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On April the 21st, the odlest and most honored citizen of Monticello, Capt. Robert Hayne McMeekin, passed from this life to the beyond.

In the death of this excellent man another has been plucked from the already thin ranks of that type of high-toned, cultured character which is a product of that splendid civilization and culture, that reached its zenith in the South prior to the Civil War.

"Capt." as we all called him, came of good old Irish stock. His father, Thomas McMeekin, married a Miss Brummitte and settled in Union county, near where Carlisle now stands. To them was born on Nov. 20th, 1832, a boy named Robert Hayne. Three years later the father died and the little boy came to live with his grandfather, Gen. Thomas McMeekin, near Monticello, in Fairfield county.

His primary education was obtained at Mt. Zion, in Winnsboro. Prof. Hudson was at the head of this excellent old school at that time, and took special pride in this bright pupil.

From Mt. Zion he entered the junior class at the South Carolina College. Two years later, 1854, he graduated in the A. B. course. He stood high in the estimation of the faculty and student body.

Prof. Wardlaw says of him: "He was one of the oldest and most honored of the alumni of our institution."

I have before me a list of the class of 1854; very few, if any, are still living.

He was a scholar and student. His mind retained its vigor and he continued to be a student to the very end of his life.

After leaving college he engaged in teaching in the schools of Fairfield county.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was elected captain of Company F, which position he held until the end of the war. This company was assigned to the 12th regiment and attached to General A. P. Hill's division.

This company was composed of Fairfield boys. Only two of the number that went with the company are still living; viz: D. L. Glenn and William McDowell. Three of those who entered later are living, viz: Oscar Chappelle, James Timms and Frank Austin. This little band, under Capt. McMeekin, saw service in many of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. At the Seven Pines, when Hill and Longstreet, with two divisions, fought and held back for three hours seventy thousand Union troops, Capt. McMeekin was slightly wounded.

As a soldier and officer, Captain McMeekin never shirked a responsibility. He was firm with his men, yet gentle. They all loved him.

In the early eighties he was elected to represent this county in the lower house of the General Assembly. Here he served with distinction for one term, and then retired to his farm.

Again in 1890 he was called by his fellow citizens to serve them as county treasurer, which he filled for eight years.

In his public life he was fair, just and considerate toward all, thus winning the esteem and confidence of everyone. He was no politician, after the modern use of that term. He did

MRS. W. M. PATRICK 6/19/18

At three o'clock, Monday afternoon Mrs. W. M. Patrick well known in this and Chester County, passed away after a brief illness, and everything that medical aid, and kind friends could do, was done for her. Thus has fallen one of the most devoted wives, the kindest of mothers, the purest of christians, and the most exemplary

not seek popularity by making a demonstration of his ability; yet he was universally popular. This he won by just letting the splendid qualities of his character shine out through the actions of his life, thereby attracting his fellow men to the real and lasting worth of the man himself.

Capt. McMeekin was a brilliant man yet without any affectation. You had to know him to appreciate his intellectual culture.

He was a scholar and student and did his own thinking, for which he was thoroughly competent. He was as firm as a wall of stone, yet as gentle and kind as a woman—always considerate of the rights of others. "The soul of hospitality and the essence of generosity." Monticello is noted for its unstinted hospitality, this largely the result of the influence of Capt. McMeekin.

In 1856 Miss Sarah Gibson, daughter of Stephen Gibson, became the wife of Capt. McMeekin, and shared with him life's sorrows and joys for 55 years. To them were born eleven children, eight of whom are still living. The surviving ones are: Mrs. C. B. Rabb, Messrs, S. G., F. R., T. J. H. A. McMeekin of Monticello; Mrs. Jackson and Dr. W. P. McMeekin of Columbia and Mrs. Gist, of Carlisle.

Monticello has lost her first citizen. The little town seems like a ring with the jewel removed.

"He is not dead, but sleepeth."

J. P. Isenhower.

The entire community was shocked early this morning when it was learned that Mr. J. C. Willingham had died during the early hours of last night. Mr. Willingham was one of the most prominent citizens of Fairfield county and was ranked as one of the most successful farmers of this section of the state. His death occurred at his country home about two miles north of Winnsboro. 4/11/1926

Mrs. Sallie A. Smythe one of Fairfield's native daughters, died at Chester last Friday. Mrs. Smythe was a daughter of the late Thos. J. Lyles of the western part of the county. 4/5/1919

DEATH OF MR. FRANK CLARKE

8/27/1926

Mr. Frank M. Clarke died Saturday morning about nine o'clock after an illness of several months. A strange coincidence of his death was that almost to the hour ten years ago his son, Dessauseau died.

Mr. Clarke was born near Blairs, S. C., February 3, 1862. He moved to Winnsboro when a very young boy and made his home here the rest of his life. He entered the Mercantile business at an early age, and continued in it up to the time of his death. d. 27 Aug 1926

At the age of twenty four, October 14, 1886, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Mittie Sease, of Trenton, S. C. To this union, were born three boys and four girls. Only the daughters have survived. Mrs. Clark died five years ago. He was married the second time to Mrs. Eunice Connor Pressley, who is a native of Winnsboro.

Surviving Mr. Clarke, besides his widow are four children: Mrs. M. M. Stewart and Mrs. Ernest Stevenson of Winnsboro; Mrs. George Martin and Mrs. M. W. Turner, of

10/11/1926
Tracy Spires, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Spires, was drowned Friday afternoon while bathing in the pond of the Winnsboro mills village. Just how and when the lad came to his untimely end is not known as he was not missed by his companions until they got ready to leave the pond. They notified the authorities and an attempt was made to drain the pond but, this proving unsuccessful, dynamite was used to recover the body. He was an unusually bright and attractive little fellow and his parents have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were held at Harmony Baptist church near Gadsden and were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bell.

DEATH OF DAVID Y. TIMMS

1926

Funeral services for Mr. David Young Timms, who was born September 3rd., 1871, and died at his residence in the Hillcrest section of Fairfield county, August 7th., were held August 8th. at 3 o'clock at Fairfield Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. Oliver Johnson, of Winnsboro. Interment was in the same church's cemetery.

Besides his widow, who was before her marriage, Miss Sue McCants, of McConnellsville, S. C., he is survived by four sons: Thomas Walter, David Young, Jr., Daniel Devinney, and Joseph Edmund. The ages respectively are: 14, 11, 7 and 5 years.

Mr. David Y. Timms was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Timms, who were the parents of fourteen children, four of whom are still living, namely: Messrs. Tom, Sam, and George Timms and Mrs. W. D. Park.

The deceased was named for his oldest brother, David Y. Timms, who was killed in the Battle of Seven Pines in the struggle between the States. Mr. Timms was a highly respected and prosperous farmer, who left many relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Greenwood.

The funeral services were held at the residence Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. One of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral in Winnsboro was present. The services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Huggin of the Methodist church of which Mr. Clarke was a member. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery.

The pall-bearers were R. Y. Turner, R. C. Stevenson, B. F. Christmas, George Lauderdale, Jack Levell and A. M. Owens.

Out of town people attending the funeral were Mr. Robert Wade, of Cross Hill; Mrs. Marion Miller, of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and family of Columbia; Mrs. Day of Trenton; Mr. George Miller, of Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Riley, of Columbia; Dr. H. B. Stewart and family, of Fountain Inn.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Alethea Carl Turner who died July 31, 1928.
"I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead, she's just away.
With cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since she lingers there.

DEATH OF SAM M. BRICE.

Woodward, Feb. 5—Samuel McDonald Brice, esteemed citizen and prominent business men of Woodward, S.C., died at his home at that place on Thursday, February 3rd., after an illness of several months.

He was buried at Concord Presbyterian Church, Woodward, at eleven o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. A.N. Littlejohn, of Blackstock, assisted by Revs. W.S. Hamiter and G.G. Mayes of Pineville, N.C. and Winnsboro, S.C., respectively, conducting an impressive funeral service...The large attendance of relatives, friends and acquaintances, and the rich profusion of floral tributes of rare beauty, from several States, betokened the wide circle of acquaintance and great popularity of the deceased...

Samuel McDonald Brice, the fifth son of Major Thos. W. and Mrs. Nannie Boyce Brice, was born at Woodward, S.C., January 5, 1876. After finishing at the Blackstock Academy of Blackstock, S.C., he attended Clemson College during the term 1894-95, and was a student at Erskine College, Due West, from 1895-to 1897. In 1902 he married Miss Elizabeth Dougherty, of North, settled at his old home and took an active interest in the prosperous mercantile business established by his father at Woodward. Since the death of Maj. Brice in 1908, S. M. Brice has in partnership with his brother, T.W. Brice, has conducted this business with marked success.

Surviving him are: His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Dougherty Brice, two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Ida, two sons, Dr. J.M. Brice, of Baltimore, Mr. S.B. Brice, student at South Carolina University, one sister, Mrs. Nannie Brice Hardin, of Chester, and three brothers, T.W. Brice, of Woodward, J.W. Brice, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jas. B. Brice, of Sanford, Fla.

DEATH OF MRS. J.Y. WILKES

Mrs. James Y. Wilkes died at her home here on Tuesday afternoon following a stroke of apoplexy. Before her marriage she was Miss Annie Cureton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Cureton and was born in Fairfield County, January 11, 1877. She was the grand-daughter of Mrs. Catherine Anne Ladd, who was a prominent woman of the 60's, and a noted educator in the state. For a number of years Mrs. Ladd conducted an academy for young ladies in Winnsboro prior to the Civil War. 1927

The funeral services took place at Salem Church, and the interment in the Salem Church cemetery

"And you, oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of her faring on as dear
In the love of the there,
As the love of the here;
She is not dead—she's just away.
Think of her still the same, I say."
MR. AND MRS. W. W. TURNER.