

DATA.020 THIS IS OBITUARY OF STEPHEN TERRY AS FOUND IN  
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"MAJOR STEPHEN TERRY."

Departed this life on his farm, about 4 miles from Atlanta, on the 15th of November 1866, Major Stephen Terry, one of the earliest settlers of the city and one of the most respectable citizens.

Major Terry was born in Chester District S.C. on August 10, 1788 and was consequently, at the time of his death, in the 79th year of his age, retaining to the last the faculties of his naturally strong mind and much of the energy which characterized his young manhood.

On July 4th 1809, he married in Fairfield District S.C. to Miss Elizabeth H. (Harrison) Hill and in 1826 removed to Georgia, and settled in DeKalb County. He had the misfortune to lose his wife on December 3, 1838, but the same year he joined the Methodist Church, of which he remained a firm and consistent member. In uniting with the Methodist Church, he followed the examples and teachings of his youth-his father John Terry having joined the Methodist Church in 1774.

In 1843, Major Terry settled in Atlanta, which was then an unimportant depot known as Marthasville. He witnessed her early struggles and her rapid growth and development, and participated in the measures and policies which have advanced her to her present and prospective prosperity, securing as his reward a fair competency for himself. He was a contractor on the Monroe (now Macon & Western) and Georgia Railways, and the builder of the original Washington Hall, one of the first, if not the first hotel built in the city, in which, as in all other business engagements, he excluded his trusts with scrupulous fidelity.

As a citizen, Major Terry commanded the respect and esteem of all by his straight forward and independent spirit and unbending integrity, as a neighbor he was esteemed for his kindness of heart and readiness to perform neighborly acts, as a husband and father he was beloved and as a Christian discharging his duties faithfully, though not ostentatiously, making the Bible, which he read much and passages from which he was fond of quoting, the rule and guide of his conduct. He died in unshaken faith in the promises of God's Holy word, and the bright hope of a blessed immortality, A friend.

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