

CHESTER HOTEL OWNER PASSES

David Pierce Crosby Dies Following A Stroke Of Paralysis

Chester, July 7.—David Pierce Crosby, 42, manager and one of the owners of Hotel Chester, died at 6:25 last evening at the hotel following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered yesterday afternoon. One of Chester's most prominent and popular citizens, his death came as a great shock to his host of friends.

Mr. Crosby was born January 20, 1896, in Fairfield county, the son of the late David Pierce Crosby and Mrs. Fanny Crosby. He was educated at Chester high school and Bailey Military institute of Greenwood. He first engaged in farming in northern Fairfield county at his home. After successfully farming some years he went to Haines City, Fla., where he engaged in the lumber business.

Owing to the illness of his brother, Claud David Crosby, he disposed of his Florida interests and came to Chester to take over the management of his business. He operated this large business up until about a year ago, when he and several associates purchased Hotel Chester and began the operation of it. Mr. Crosby was a member of Knights of Pythias, a Mason, and a member of the First Baptist church.

He married Miss Pearl Myers of Chester and from this union two children survive: Miss Sara Frances Crosby and Miss Lucille Myers Crosby of Chester, and four sisters, Mrs. John Simpson Stone, Sr., of Fairfield county, Mrs. J. I. Collins of Chester, Mrs. Phillip M. Deit of Hendersonville, N. C., and Mrs. William K. Gunter of Gaffney.

Funeral services will be conducted at 5 o'clock this afternoon at First Baptist church with the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Rawlinson, officiating, with interment in Evergreen cemetery.

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