was a former resident of Live Oak for many years and will be remembered as the aunt of Arthur, Lena, Rosalie, Kent and Henry Lewin and Mrs. I. K. Watson, all of whom were at her bedside when she passed away.

James D. Scruggs

Madison—James D. Scruggs, age 61, banker and civic leader, died here Saturday night following a heart attack. He lived only 30 minutes after the attack. Funeral services were said at the home in Madison and burial was made at Live Oak cemetery late Monday morning.

The deceased is survived by his widow, two sons, Lieut. R. M. Scruggs of San Diego, Calif., and J. D. Scruggs Jr., of Madison; and three

daughters, Miss Martha Scruggs of Atlanta, Miss Corinne Scruggs and Mrs. J. L. Brinson of Madison. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. H. F. Airth of Live Oak.

Mr. Scruggs was a clerk with the Worth Stevens Company in Live Oak a number of years ago, moving from there to Jacksonville and later to South Florida. More recently, he was interested in the ice plant and water works at Perry, and the ice plants at Madison and Monticello. He sold out his interest shortly after the first of this year and was instrumental in giving Madison its new bank, serving as president of the institution at the time of his death.

John G. Bird

Friends of John G. Bird will regret to learn of his death which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. J. Clements, of this city.

He was born in this county, February 18, 1861 and spent most of his life here being connected with the J. B. Barton Furniture Company, one of the leading stores here many years ago. He later moved to Plant City where he went into business for himself until his health failed more than a year ago and since that time he has made his home with his sister here.

Mr. Bird is survived by one sister, Mrs. T. J. Clements, of this city; two brothers, B. F. Bird, of Live Oak and J. L. Bird, of Los Angeles, California.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Clements, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large crowd of friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to the deceased. The service was

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conducted by Rev. J. G. Wood, pastor of the Baptist Church here of which the deceased was a member. Following the funeral rites, the body was laid to rest in the family lot in Antioch cemetery.

(Friday, November 13, 1931)

James Smith

James Smith, prominent farmer and cattleman of this county, passed away at his home near here, Friday morning after an illness of several months. Mr. Smith was born in this county, December 20, 1857 and was a member of one of the pioneer families that settled in Suwannee county. He was always interested in upbuilding of this section and devoted his long life to farming and cattle raising. Success came to him in abundance as he was considered one of the wealthy men of the county. His holdings throughout the county were very large both in land and cattle.

He was united in marriage to Lizzie Williamson, member of another pioneer family, and who passed away, January 2, 1930, in 1878 and to this union was born nine children, two of whom preceeded their father and mother to their graves. One died while an infant, another daughter, Mrs. Brannan died in 1914 and left three children.

Jim Smith's word stood as his bond thru these many years as he was a friend to the poor as he very often loaned money when all others had refused. His entire life was one of simplicity devoted to his own affairs. Being a pioneer in the development of Suwannee county, he stood as one of the few remaining survivors of his generation who began life here. Jim, as he was known to thousands throughout this section, was always ready to lend aid to those less fortunate than himself.

Funeral services were held at Friendship cemetery, Saturday, November 7, with Rev. Burr A. L. Bixler conducting the ceremony. Masonic rites were bestowed on the body at the grave by members of the Live Oak Lodge. A large crowd of friends and relatives from Live Oak and Suwannee county gathered to pay their respects to the passing of one of Suwannee's oldest farmers.

He leaves to mourn his passing four sons: Willie R., Augustus A., Oliver and John Cohn C.; and three daughters, Mrs. Lula Holmes, Mrs. Ida Meeks and Mrs. Nettie King, besides a host of grand children, other relatives and friends.

Harry E. Burch

Harry E. Burch, age 58, passed away at his home in Mayo Junction in Lafayette, sometime during the night, last Thursday and was found dead in his bed Friday morning. Dr. H. M. Strickland examined the body and declared that death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Burch came to this section, May 10, 1917, from Gainesville where he was motorman on the Tampa and Jacksonville Railroad. He ran the first motor car to operate over the L. O. P. & G. Railroad and was known by officials of the road as one of the best in the country. For the past few years, he has served as a locomotive engineer when the motor car service was discontinued. Officials of the road stated that in the loss of Mr. Burch, the road has suffered the loss of one of their most valued employees and one of the most efficient in the operation of the train service. His long record with the local concern has been one

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of unstinted duration.

Funeral services were held here, Sunday morning, at the funeral parlors of the Suwannee Undertaking Company after which the body was carried to Gainesville for interment. Dr. Piner assisted by Rev. Wood conducted the ceremony.

The deceased leaves to mourn his passing; his wife, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks; a daughter, Mrs. M. L. Luke, of Live Oak; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burch, of Micanopy; three brothers, Walter and Wallace of Micanopy, and William, of Wiersdale; two sisters, Mrs. R. M Chamberlin, of Micanopy, and Mrs. M. J. Maine, of Orlando.

Mrs. M. E. Chauncey

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. M. E. Chauncey were shocked to learn of her death which occurred at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Tison at noon, Saturday, November 7, after an illness of only a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey were attending a cane grinding at their daughter's home when Mrs. Chauncey was stricken with paralysis. Everything was done to prevent her death by all efforts failed and she passed away fifty-two hours after becoming stricken. When she was first stricken, she asked to be carried home but her condition would not permit the move.

Mrs. Chauncey, who before her marriage was Amelia Minerva Lee, was born in Suwannee county, December 17 1864, near the Suwannee River. She united with the Baptist Church in her early childhood and always lived a Christian life.

She was united in marriage to M. E. Chauncey, September 9, 1880 and to this union was born

eleven children, ten of whom are still living and all were present at the time of her death. The children living outside of this county are: Mrs. Victoria Bookins, of Tampa; Mrs. Stella Vickery and Mrs. Ruby Howes, of Ocala; and Eford Chauncey, of Greenville. Those residing in this county are: Mrs. Minnie Tison, Van, Wade, Ramon and Rufus, who with their father and many grandchildren survive the good woman.

Ethel Gill

On November 8, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gill and claimed their little daughter, Ethel. The deceased was ten years of age and a very bright child in her home.

She leaves to mourn her passing her parents, three sisters and two brothers and a host of friends and relatives. She was laid to rest in the Gilead cemetery with Rev. Wood, of this city, conducting the ceremony.

Not for the dead in Christ we weep
Her sorrows now are o'er
The sea is calm, the tempest past
On that celestial shore.

Her peace is sealed, her rest is sure
With that Brighter home;
Awhile we weep and linger here;
Then follow to that home.

No stain was on her little heart;
Sin has not entered there
And innocence slept on
That pale white brow so fair.

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Mrs. Mary S. Wolfe

Mrs. Mary S. Wolfe, a resident of Suwannee county for many years, passed away at her home here, Saturday, November 7, after a lingering illness of a year. She was confined to her bed for the last seven weeks of her illness.

Mrs. Wolfe was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Parnell and she was born in South Carolina, August 6, 1866. Her family moved to Florida when she was two years of age and resided south of Wellborn. She was united in marriage to George Wolfe in 1883 at the age of 17 and three years later moved to Live Oak, where she made her home until the time of her death. Six children were born to this union, four of whom are still living, the other two having died in infancy.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church here for many years and one of the oldest residents of the city. She was known to her many friends as a woman of sterling character and very capable in caring for her family after the death of her husband several years ago. Her loss will be greatly felt by this community.

Survivors of the deceased are: three daughters, Mrs. R. W. Washington, of this city; Mrs. J. H. Granger and Mrs. C. C. Sparkman, of Waldo; and one son, Herbert Wolfe, of Waldo; two sisters, Mrs. R. H. Carver, of Wellborn, and Mrs. Minnie Stansel, of Jacksonville; two brothers, John Parnell, of Wellborn and Will Parnell, of Sebring.

Funeral services were held here, Sunday afternoon, with Dr. Piner conducting the rites. Interment was made in the family lot in the City Cemetery. Active pallbearers were: W. C. Marshall, J. W. Blume, B. F. Winderweedle, J. D. Henry, H. M. Bailey and J. W. Bryson. Honorary pallbearers were: Drs. J. W. West, H.

F. Airth and T. S. Anderson, B. W. Helvenston, C. H. Tedder, J. D. Parnell and E. J. Blume.

(Friday Nov. 20, 1931)

Mrs. Rebecca J. Hunter

Mrs. Rebecca J. Hunter, 83 years of age, mother of Roy G. Hunter of this city, died at her home in the Bethel community in Columbia county, a few miles south of Lake City, Saturday morning, November 14.

She was born and reared in Columbia county and her entire life was spent there. She was one of the last survivors of the early settlers of that section, and she was for many years interested in the upbuilding of her community and was known far and wide as a good, Christian woman. She was united in marriage to W. M. Hunter at the age of 18 and was the mother of 11 children, four of whom, all sons survive. Seven of the children died while in childhood.

The deceased was a descendent of the Bryant and Worthington families, who were among the first settlers in that section of the state. Her entire life was devoted to her family and they were reared in the influence of a Christian home.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Church, south of Lake City, with Rev. Voss, of the White Springs circuit of which the Bethel church is a unit, conducting the ceremony. He was assisted by the Revs. Bell of Lake City, and Piner, of Live Oak. A huge crowd of relatives and friends gathered to pay their respects to the deceased. The little church was unable to

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house the crowd and a large number had to find standing room in the yard. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful.

Mrs. Hunter is survived by four sons. Blooma of Fort White, John V. and Drew of Bethel, and Roy G. of Live Oak; a sister, Mrs. A. B. Brown, of Lake City, and a brother, Granville Bryant, of Fort Myers, besides a large number of grandchildren and other relatives.

Quite a number of Live Oak people attended the ceremony while a huge crowd of Lake City and Columbia county friends of the family gathered for the last rites of the deceased.

James C. Lyle

News of the death of James C. Lyle, brother of Sheriff W. H. Lyle, reached Live Oak yesterday morning. Mr. Lyle died in a Miami hospital, following a week's illness with cerebral meningitis. Funeral services were arranged for this afternoon with Rev. W. A. Myres, assisted by Rev. W. K. Piner, officiating. A complete obituary of Mr. Lyle's life will appear in next week's issue of the Democrat.

Resolution of Respects

In as much as it has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from the cares and troubles of this earthly life our beloved Brother James Smith; and

Whereas he was a loyal and worthy Mason, being a member of the Climax Lodge No. 194 Free and Accepted Mason.

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M. J. Howell

M. J. Howell, prominent citizen of Taylor county, died in a hospital, last Tuesday week.

O'BRIEN MAN FOUND DEAD FROM BLOWS ON HIS HEAD

OSCAR WHITTLE AND LEM GILL LODGED IN JAIL TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS

Charles P. Odom, who lived between O'Brien and Branford in the Beachville community was found murdered near his home early Monday morning. A shot was heard and investigators on reaching the scene found Odom dead. Evidence gathered by county authorities gave signs of foul play and a thorough investigation was held.

The shooting is said to have grown out of an argument that was held at one of Odom's tenant houses occupied by a family by the name of Stone. Testimony presented before the coroner's jury tended to prove that Odom was on his way to quiet the argument when he was shot.

Two men, J. O. Whittle and Lem Gill, are said to have done to the Stone home and an argument. One of the Stone boys went to Odom's home and asked that he aid in quelling the disturbance. The Stone boy returned to his home and later Odom is said to have left his house to go to his tenant's home. A small clump of woods separate the Odom and Stone homes and the murdered man had to go thru this patch. A shot was heard and on entering the woods, investigators found the body.

Later examinations of the body by

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physicians brought out further evidence that the skull had been crushed by blows on the head. Local authorities are of the opinion that death was caused by the blows rather than the shot as no bullet. It entered the forehead and traversed downward judging in the mouth.

The coroner's jury held Whittle and Gill was arrested on suspicion by the sheriff. The case will be presented to the grand jury of the spring session of circuit court.

JAMES C. LYLE

James C. Lyle, who died at a hospital in Miami, November 19, was laid to rest Friday afternoon in the family lot at the City Cemetery in the presence of a host of friends and relatives. The deceased was a former resident of this city and a brother of W. H. Lyle, sheriff of this county.

Mr. Lyle was born in Madison in 1884, the son of a prominent pioneer family of this section. He moved to Live Oak and Suwannee county with his parents at the age of 12 and spent all his boyhood and young manhood in this county. Early in life, he became associated with Major Porter in the erection and operation of the first electric light plant in this city. He was united in marriage with Lilla Carnell of Valdosta while residing here.

The deceased left Live oak in 1911 and moved to Jacksonville where he engaged in the automobile business for three years. His next move was to Daytona Beach where he was given the managership of the ice, light and gas plants in the section. He retained this position for 12 years. When these properties were purchased by the Florida Power and Light Company. Mr. Lyuloe was retained as an employee in the office of the general manager, which position he held until his death.

He had been in ill health for about three months and paid a visit to his brother here three weeks ago. On his return home, he was confined to his bed and never recovered.

Funeral services were held at Sheriff Lyle's home here with Rev. W. A. Myers, of Gainesville, and Dr. Piner, of this city conducting the ceremony. A large crowd of local people gathered to pay their respects to a former citizen and together with out-of-town friends formed a huge throng of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The deceased is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Evelyn, who are well known here; two brothers, W. H., of this city and "Doc". Of Jacksonville; and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Malone, of Quincy and Mrs. C. L. Carroll, of Jacksonville.

MRS. ETHEL McCALL PHILLIPS

Mrs. Ethel McCall Phillips died at her home at Suwannee Station, Monday, November 16, after an illness of several months duration. She was the widow of the late J. A. Phillips, who died about 4 years ago.

Mrs. Phillips leaves three small children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McCall; of Jasper, who cared for her during her long illness. Also, a brother, Grover McCall of Jacksonville, who had already assumed the care of her three children.

She was laid to rest in the family lot at Suwannee Baptist church with L. W. Nelson in charge of the services.

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(Friday, December 4, 1931)

Mrs. W. F. Barwick, esteemed young matron of Jasper, died as a result of an auto accident on the road between Live Oak and Jasper.

Funeral Of Charles Odom

This whole community was greatly shocked last Monday, November 23, to learn that Charles P. Odom had been murdered. Mr. Odom was a quiet, peaceable man, who did not have an enemy and who was always ready to work for anything that was for the good of the home or community.

Funeral services were held at Santa Fe cemetery, Tuesday afternoon and one of the largest crowds ever seen in this place attended to pay their last respects to a man we liked. The Masonic Lodge took charge at the grave and he was buried with Masonic honors.

Besides his devoted wife he leaves an adopted son, Luther Adkins, his stepmother, Mrs. Peter Odom, a number of half brothers and sisters and a large number of other relatives. We extend our sympathy to them all.

Among those coming from a distance to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glover, Mrs. Sam Nasarollah, Mrs. Chet Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Steen, Mrs. Charles O'Steen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beach and daughter, all of Jacksonville; Mrs. Lela Brown and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Madison terry, of Lake City, Mrs. Stella Odom, of Alachua, Mrs. Cody Odom, of Providence, Mrs. Jesse Odom, of Tampa, and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Odom of Live Oak and many others.

(Friday, Dec. 18, 1931)

Earl Brown Dies

The many friends of Earl Brown, forty years of age, will regret to hear of his sudden death Tuesday morning at 4:00 o'clock at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brown, four miles north of Wellborn.

Earl was the second son of the late D. W. Brown, one of the largest farmers in Suwannee county twenty years ago. Earl went into his mother's room Tuesday morning at 4:00 o'clock complaining of a headache. His mother got up to attempt to do something for him but he died immediately, before any relief could be administered.

He leaves to mourn his passing, besides his mother, three sisters; Mrs. I. W. Chandler of Avon Park, Mrs. Argo Everett of Lake City and Mrs. C. D. Umstead of R.F.D. Live Oak; Paul Brown of Lake City and Frank Brown of Navy besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Albert E. Holland

Albert E. Holland, one of the oldest citizens of this city, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Luneburg, Saturday night, December 12, after a week's illness caused from a fall which occurred in McAlpin, Saturday, December 5.

Mr. Holland was a son of James and Susan Richardson Holland and was born in Madison county March 12, 1852. When a small child, he moved to Savannah, Ga., with his mother and sisters, spending his early manhood there. He came to Live Oak in 1886 and lived the remaining years

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of his life here, with the exception of short times spent in Ocala and Jacksonville.

all who knew her.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Luneburg; granddaughter, Mary L. of this city; only sister, Mrs. Ella Richardson, nephews, Edward Richardson, of Miami, and Judge Marion G. Rowe of Daytona Beach.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 at Grant's Funeral Parlors with his pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Wood of the First Baptist church, officiating. The body was laid to rest in the city cemetery. Pallbearers were: J. L. Pennington, Dr. G. A. Lee, D. W. Henry and K. Ivey.

Death of Mrs. A. T. Jones

This community received a severe shock Saturday morning, December 5, when it became known that Mrs. A. T. Jones had quietly passed away at the home of her eldest son, Wiley Jones, in Savannah, Ga., on Friday, December 4.

Mrs. Jones was laid to rest here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Oak Grove cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by her beloved pastor, Rev. J. A. Montgomery, of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a faithful member.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, Oscar Z. Jones of this city and Wiley Jones of Savannah, and one daughter, Mrs. S. J. Gunter, of this city, also various grandchildren and other relatives.

Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Jones was Miss Matilda Hutchinson. She was a highly respected citizen of this community for many years and had scores of friends, being loved by