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Here is the 2nd obit in the scrapbook.

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"Dr. Walter Brice, Sr. died suddenly at his residence, Fairfield County, S.C., on the 7th of December, 1871, of disease of the heart, in the 68th year of his age.

Rarely has any community sustained a greater loss in the death of a single individual. He was a descendant of a highly respectable family, and born, September 5, 1804, in the immediate vicinity in which he afterward settled and died. His academic education was conducted under the superintendence of such men as the late Rev. Rodgers, Hon. Sam'l McAlilly, and Hon. John Hemphill. He graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1828, and at the Medical College, Charleston, S. C., in 1831. In the same year he married Miss Emma Moore, and immediately commenced the practice of medicine. By his skill and constant attention to his profession, he soon acquired an extensive practice--too extensive, indeed, for the physical abilities of any one man. But such were his sympathies with the sufferings of the afflicted, that he often denied himself needful rest to relieve their maladies, and minister to their comfort. The poor, in the bounds of his practice were never neglected. On the contrary, I am informed by some of that class that he not only relieved their maladies, but furnished such provisions as were needful for them when destitute. In short, he not only secured the confidence, respect, and esteem, but also the love of all classes of the community, and died, it is believed, without an enemy. Years since, he made a public profession of religion, and connected himself with the A. R. ? Church at New Hope, , of which Dr. Boyce was then the pastor, and from that period adorned his profession by a christian walk and conversation. He was fond of ?is Bible, and studied its contents, noit ?nly to conform his life to its sacred ?? acgubgsm but that he might enjoy its ??mforts and consolations. His uniform ?actice was, I am informed, to read a ?pter as soon as he arose and dressed. ue five years since his heart became ?ganically diseased, and he was com-?lled to relinquish his practice; and ?om the nature of his disease, ,he knew at his time would probably b! e short. ?t set his house in order, and was con-? on the lookout for his depart-ure. His language was, "I hope I am prepared, and when it shall please God to take me away, I am willing to go." Often has he said to the writer, that "he might die at any moment, and when death comes, it will its work quickly." And so it was. He went but little into society, but was always pleased to receive his friends, and entertained them with remarkable cheerfulness. Indeed, the writer has been acquainted with him for thirty years, and never saw him in any other mood than that of cheerfulness. But he is gone, and I do not expect shortly to see his superior, taken all in all. He is missed in the community in which he dwelt. he is missed in the church in which he was a constant worshipper, when health permitted. And, above all, he is missed in his family. But "we sorrow not as those who have not hope;" "for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in ! Jesus, will God bring with him." May God be the stay and comforter of the widow and fatherless, and may this sad bereavement be abundantly sanctified to the family, and to us all." L. McD.