

A Century of News

*Baylis Earl
Elkin*

110 Years Ago
The Fairfield Herald, Winnsboro, S.C.,
Wednesday Morning, January 29, 1873.

Death of Col. B.E. Elkin.

Col. Baylis E. Elkin, of this county, died at his home near Ridgeway at an early hour on Sunday morning last. His health had been failing for some time, and for a few months before his death he was confined to his house. He was about fifty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and seven children. The funeral services took place on Monday morning, under the auspices of the Ridgeway Masonic Lodge.

Colonel Elkin was the son of the late David Elkin, and had spent his whole life among the people of this county. He served during the entire war as field commissary of a cavalry regiment, discharging all of his duties and bearing all the hardships of active service with fidelity and gallantry. He won the confidence and respect of officers and men alike. At the close of the war he returned to his home and engaged in farming. He was elected to the House of Representatives organized under President Johnson's plan of Reconstruction... Later on he took an active part in the establishment of Tax Unions, and he was at one time President of the Fairfield organization and a delegate to the Taxpayers Convention of 1876. In 1877 he was, without solicitation on his part, appointed a trial justice, and held that position till he resigned last census of 1880, and his work bears taking the evidence of painstaking and unusual familiarity with the section of the census under his charge... Possessed of more than ordinary intelligence, he was social, observant and companionable... His death will be widely mourned...

*Born
5/26/1833*

*Died
11/21/1883*

*He married
Margaret Shedd*

*Survivor
Man who did
map of Fairfield County
1876*

*Daughter - Lula Elkin
Born 3/28/1863
Died 11/29/1887*

*Married John Franklin Lyles
Their child was Baylis Earl Lyles - born 12-2-86
his grandfather*