

TOM DESPORTES KILLED
WHEN BANK CAVES ON HIM
6/5/1931

A gloom was cast over the whole town and every heart was saddened Wednesday when the news spread over the town that little Tom Desportes, second son of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Desportes, and one of the brightest and most popular little boys of Winnsboro, was dead. He and two little companions were fishing for minnows in a small stream back of the town, when the bank under which Tom was standing gave way and the falling earth and debris plunged him headfirst in the pool. He was so imbedded in the mud that strenuous efforts were necessary to recover his body. Although untiring efforts to resuscitate him were carried on for more than two hours it was all in vain.

Tom was one of those bright, happy boys, whose sunny smile and trusting manner made him a high favorite with all who knew him. He was 7 years old and is survived by his parents, two sisters, Sara and Mary, and two brothers, Olyse, Jr., (Bud) and Bobby.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the home and interment was in the Episcopal cemetery. Bishop R. G. Finlay of Columbia, Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Columbia, and Rev. W. P. Peyton of Rock Hill officiated. Mrs. Brantlett and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Miller of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnhardt of Concord, were among the out of town attendants of the funeral.

MRS. NELL COLEMAN DOWTIN
7/14/1931

We mourn the untimely death of Mrs. Nell Coleman Downtin who died at her home near Troy, S. C., on July 2nd, and was interred at Troy cemetery, Troy, S. C., July 3rd., Rev. J. H. Buzzhardt officiating.

Mrs. Downtin was a member of a very prominent family of Fairfield County where she lived and received her high school education. She was graduated from Winthrop College in June 1910, and afterwards successfully taught in Fairfield, Lee, Newberry and McCormick Counties. She was married to Mr. Kennedy Downtin of near Troy on February 10th., 1916. Mrs. Downtin was very active in civic and religious affairs, having been President of Farm Women's Council for McCormick County until her death, and also very active in Red Cross and community work within her county. Her domestic life was exemplary, beautiful and happy; and she was a very devoted, lovely and accomplished Christian wife with unusual ability and business judgment. As a teacher she trained many pupils who attained high honors in the educational line. Mrs. Downtin was a very devout member of the Presbyterian Church and was at all times very active in church affairs.

Besides her husband, Mr. Kennedy Downtin, of Troy, S. C., the deceased is survived by three sisters, Misses Carrie, Edith and Sarah Coleman, of Shelton, S. C.

DEATH OF MRS. L. S. HARRISON
3/13/1931

Mr. James M. Smith received news this (Thursday) morning that his sister, Mrs. L. S. Harrison, of Columbia, died at her home there at eight o'clock Thursday morning of pneumonia and complications. Funeral services will be held in Columbia some time Friday. Mr. Smith's many friends sympathize with him in his bereavement.

**UNIVERSITY OF
S. C. PRESIDENT
DIED SATURDAY**
1931

Columbia, Aug. 1.—Dr. D. M. Douglas, president of the University of South Carolina, died suddenly at his home here early today.

Taken ill shortly after midnight, he grew gradually worse, death coming before 5 o'clock. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

His widow and two daughters were at the bedside.

Surviving are his widow, who before marriage was Miss Lydia Welsh of Pittsburgh, and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Margaret.

Dr. Douglas became president of the University of South Carolina in 1927. Prior to that, he was president of Presbyterian College of South Carolina at Clinton for 16 years.

Davidson McDowell Douglas was born in Blackstock, S. C., June 20, 1869. He received his A. B. degree at Davidson College and took theological work at Louisville Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary.

He secured his master's degree at the University of South Carolina and took additional graduate work at Princeton and Johns Hopkins.

His Alma Mater, Davidson, conferred a doctor of divinity degree on him in 1912 and Southwestern Presbyterian University gave him an LL. D. in 1924.

He held pastorates in North Carolina and Maryland before becoming president of Presbyterian College.

He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and of the honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. In 1925 he was moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina.

Columbia, Aug. 1.—For the second time within five years Dean Leonard T. Baker, of the University of South Carolina, has become acting president of that institution upon the death of the university president.

When Dr. W. D. Melton, late president of the University died in 1926 Dean Baker became the acting administrative head of the school.

The death today of Dr. Davidson McDowell Douglas again puts the veteran educator at the head of the institution.

**DEATH OF MRS. S. G. HIGGINS
IN THE STOVER COMMUNITY**
1931

Mrs. Sarah Gladden Higgins, widow of the late James M. Higgins, died Thursday afternoon, March 5th., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. S. Bankhead, in the Stover neighborhood, following an illness of three weeks with influenza. Mrs. Higgins was eighty-one years of age.

Funeral services were held at Hebron Presbyterian church Friday by Rev. James Neil, of Great Falls, assisted by Rev. A. M. McLaughlin, of Pleasant Grove, and interment was in Hebron cemetery.

Mrs. Higgins was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gladden, and died within a mile or two of where she was born. She was an earnest and devoted member of Mount Zion Baptist church, and leaves a wide circle of friends to mourn her passing. Mrs. Higgins is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. D. Bankhead, Chester; Mrs. J. A. McCrorey, Columbia; Mr. J. E. Higgins, Mr. J. L. Higgins, and Mrs. B. S. Bankhead, Blackstock; Mr. T. W. Higgins, Georgetown; and Mrs. W. F. McIlwaine, Miami, Fla.

**MRS. ED FRIDY DIES VERY
SUDDENLY IN FLORIDA**
1931

Mrs. Ed Fridy, formerly of Fairfield county, but for the past two years residing in Clearwater, Florida, died there very suddenly Wednesday morning. The funeral services will be held at Bethel some time Friday.

Memorial to Mrs. E. G. Fridy
"In the midst of life we are in death" was never so fully realized as when the message was received here that the sweet and dearly beloved life of Mrs. Minnie Irby Fridy had come to its close. Not knowing of the slight indisposition that had kept her in bed for part of the time just a few days before the transit, made the shock all the greater.

Her death occurred on the 25th of March, early in the morning about five o'clock.

About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Fridy left this community to make their home in Florida where their children were located. They had settled permanently and happily in Clearwater, the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. A. Harmon. Their eldest son, Albert, lived at Brooksville, where the funeral service and interment took place. T. A. Fridy, the youngest son has made his home in Pulatka. Besides these she is survived by her husband and eight grandchildren, three brothers, W. W. and J. R. Irby, of Columbia, and A. P. Irby, of this community and one sister, Mrs. J. D. Lyles, also of this community.

Mrs. Fridy was greatly beloved here and everyone regrets that they did not have the opportunity to minister to her in her last hour of trial, but we do rejoice that the last few years could be spent with the children who idolized their mother and who could make those years more comfortable and pleasant by being near to them. In her letters back home she never failed to comment on the natural and cultivated beauty of Florida, and seemed to feel great joy and contentment in the fact that "the lines had fallen to them in pleasant places."

In the cemetery at Brooksville she sleeps beneath the rare old tree, wreathed and garlanded in grey moss, like a silent sentinel always at his post. She sleeps peacefully, we know, for a life so serene, so gentle, so peaceful could only end in peaceful sleep, to awake some day in the likeness of her Savior who said "My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." She expressed no fear of this hour before or when it came, and the priceless heritage of her unflinching faith and sincerity is a great comfort to her loved ones. 1931

**Resolution on the Death of Harry
H. Hinnant: 1931**

Whereas, God in his all-wise providence has seen fit to remove from our Chapter the life of Harry H. Hinnant, be it resolved:

First: That while our hearts are deeply grieved at his untimely going, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well."

Second: That the memory of Harry will ever live in the hearts of the Epworth Leaguers, and that his usefulness and willingness to work and cooperate in any way to make our League a success will be imitated by the other young members.

Third: That our League extend to his parents, his brother and sisters our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed in our record book, and a copy sent to the family and to our church paper.

Mary Fridy, Committee.

**SKETCH OF LIFE OF MR.
ALEX W. GLADDEN OF OKLA.**
1931

The following account of the death of Mr. Alex W. Gladden, brother of Mr. John W. Gladden, of Chester, at Idabel, Okla., recently, is from one of the Idabel newspapers:

In the passing of Mr. A. W. Gladden, Idabel loses one of its oldest, most esteemed and most honored citizens. He died on Monday, July 13, 1931, at three o'clock in the afternoon, after an illness of more than a week.

Mr. Gladden was a native of Chester county, South Carolina, having been born there May 7th, 1845. In 1863 he enlisted in the Confederate Army, in which he served with honor until the surrender of the Southern Armies. In 1901, he moved with his family to Hope, Arkansas, and one daughter, Della Gladden, died there in the same year. In 1906, the family moved to Idabel, where they have resided ever since. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Gladden, one brother, J. W. Gladden, who lives at Chester, South Carolina, and the following children: John T. Gladden, Central Point, Oregon; William A. Gladden, Idabel; Mrs. Will Moses, Hope, Arkansas; Mrs. W. J. Marsh, Haworth, Okla.; Mrs. Pete Williams, Mrs. J. E. Rowland, Mrs. G. O. Fenimore and Mrs. Charles Brown, all of Idabel.

Mr. Gladden has been for many years a member of the Southern Presbyterian church. He was an elder in the church at this place, and his funeral service was held there Tuesday at three o'clock in the afternoon. The service was conducted by Dr. E. Brantley, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Antlers, Okla., who was a boyhood friend of Mr. Gladden, and who was his pastor back in the Carolinas; the words of this venerable man of God sank into the hearts of all present. Dr. Brantley was assisted in the service by Rev. Bert Jones, pastor of the Idabel church.

The impressive burial services were in charge of the Masonic order, of which Mr. Gladden had been a member for fifty-seven years. The very large and beautiful floral offerings proclaimed the high esteem in which Mr. Gladden was held.

**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD
FOR MR. JAMES LEMMON**
1931

On Thursday afternoon, March 19, we attended, at his home, the funeral of one of Fairfield's oldest and among the best, citizens, Mr. James Lemmon, 88. The services were conducted by Dr. G. G. Mayes, of Winnsboro. The house would not begin to accommodate the friends. After the exercises Mr. W. H. Fleniken quietly advanced and placed on the casket of his comrade a Confederate flag. Services were concluded at the grave by Dr. Oliver Johnson of Winnsboro. Mr. Lemmon was among the first to enlist in the Confederate War. He was present at the firing on Fort Sumter and he surrendered with his command at Appomatox, serving four years, or the entire length of the war. He was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines, severely in the arm and his hat was punctured several times by bullets. Mr. Lemmon was born and raised in the house he died in, the house was built by his father and is in a fine state of preservation now. Mr. Lemmon was an elder in the Presbyterian church for fifty years and was held in highest esteem. He owned much land and was a successful planter and lived at home.

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