

DEATH OF A FORMER
FAIRFIELD WOMAN

9/25/1931

Mrs. Hattie McConnel Lever, 60, widow of the late E. J. Lever, Sr., died at her residence in the Blythewood section of Richland County Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, Sept. 8th. She had been a resident of this section for the past 35 years. Mrs. Lever was a daughter of the late Chas. B. Blair of the Dawkin section of Fairfield County. She was a member of Oak Grove Methodist church and was very active in her work. She will be sorely missed in her community.

Funeral services were held from the Oak Grove church at 11 o'clock Wednesday conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. H. Montgomery, assisted by two former pastors, Rev. Goodwin, of Wagner, S. C., and Rev. Banks, of College Place.

Mrs. Lever is survived by one son, E. J. Lever, Jr., and one daughter, (Sadie) now Mrs. J. C. Capps, both of Blythewood, also six step-children, Mrs. N. C. Blair, Mrs. J. O. Riley, Mrs. J. J. Ballentine and Mrs. E. A. Riley, all of Blythewood, Mrs. Emogene Bouknight, of Ballentine, S. C., and S. D. Lever, of Columbia. Mrs. Lever is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. R. Aiken, of Winnsboro, S. C., one grand child, Hazel Capps, and a number of step grand-children, nephews and nieces.

Active pallbearers were selected from her nephews, C. B. Broome, L. A. DeHihns, R. C. Andrews, C. A. Andrews, Frank Andrews and Hugh B. Aiken. Honorary were: H. J. Lever, W. T. Lever, J. A. Sherrill, J. D. Graddick, G. R. Beckham and J. S. Lever.

Her high esteem and love was shown by the beautiful floral tributes and the unusual large funeral attendance.

DEATH OF MISS MAE LOWE

11/30/1931

News was received here Wednesday of last week of the death at a hospital in Sanford, N. C., of Miss Mae Lowe, popular and efficient teacher of the Lebanon school of Fairfield county.

Miss Lowe had taught this school for the past six years and had endeared herself to all there as well as many in the town of Winnsboro. She was not able to return to her school duties after the Christmas holidays on account of illness.

Funeral services were held at Tatum Thursday. She is survived by one sister and several neices and nephews.

PATROLMAN KILLED
ON HIGHWAY MONDAY

11/31

Columbia, Oct. 12.—Ralph W. McCracken, 28, state highway patrolman, was killed today near Chester when his motorcycle struck an automobile.

Officials of the state highway department were informed a mail carrier's automobile was parked on the left side of the highway and, that as the patrolman came over the crest of the hill he did not have time to avoid hitting it.

The patrolman, whose home was in Branchville, was en route to Columbia to join a detail which will attend the celebration in Yorkstown, Va., this week.

Judge Shelton, mail carrier from Shelton, was driving the automobile that collided with McCracken's machine. The accident occurred in Fairfield county, eight miles from Carlisle.

DEATH OF MR. RODERICK
MACDONALD

1931

Columbia, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Roderick Macdonald, wife of Dr. Roderick Macdonald, prominent member of the medical staff of the State hospital, died at her home on the hospital campus at 6:10 Tuesday morning following an illness of some days with pneumonia.

Before marriage, Mrs. Macdonald was Miss Jean Cunningham, born in the province of New Brunswick, Canada. She lived for some years at Toronto, and then moved in 1918 to Charleston where she was married to Doctor Macdonald.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Roderick Macdonald, Jr., age four, and two sisters, Mrs. R. D. Bacot of Charleston, and Mrs. John McQuin of New Brunswick, Canada. The son is also ill with pneumonia but showed much improvement yesterday.

Previous to coming to Columbia in 1927 Doctor Macdonald practiced medicine in Winnsboro and Charleston and at Winnsboro he was county health officer. Mrs. Macdonald was a woman of many attractive personal characteristics and her pleasing personality made her numerous friends.

Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian church at 10:30 Wednesday morning with the Rev. J. W. Jackson, D. D., pastor, the Rev. John McEachern, assistant pastor, and the Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in charge. Interment was in Concord Presbyterian churchyard, in Fairfield county, the church of Doctor Macdonald's earlier years.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Dr. C. T. Bullock, Dr. E. W. Long, Dr. Coyt Ham, Dr. J. E. Boone, Dr. G. R. Westrope, Dr. C. J. Milling, Dr. H. A. McElroy, Dr. Roy G. Smarr, Dr. E. L. Horger, Dr. T. D. Dotterer, Dr. W. P. Beckham and Dr. G. B. Carrigan.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. T. A. Pitts, Dr. H. Grady Callison, Dr. O. B. Mayer, Dr. C. F. Williams, Dr. Samuel Lindsay, Dr. F. M. Durham, Dr. John H. Cathcart, Dr. J. E. Douglas, Sr., Dr. John Buchanan, Jr., Dr. C. S. McCants, E. M. Kennedy, K. R. McMaster, Ernest Gladden, Morris Lyles, P. M. Dees and A. M. Williams.

In the death of Mrs. Macdonald, Columbia loses a noble woman. Devoted to her home and her church, charming, intelligent, kind and gracious, she had made many friends here who will be grieved to learn of her death. She was active in women's work at the First Presbyterian church, and the members of her circle, and others who had the privilege of knowing her were devoted to her.

DEATH OF MR. F. A. NEIL

1931

Funeral services for F. A. Neil, 84, Confederate veteran and well known citizen of Fairfield county, who died Friday morning, Mar. 6, were conducted at Mt. Olivet Presbyterian church near Winnsboro Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His pastor, the Rev. G. G. Mayes, assisted by Rev. Oliver Johnson and the Rev. Mr. Franklin, officiated at the services.

Mr. Neil, who was born April 29, 1847, was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of his county. He was a prominent farmer of the Wateree section, his plantation having been owned by the Neils for three generations.

He was for 60 years an elder and choir leader of the Mt. Olivet church, and for many years a member of the Masonic temple of Winnsboro. and three grandchildren.

DEATH OF MR. WADE H. MACFIE

6/12/1931

Mr. Wade Hampton Macfie, 63, one of the most prominent citizens of Fairfield county, died at his residence here at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning following an illness of several months. A heart attack was the direct cause of his death.

Mr. Macfie was the son of Capt. James Pringle Macfie and Agnes Rice Macfie and had lived in Fairfield county during his entire life. His father commanded a cavalry company in the Hampton Legion and was a personal friend of General Wade Hampton for whom Wade Hampton Macfie was named.

As a lad of 10 years, Mr. Macfie rode with his father and General Hampton in the Red Shirts parade through the streets of Columbia in 1876. He was a splendid horseman as a boy and the manner in which he rode with the Red Shirts created no little attention throughout the state.

Mr. Macfie was prominently identified with church, civic and social activities of his county. He was considered a leader in his community and was for many years an elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Winnsboro.

He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Emelyn Rosborough of Fairfield County; one son and three daughters, Mrs. Dave Crawford, Mrs. Thomas W. Ruff, Jr., and Miss Beck Macfie of Winnsboro, Wade H. Macfie, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one sister, Mrs. Agnes Anderson, of Columbia; three brothers, Sheriff James Macfie and R. R. Macfie, of Winnsboro, and S. R. Macfie, of Brevard, N. C.

Mr. Macfie was related to the McMasters, Andersons and McGregors, prominent Columbia families.

Funeral services were held at the Winnsboro Associated Reformed Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. Oliver Johnson, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. G. G. Mayes. Interment was in the A. R. P. churchyard.

Pallbearers were: Active—S. R. McMaster, Ernest Crawford, A. E. Davis, J. S. Ketchin, T. K. McDonald, W. A. Robinson. Honorary—T. W. Brice, J. L. Brice, J. B. Doty, T. M. McMaster, K. R. McMaster, Ernest Gladden, Dr. Samuel Lindsay, C. F. Elliott, R. C. Gooding, J. E. McDonald, J. W. Cathcart, J. H. Cathcart, W. H. Flenniken, H. E. Ketchin, G. R. Lauderdale, J. E. Coan, W. P. Castles, C. A. Robinson, Sr., W. L. Holley, W. R. Elliott, Sr., W. M. Quattlebaum, George B. McMaster, T. M. Haynes.

MR. JOHN S. MCKEOWN

1931

Mr. John S. McKeown, the oldest citizen of the Woodward section died at his home here on Tuesday morning, May 26th. He had been in declining health for several months and the end was not unexpected.

He celebrated his eighty-second birthday in January, and although it was very incident day there were seventy of his descendants and other friends and relatives who attended this celebration.

He was laid to rest in the church yard of Bethlehem M. E. church by the side of his wife who preceded him to the grave some fourteen years. His pastor, Rev. Burk of Chester, assisted by Rev. Owings of Beaver Creek Baptist church, conducted his funeral which was attended by a very large crowd of relatives and friends who mourn his loss.

He is survived by one brother, Mr. Thos. McKeown and one sister, Mrs. Eliza Peay, both of Chester County and by two daughters, Mrs. John Swearingen and Mrs. C. R. Shirley.

DAVID C. MEANS

1931

David Coalter Means, 61, died in Savannah, Ga., the night of Thursday, July 16, from a heart attack sudden and without warning, sitting talking with friends apparently entirely well.

He was born in Fairfield county near Salem church, second son of Dr. David Coalter Means and his wife, Elizabeth Mobley Means, and was the grandnephew of Governor John Hugh Means.

He was buried at 6 p. m., last Monday, at Connelly Springs, N. C., where his mother was buried. He had been in the United States railway mail service for 33 years, and was retired the first day of December, 1930, receiving a most complimentary letter from the department. He had made his home in Savannah, and at times in Jacksonville, but spent much time in Columbia, where he had many friends. He attended the university here. He was of gracious manners and generous genial disposition with fine intelligence and character.

He had many relatives in Columbia, having been first cousin of the late David Harper Means and James Hagood Means, Beverley Means English, Harriet English Gillespie, and of Mrs. Dr. Theodore DuBose. Two of the sisters of his mother still survive, Mrs. Kate Mobley Southerland of Connelly Springs, and Mrs. Ellen Mobley Screven of Spartanburg. His brother, Robert Harper Means died in Asheville, N. C., five years ago, whose son, Butler Clifton Means, had just predeceased him but left a son now eight years old. Another son of Robert Means now lives in Lynch, Ky., Barton Bates Means.

The nearest relative, Miss Marion Mobley Means, a graduate of Winthrop college and an M. A. of the University of Texas, teaches in the West but makes her headquarters at Lynch with her nephew. She will be in Columbia for two weeks visiting relatives, Miss Alice Means, Mrs. Joseph L. Nettles and Mrs. Charles D. Arthur.

D. C. Means was an active Mason, life member of the Morocco temple of the Shrine in Jacksonville, the Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Damascus commandery, Knights Templars.

both of Fairfield County, and by four sons, E. F., J. P., and H. C. McKeown, of Fairfield County, and W. L. McKeown, of Great Falls and Chester county.

Mr. McKeown was raised in the Bethlehem section of Chester county and moved to the place where he died about forty years ago. He had a great memory and knew the history and traditions of the people of upper Fairfield and town of Chester better than almost any other man in the county. He took a great interest in the affairs of the State and had been president of the Woodward Lumber Club for number of years. He was for many years a member of Bethlehem M. E. Church and served as a Steward and Sunday School teacher. He was a staunch friend, a kind neighbor, a good citizen—doubtless he has answered the prayer, "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into joy."