



W. D. DOUGLAS

seriously ill for several weeks.

The son of the late Alexander G. Douglas and Mary Byars Douglas, he was born March 20, 1866, in Winnsboro and he had spent his entire life here. He was graduated from the South Carolina College in 1887 with an A.B. degree and from the University law school in 1889, serving as a tutor in Latin there during 1888. Admitted to the bar in 1889, he continued the practice of law in Winnsboro up to the time of his last illness.

On October 23, 1893, Mr. Douglas was married to Miss Floride Peyre Dwight, daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Moultrie Dwight and to this union five children were born, all of whom survive: Moultrie Dwight Douglas and Mrs. John C. Buchanan of Winnsboro; William Davis Douglas, Jr., of Creskill, N. J.; Dwight Douglas of New Milford, N. J., and Mrs. John N. LeMaster of Columbia.

Mr. Douglas practiced law in Winnsboro for 61 years. He was meticulously careful in his collection of facts and was even more careful in his interpretation of the facts, fitting them to the broad principles of the law. In the language of his brethren of an earlier age, he knew intimately "the fountains of the law." By his learning and his skill, he adjoined

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and he delighted in telling of them. In Fairfield county he knew Capt. Henry Gaillard, Gen. John Bratton, Maj. Thomas Woodward, and a host of others who made Winnsboro a unique town.

He was an elder in Sion Presbyterian church in Winnsboro from February 2, 1917, until his death. He was regular in attendance at the services and instant in his support of all her projects, serving in many offices of trust and responsibility. He was the only layman, so far as is known, who was twice moderator of Congaree Presbytery. In 1943 he was commissioner to the general assembly of his church.

Mr. Douglas had served as city attorney since 1907, was chairman of the Mt. Zion Institute board of trustees for 25 years, president of the Mt. Zion Society, second oldest educational association in the state, and a member of the Winnsboro Lions club. For ten years, beginning in 1890, he owned half interest in The Winnsboro News and Herald and wrote its editorials. In 1924, his son, M. D. Douglas, became associated with him in the practice of law and since that time the firm has been known as Douglas & Douglas.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Arthur M. Martin, pastor, were held from Sion Presbyterian church Friday afternoon, and interment was in the family plot of the Episcopal cemetery.

Active pallbearers were M. H. Doty, W. Y. Buchanan, Norman H. Palmer, W. B. Patrick, Henry E. Johnson and Heyward Harden.

The honorary escort was composed of members of the Winnsboro bar, officers of the Lion's club, elders of Sion church and J. M. Lyles, Brady McKay, J. S. Ketchin, Edwin G. Seibels, L. T. Baker, W. W. Ball and Walter W. Lewis.