

### Col. J. B. Davis Dead

News was received in Winnsboro on Monday of the death of Col. J. B. Davis at Killians on Sunday night...Col. Davis was descended from two of Fairfield's oldest families. His father was Rev. Jonathan Davis, a Baptist minister and large planter, and his mother was a Kincaid. Col. Davis attended West Point several years, and studied medicine, practiced his profession and farmed at Monticello in this county...In 1879 he was appointed Sheriff of Fairfield County...He was about 73 years of age, and leaves surviving him two children, Mr. T. F. Davis and Miss Annie F. Davis, of Killians... 1899

### Twenty-Eight Years Ago

The following item, which originally appeared in the Chester Lantern in 1908, is taken from the Chester News:

Mrs. Sarah N. Patrick, widow of the late J. H. Patrick, died at her home in White Oak Tuesday in the 82nd year of her age. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. A. White, assisted by the Revs. Oliver Johnson and J. A. Smith, the latter a son-in-law of the deceased and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at White Oak. Mrs. Patrick's husband died in 1905 at the ripe old age of 84 years. Mrs. Patrick's maiden name was Hayes and both she and her husband were originally from the Sharon section of York county. Some years after their marriage they moved to White Oak and that has ever since been their home. She is survived by the following children: Messrs. R. A., T. C. and S. R. Patrick of White Oak; W. M. Patrick of Woodward, and Mesdames J. J. McDowell of White Oak and John A. Smith of Charlotte.

### REV. C. E. MCDONALD DEAD.

Pastor Of the A. R. P. Church Passed Away Friday Morning—A Man Whom All Loved. 1909

At four o'clock Friday morning Rev. C. E. McDonald, the beloved pastor of the A. R. P. church, passed away at the parsonage on York street, after a valiant but futile fight against disease. A recurrence of diabetes, with which he had long suffered, combined with a virulent carbuncle, was the cause of death. Mr. McDonald bore his sufferings heroically, showing to the last that Christian grace and fortitude that had been such a marked characteristic throughout life and that had made him so generally beloved. Wednesday evening and Thursday morning his symptoms appeared slightly better, but Thursday afternoon the patient had a sinking spell and his decline thereafter was rapid, death coming just before the first red tints in the eastern sky announced the gift of another day.

The funeral services were held at the A. R. P. church Friday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Rev. J. S. Moffatt, D. D., of Due West conducted the services, assisted by the local pastors and visiting ministers. Rev. D. M. McLeod, pastor of the Methodist church, spoke in behalf of the local ministerial association. He spoke of his close acquaintance with the deceased

### FRANCIS GERIG

This man's memory is still respected and loved by the older citizens of Fairfield. He was born in Sondershusen, Germany in 1817. He landed in New York July 4, 1847. He came to Winnsboro, July 4, 1848. He married Mary Blonhenstein, of Columbia, S. C. They had 12 children born in Winnsboro. Mrs. C. T. Gooding and Mrs. E. P. Wolfe were two of the daughters. I remember J. J. (Jake) and A. E. (Albert) very well. Laura, one of the daughters, developed into a very charming woman indeed. She married Dr. Stroecker, of Monck's Corner and was prominent on a committee with the writer in Social Welfare work in Berkeley county during the World War. Her husband has since died and she is living at Greenville, S. C.

Returning to subject of Mr. Francis Gerig, he enlisted as a Confederate soldier in Capt. Boykin Lyles' company under James H. Rion, colonel of the 6th Regiment. Date of enlistment January 1862. After the war he was the senior member of the firm of Gerig and Seigler, the junior member was the late John W. Seigler who the first time married Mr. Gerig's daughter. Both members of the firm had a county wide reputation for integrity and courteous dealing. Mr. Gerig reminded you of Bismark in appearance, but handsomer. He was tall, erect and distinguished looking. His manners would have graced any society or court and he died as he had lived, a Christian gentleman. Alexander Pope's Couplet would have been a suitable epitaph over his remains: "An honest man is the noblest work of God." 1/19/1936

### In The Past

The following is an item taken from the Chester Lantern of 1909: "Dr. W. O. Brice, a native of Fairfield county, but for many years a resident of Columbia, died in Winnsboro last night. Dr. Brice was a son of James A. Brice, of Winnsboro. He is a nephew of the Rev. C. E. McDonald of this city."

and of how beautiful was the life of Mr. McDonald. He described the intimate personal relations existing between himself and the deceased pastor of the A. R. P. church, and closed with a prayer that we may all endeavor so to live that we will meet with him who is gone on high.

Rev. Jas. Boyce, president of the Due West Female College, who was a class-mate of Mr. McDonald while the two were in the seminary, paid an interesting tribute to the latter's memory and related many little simple acts in the life of the deceased to show his kindly and sterling character.

Rev. J. A. White, of Blackstock, was too overcome to make an extended talk. He called attention to only one marked trait in the character of the deceased—his simplicity and sincerity of character. A man without guile Mr. White correctly described him, a man honestly sincere and earnest in all the offices and relations of life.

Dr. R. M. Stevenson, Rev. J. P. Knox, Rev. Oliver Johnson, and Rev. S. J. Cartledge offered prayers. The body was allowed to lie Friday night in the church that Rev. Mr. McDonald so loved and for which he had done such faithful and effective work, Saturday morning the remains being taken to Winnsboro and interred there. The church was filled Friday afternoon with those who had gathered to pay their last respects to a man

### Death of Louisa Reynolds. 9/1899

Entered into eternal rest of Saturday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, Mrs. Louisa Reynolds, widow of the late George L. Reynolds, of Charleston. Mrs. Reynolds was a Miss Schriener, of Charleston, and was one of the refugees whom the circumstances of the war forced to seek a home in the upcountry. With her parents she lived for several years in Anderson, and after the war she married Mr. Reynolds, then living in Winnsboro. After his death she continued to reside here and had become thoroughly identified with the place and people. She had almost completed her 69th year...Her funeral services were held in St. John's Episcopal Church at half-past four on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Allston officiating, and she was laid to rest in the Episcopal cemetery...The following gentlemen, acted as pall-bearers: Jas. Q. Davis, W.C. Beaty, Jas. M. Smith, W.G. Jordan, R.C. Gooding, H.A. Gaillard.

whom all loved, many also accompanying the remains to Winnsboro for the burial exercises.

The pall bearers were as follows: Honorary, Wm. Lindsay, S. B. Lathan, A. G. Brice, J. T. Bigham, M. E. White, J. K. Henry, J. B. Bigham, T. H. White, G. B. White; Active, Jos. A. Walker, Sr., W. P. Caldwell, R. R. Moffat, W. M. Kennedy, Robt. Frazer, Jos. Lindsay, and Jno. G. White.

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### SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

The following sketch of the life of the Rev. C. E. McDonald is taken from the Centennial History of the A. R. P. Church:

Charles Edgar McDonald, son of Rev. Laughlin and Melissa Lucinda (Stinson) McDonald, was born near Richburg, S. C., Nov. 23, 1859. Prepared for college at New Hope, S. C., by Mr. H. M. now Dr. Henry, he graduated at Erskine college July 4th, 1877. Spending the next two years with his widowed mother on their farm near New Hope, S. C., his theological course was taken at Erskine seminary and license was granted him by the first presbytery, Sept. 6th, 1881. Steele Creek, Mecklenburg Co. N. C., called the promising licentiate and his ordination and installation took place Nov. 3rd, 1882. From Oct. 1885 to April 1886, by consent of his congregation and arrangement of his presbytery, he supplied the mission in Charlotte, N. C.

On Dec. 23rd, 1886 he was happily married to Miss Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Robert Hemphill Harris, of York Co., S. C. She was born July 28th, 1866 and graduated from the Charlotte Female Institute 1885. During his pastorate of Steele Creek the two former sites, Steele Creek and Blackstocks, were sold and Central was built and hard by a manse. Both these were large and comfortable. This congregation was demitted April 5th, 1892 and installed pastor of Winnsboro, S. C., May 13th, 1892. A new parsonage and a new church seem to be his twin passions. Soon after his pastorate began at Winnsboro, a large and elegant parsonage was bought and the Centennial Synod will dedicate the new church.

He was moderator of the synod at Due West, 1895, delegate to the Young People's Convention of the United Presbyterian church at Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 5th, 1898, and made an address "Echoes from the Cross;" and an appointed delegate to the Psalm Singers Conference at Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 1902.

1884 he was elected a member of South Carolina Historical Society.

From 1893 to 1902 the editorship of the A. R. P. Quarterly was his responsibility and he has served as editor of the Woman's Department of the A. R. Presbyterian for fifteen years. A delightful and instructive companion, a bright and sunny Christian, a welcome guest, a bright scholar, an efficient presbyter, a devoted pastor, a popular orator, an eloquent preacher and a devoted Christian, he lives yet in the hearts and works, in the homes of a delighted people.

Since the above was written, Mrs. McDonald has passed hence, falling asleep most happily June 15th, 1903.

Mr. McDonald was one of the members of the committee which got up the Centennial History of the A. R. P. church and he was pastor of the Winnsboro church at that time, 1903.

In the spring of 1907 Mr. McDonald received a call to the pastorate of the Chester A. R. P. church and accepted. He took up his work in Sept. 1907 and from that time to his death he labored unceasingly and faithfully in his charge. The church has prospered under his pastorate and much good has been done. His death is a great blow and the hearts of his entire congregation are wrung with grief.

### FUNERAL AND BURIAL.

The funeral services and burial of Rev. C. E. McDonald were held at Winnsboro Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, the services being held at the A. R. P. church by Rev. Oliver Johnson and other ministers and the body being laid to rest in the Winnsboro graveyard.

The church was filled with the relatives and friends of the dead, who gathered to pay their last respects to this beloved man and hear the beautiful and heart-felt addresses made by different persons eulogizing the deceased and all uniting in bestowing upon his character the graces of loveliness.

### Another Old Citizens Passes Away.

11/1911  
News has been received here, of the death on Friday, of Mr. C. G. Bunyan Counts of Union. He was born at Blair's in Fairfield county, and lived here a number of years, where he married Miss Mary Willingham, before moving to Union, where he lived until his death. He is survived by his wife, and the following children, Misses Willie, Iva, Rachel and Beulah Counts of Union, Mrs. A. F. Lambright of Newberry and Mr. W. B. Counts of St. Matthews. Mr. Counts was a benevolent, christian gentleman, and greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends.