

Colonel James H. Rion and Mrs. Rion gave to Sion Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro, of which they were members silver service and a baptism dish on a pedestal- the usual but handsomer design. This bowl has on it the following"

In Memoriam:

"Sept. 24, 1872" and "Oct. 30, 1870".

September 24, 1872, is the date of the death of their son, John Weir, born 6/17/1868, died 9/24/1872.

We do not find anywhere in the accumulated data of the Rion family any mention anywhere of this date of 9/24/1872. The church would like to know what this date indicates as on the form of all the Rion children's names, etc. there is not this last date.

See quotation from the Sion Presbyterian Church History written by Dr. Charles Spencer McCants, 1959:

From the scrapbook of Dr. Paul Fitzsimmons Eve, Elder of the First Presbyterian Church in August, Georgia, and the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, I quote "Reverend Mr. Adger of South Carolina, who is now a prominent member of the General Assembly in a letter to Dr. Backus, of Baltimore, recently published, makes the following statement, and vouches for the fact:

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When General Sherman's army passed through Winnsboro, S.C., a Captain Fuller, and six others of that army, robbed one of the ruling elders of Sion Presbyterian Church there of an elegant silver communion set, the gift of a dying female member of the same, costing two hundred and eighty dollars in New York and having the church's name and donor's name engraved upon each article.

But Dr. Adger makes the following additional statement, which aggravates the flagrancy of this outrage upon what should be held sacred by all Christians, and especially by those of the same household of faith.

A certain congregation of your body now has that silver communion set, which Captain Fuller presented to them, and are now using it for communion purposes, with those names of Sion Church and its dying sister staring them continually in the face, as they eat the bread and drink the wine which set forth the body and blood of our common Master".