

# MR. T. W. RUFF DIES SUNDAY

Services Were Held At  
Greenbrier Church Tues-  
day Afternoon.

Funeral services for Thomas Woodward Ruff, prominently connected planter of Winnsboro and Columbia, who passed away at his residence, 1328 Laurel street, at 11:45 Sunday night, were held Tuesday afternoon. 11/1935

Mr. Ruff was a direct descendant of Thomas Woodward of Virginia, who was a member of the Council of Safety in 1775, and the great great-grandson of Gen. John Pearson of Fairfield county, who entered the Revolutionary war as a private and rose to the rank of brigadier near the close of the war. Gen. Pearson's grave was recently marked by the Richard Winn chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Fairfield county.

Mr. Ruff's father, Thomas Wesley Ruff, was a brave Confederate soldier, who died on a battlefield in Virginia in 1864. Left without a father's care at such a tender age, undaunted by the impoverished condition of the South at the close of the war, as soon as he reached young manhood, by close attention to business he became one of the largest and most successful planters of Fairfield county. For 11 years he was at the head of the farming interests of the late James Benjamin Duke at Great Falls, in which undertaking he was very successful.

Early in life Mr. Ruff identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and was for many years a tireless worker and generous contributor to Greenbrier, Great Falls and Winnsboro churches.

He was an industrious and energetic worker during a long and unusually eventful life, discharging all of the duties which devolved upon him with marked fidelity and honesty of purpose, and in strict accordance with the right as he saw it. A true son of the people, he ever retained the plain and simple habits and sturdy patriotism of his youth.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Isobel Swygert Ruff, who in spite of failing health has scarcely left his bedside for many months. Every thing that loving hands could do has been done for him, and he has borne a long illness with great patience and fortitude.

The following children also survive: Mrs. Robert Sloan Mebane, of Bowling Rock, N. C., Thomas Woodward Ruff, Jr., of Winnsboro, and four grandchildren as follows: Mrs. Sabie Cathcart, William M. Estes, Jr., Randy Sloan Mebane and Thos. W. Ruff, 3rd.

The funeral services were held at the Greenbrier Methodist church at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday. The Rev. Oliver Johnson, D. D. of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, Winnsboro, was in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. L. A. Carter, of the Methodist church. Interment was in the churchyard.

The following acted as pallbearers:

Honorary, Spencer R. McMaster, J. W. Conder, H. W. Ligon, J. W. Wylie, R. A. Meares, Dr. John Buchanan, Sr., Dr. John Buchanan, Jr., Morris Lyles, K. R. McMaster, S. C. Castles, W. T. Freeman, Thomas Kincaid Ruff, John W. Cathcart, Ralph H. McDowell, Ernest Gladden, DuBose Ellison, T. C. Camak, U. G. Desportes, R. C. Mullican; active, Harry E. Roberts, Roy Robinson, Samuel Coleman, D. R. Coleman, Robert H. Jennings and William Doty.

## JOHN D. RAINES DIES AT HOSPITAL

Funeral Services Tuesday Morning  
From McCormick's Mortuary.

John D. Raines, 49, died at the State hospital at 12:25 Sunday afternoon after an illness of several months.

Mr. Raines was originally of Fairfield county but had made his home in Columbia for the past 20 years. He was connected with the penitentiary for several years and has been employed at the State hospital for the past 17 years. He made his home at 3402 Colonial drive and was a member of Colonial Heights Baptist church. He was also a member of Columbia lodge No. 192, Junior Order. He leaves many friends to mourn his passing.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Agatha Harper of Dillon; two daughters, Miss Hilda Irene Raines and Miss Dorothy Fay Raines; one son, John D. Raines, Jr.; three sisters, Miss Annie Raines of Ridgeway, Mrs. P. H. Rimer of Blythewood and Mrs. B. A. Watkins of Ridgeway; two brothers, Henry W. Raines, of Rock Hill and Burrell Raines of Rock Hill and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning from McCormick's mortuary by the Rev. F. D. Cox, pastor of the Colonial Heights Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. A. L. Willis, pastor of Eau Claire Baptist church and the Rev. J. O. Kempson, chaplain of the State hospital. Interment was in Aimwell cemetery at Ridgeway.

## C. L. RICHARDSON FUN- ERAL HELD SATURDAY

Fairfield World War Veteran Was In  
Postal Service Before Health  
Failed

Charles Louis Richardson, 38, of Winnsboro, died suddenly at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Richardson, at Simpson Friday, between 1 and 2 o'clock. He was for a number of years city mail carrier of Winnsboro, and was a World War veteran, having seen service in France.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bessie H. Richardson, and two children, Charles Louis Richardson Jr., and a daughter, Mary Wesley Richardson and by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Richardson.

Mr. Richardson had been in poor health for some time, spending part time as a patient at Veteran's hospital in Columbia.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the home of his parents at Simpson at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the family burial ground near by.

## FAIRFIELD MAN DIES AT RESIDENCE

Funeral Services for D. P. Stewart  
Were Held Monday Afternoon  
in Longtown

D. P. Stewart, 57, died at his residence in Longtown, Fairfield county at 10 o'clock yesterday morning after a short illness.

He had been a lifelong residence of the section where he died and was a member of Longtown Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his widow; three small children, William, Dorothy and Pamler; one sister, Mrs. Coraline Taylor, of Columbia; one brother, Robert Stewart, of Longtown

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Monday morning from Longtown Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the churchyard.

Pallbearers were: R. R. Kelly, G. E. Moore, Ray Moore, Willie Matheson, Herbert Stewart and R. L. Peay.

## Worth Mitchell Kills Mrs. Luke Sanders And Self On Re- turn Of Husband

6/20/35  
Worth Mitchell, 25, late Thursday evening, shot and killed Mrs. Nellie Sanders and then killed himself in what officers described as a murder and suicide. There were no eye witnesses to the double shooting, but a negro boy who heard the shots, investigated and reported to the county authorities.

Mrs. Sanders was the wife of Luke Sanders, former employee of the Winnsboro mills. Sanders is said to have returned to his home here after having been away for several months. During the husband's absence, officers were told, Mitchell had been living at the Sanders home. The fact that Mrs. Sanders refused to have anything to do with her roomer following her husband's return was given as the cause of the shooting.

The shooting occurred at the Sanders home early in the evening, when only Mitchell and Mrs. Sanders were in the house, officers said. Mitchell shot the woman through the heart and then shot himself in the left breast. He lived only a short time after firing the fatal shots.

A coroner's jury investigating the fatal shooting of Mrs. Nellie Sanders and W. W. Mitchell, returned a verdict Friday placing the responsibility for the double killing on Mitchell.

After brief deliberation the jury brought in the verdict that Mrs. Sanders "came to her death from pistol shot wounds at the hands of W. W. Mitchell and W. W. Mitchell came to his death from pistol shot wounds at his own hands, fired from the same pistol that killed Mrs. Sanders.

Spectators thronged the court room as witnesses told the coroner and jury the story of the shooting.

Luke Sanders, husband of the dead woman, Mrs. Millie Whitted, a boarder at the Sanders home and her 11-year-old daughter, Lessie, eye-witnesses, gave similar accounts of the slayings.

Sanders testified that Mitchell followed Mrs. Sanders into the back yard after a brief argument over a watch and several rings he had asked her to return to him and opened fire upon her. As she fell with a wound in her chest he turned the gun on himself, Sanders said, inflicting a body wound. He added the shooting occurred a few hours after he had returned home after an absence of several months.

Mrs. Whitted told practically the same story, but added that Mitchell was drinking when he came to the house.

Henry Legrand, mill employee, said Mitchell borrowed his 38 caliber pistol the night of the shooting with the explanation that he "was going on a trip" and would return it the next day and Policeman L. D. Wilson told of investigating the case.

He said Mitchell's clothing was ignited, apparently by the close range firing. When he arrived at the scene of the shooting, he said he found Mrs. Whitted and Sanders "taking care of" Mrs. Sanders. Mitchell was lying on the ground near by.

## MRS. LOIS TANNER

Mrs. Lois Tanner, wife of Harvey Tanner, died at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning, June 9, at her home here, after an illness of one week.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Maud Wright, Mrs. Henrietta Green of Union and Miss Marie Cooper of Union and an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rickard, of New Brookland.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Monday afternoon at New Brookland Baptist church by the Rev. F. A. Snyder, pastor, assisted by the Rev. M. C. Padgett, pastor of Stephen Green Memorial Baptist church. Interment will be in Lybrand cemetery.

## JAMES GORDON SMITH PASSES AWAY FRIDAY

James Gordon Smith, 26, of Winnsboro, former president of the local textile union, died at the Columbia Hospital last Friday afternoon at 4:15. 3/1935

He had been a patient at the hospital for two days. Mr. Smith had lived here for several years, having moved here from his parent's home in Langley, S. C., and had been employed by the Winnsboro Mills. He was active in the union organization and had recently resigned his position as president. He was also active in the civic life of his community and leaves a host of friends in Winnsboro who deeply regret his death.

Funeral services were held from the Langley Baptist Church Sunday. They were conducted by the Rev. Thomas Walker, of Augusta, Ga., former pastor of the Langley Baptist Church. Interment took place in the Langley cemetery.

The following served as active pallbearers: Messrs John Cameron, Dexter Dean, Coleman Dean, James Raines, Clyde Walters and A. C. Taylor. Honorary: Messrs C. F. McMullan, R. W. Tucker, Curtis Sharpe, Tony Stillwell, O. A. Eidson and Weir.

Besides his widow Mrs. Mildred W.

## MISS LILLIE ANNE STANTON PASSED AWAY MONDAY

Miss Lillie A. Stanton passed away Monday morning, January 28, at the home of her niece, Mrs. George Shedd, in Winnsboro.

Miss Stanton was a life-long resident of Fairfield County, having been born near Alston, September 5, 1854. She was a lovely Christian character, and all who knew her, loved her. She was a member of the Winnsboro Baptist Church.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles Harris from the home at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, and interment was in old Long Run Baptist cemetery, of which she was a member for years.

Miss Stanton is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

The pallbearers were: Messrs Calvin Young, Samuel Young, Raymond Young, Ravanel Shedd, Hugh Timms and Chalmers Timms.

## MRS. J. C. STEWART IS LAID TO REST HERE

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Nancy Weir Stewart Saturday at Sion Presbyterian cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. B. H. Franklin, assisted by the Rev. Charles Harris. Mrs. Stewart's nephews served as pallbearers.

The following children survive: Mrs. D. I. Smith, Columbia; M. H. Stewart, of Augusta, Ga., and Miss Irene Stewart of Longtown and Augusta. There are four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Stewart was the widow of the late James C. Stewart and has been a resident of the Longtown section of Fairfield county for the last 40 years. She was 74 years of age.

## MRS. SALLIE C. TIDWELL PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Sallie C. Tidwell, aged 70, died Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Watson, in the Winnsboro Mills village. 7/1935

Funeral services will be held at Stephen Green Memorial Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. M. C. Padgett, assisted by Rev. John M. Younginer. Burial will be at Papular Springs, Fairfield county, at 4 p. m. Watson, Winnsboro; Mrs. Sallie Baker, Crumpler, N. C. and 12 grandchildren.