

Mrs. J. H. McMaster Claimed By Death

12/31/1936

Beloved Woman Dies At Her Home Early Sunday Morning. Funeral Services At A. R. P. Church Monday.

Mrs. J. H. McMaster died at her home here at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Funeral services, conducted by her pastor, Dr. Oliver Johnson, were held from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church Monday morning.

Mrs. McMaster was born February 3, 1882, at Whitehall plantation, Fairfield county, the daughter of Pierre Cuttino Mellichamp and his wife, Mrs. Kate Mobley Mellichamp. November 29, 1900, she was married to John H. McMaster, who preceded her to the grave by twelve years.

She is survived by the following children: John H., James Riley, Mary Mellichamp McMaster, all of Winnsboro, and Mrs. T. Marshall Robinson of Rock Hill, and seven grand-daughters. One sister, Mrs. Kate Young of Florida, and one half-brother, Pierre Mellichamp of Columbia, also survive her.

All Winnsboro was saddened by the passing of this beautiful character. Simple piety, self sacrificing service to her family and friends and utter devotion to her children marked her life. She was a gentlewoman in word and truth. A concourse of relatives and friends attended the last rites, with interment in the family plot in the church cemetery. The numerous lovely floral tributes attested to her popularity.

The pall bearers were as follows: Active, W. M. Brice, W. C. Steen, Joe Scott, W. T. Smith, Rob Matthews, Frank Matthews. Honorary: Drs. J. C. Buchanan, J. C. Buchanan, Jr., J. E. Douglas, J. E. Douglas Jr., C. S. McCants, J. L. Bryson; Messrs. A. M. Owens, J. W. Cathcart, G. F. Patton, C. F. Elliott, W. D. Douglas, T. K. McDonald, Roy Robinson, R. H. McDowell, Ernest Gladden, U. G. DesPortes, J. Morris Lyles, J. S. Ketchin, W. R. Doty, A. E. Davis, B. B. Meng, Harris McDonald and Ernest Crawford.

A Tribute By A Friend

There was sadness in many hearts when the passing of Mrs. Marian Mellichamp McMaster was known on Sunday morning. To those who knew her best it is a real loss and grief that the places in which she was known will know her again no more. But it is comforting to feel that her influence for good will live on and be an inspiration to others.

No one had a gentler manner nor kinder heart than she. No harsh criticism of motives but the kindest words and deeds filled her life. Her home was one of charity and love. If she erred it was in being too unselfish, in putting self last always.

In her church she was always faithful and in her community she was anxious to do her worthy part. In her last illness she was fully resigned and in faith looked beyond to the Father's House, where mansions are prepared for his people.

On Christmas day, though suffering intensely, she bravely kept up to make the day bright for others. No mother was more devoted or more unselfish, nor gave her life more freely than she. Her love and sympathy for others marked her as a gentle Christian woman. "Her price is above rubies."

GUS M' MEEKIN DEPARTS LIFE

Hayne Augustus McMeekin departed this life, April 22, 1936. He was one of the leading citizens and one of the most prominent farmers of his county. Born in 1871 he spent his entire life at his paternal home in Monticello. He was the fifth son of Capt. Hayne McMeekin and Mrs. Sarah Gibson McMeekin. His family was the pioneer stock of central South Carolina and took a distinguished part in the history of the state. He was deeply interested in every progressive movement, participating actively in all war work campaigns and agricultural organizations.

His hand was always ready to lend assistance to the needy and distressed. In his support of church and school he was ever in the front rank.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nan Cheppell of Jenkinsville and by three sisters, Mrs. C. B. Rabb of Monticello, Mrs. Buford Jackson of Columbia and Mrs. W. H. Gist of Carlisle and a large number of nieces and nephews.

The beauty and truth of a life is always simple, confounding the wise. Who in all that vast throng that attended his funeral at Monticello Methodist church can unravel the skein of his existence, and explain why he was so esteemed and acclaimed the best loved man in the county of Fairfield.

There is a lesson and a sermon in every flower that blooms, in the foliage of every forest tree, in every over-hanging cumulus cloud, in every chord of melody that vibrates and every bark of life that comes in view of our own. In boyhood he made friends of those who opposed him on the baseball grounds. He was argumentative, characteristically so, but retained the good will of his disputants. He was assertive and brusque in the expression of his political opinions yet held the friendship of potential adversaries. He was not a cold negative quantity, but a warm positive quality of personality. He put principle before policy always, and the public good above private opportunity. He was chaste in thought, and pure in deed. His mind was open to reason, but forming a conclusion, he was a rock against vacillating changes. And how this dead citizen did love his country! The World War brought this to the surface of his nature, and in peace he was instinctively for the people, battling always for "equal rights to all and special privileges to none," the slogan of the great commoner, Wm. J. Bryan, his criterion of greatness in statesmanship and politics.

The worth of Gus could be better felt when you were with him than described in his absence. What was it? Who can define personality? Consider the lilies of the fields. Behold their glory, but attempt not to take them apart to explain their loveliness.

The little church along the road side was packed with many people. The seats were filled. Men and boys standing in the back of the nave, a large crowd on the outside and within the cemetery when Rev. T. F. Reid, the pastor and friend, assisted by Dr. Oliver Johnson with whom the deceased had often been associated in public duties and private ministrations, conducted the last rites over his earthly remains. The choir sang: "Shall We Gather at The River." Mr. Reid read the Scripture Lesson and the special choir from people of the Monticello community lost one of their best neighbors when Gus McMeekin died.

OLIVER JOHNSON.

VETERAN MT. ZION TEACHER DIES AT HOME

Miss Emily Obear Passes To Reward Monday After Years of Faithful Service.

Miss Emily Obear, long-time and beloved Mt. Zion teacher, died at her home in Winnsboro on Monday, March 16. She was 87 years old. 1936

She was born in Randolph, Vt., May 20, 1849, the daughter of Rev. Josiah Obear and Julia Saffery, his wife, and spent most of her long life in Winnsboro.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. W. P. Peyton, were held at St. Johns Episcopal church at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and interment took place in the Episcopal cemetery.

The pall bearers were as follows: Honorary, S. D. Dunn, W. D. Douglas, H. W. Hanahan, R. C. Thomas, Longstreet Gantt, Ernest Gladden, J. M. Lyles, G. F. Patton, J. C. Buchanan and C. S. McCant. Active: U. G. DesPortes, D. Walker, J. B. Walker, W. R. Blair, E. P. Blair and J. C. Buchanan, Jr.

Surviving Miss Obear are her sister, Miss Kate Obear, of Winnsboro and two nephews, J. J. Obear of Winnsboro and H. H. Obear, of Washington, D. C.

A Tribute

Her's was a radiant spirit. Gracious in manners, cultured in mind, deeply religious in spirit—with a faith that was sure, beautiful and enduring—she was indeed and in truth a gentlewoman. She was the type—all too rarely seen now—that reminds the garish present of the fineness and the spaciousness of a culture that is gone.

For forty-seven years she taught at Mt. Zion—nearly half a century. In love with life, varied in interests, sure in her knowledge of many subjects, she was a constant inspiration to the generations of pupils who came under her refining influence. Hundreds of men and women, many of them gray-haired now, retained through the passing years their love and respect for her.

Winnsboro and the State of South Carolina are the poorer for her passing. One more link with the past is broken; one more landmark is removed; one more steady influence is gone. "Consider that I labored not for myself alone but for all them that seek learning."

JASPER M. OWENS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Jasper M. Owens, aged 46, died Wednesday, February 5th, at 3:00 a. m., at the Buchanan hospital, following an acute heart attack.

Mr. Owens for 16 years had been the popular mail carrier out of Blairs on route number two.

Mr. Owens was twice married. His first wife was Miss Esther Blair, to which union were born the following children, Misses Jessie Mae and Sarah Owens, William, Jean, Donald, Robert and Jasper Owens. The second wife, who was Miss Mary Drew, survives, with two small children, Florence and John Owens.

Funeral services were conducted today (Thursday) at eleven o'clock by Rev. J. P. Isenhower.

With regret the Daughters heard of the death of Miss Annie Pooser at the Confederate home.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. PEARSON HELD SUNDAY P. M.

11-9-1936

Funeral services for Mrs. W. C. Pearson were conducted last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mt. Holly Methodist church near Rock Hill by her pastor, the Rev. John M. Younginer. Mrs. Pearson was a member of Gordon Memorial Methodist church. The Rev. L. D. Bolt, pastor of the Mt. Holly Methodist church assisted in the services.

Mrs. Pearson had been in declining health for several months, and had been a resident of Winnsboro for many years. A large number of friends and relatives attended the services Sunday. The floral tributes were many. All of these attested the high esteem and respect held for her by her numerous friends here and at Rock Hill.

She is survived by her husband; four sons, Julian S. Pearson, of Rock Hill and W. C. Pearson, Jr., Frank C. Pearson and G. D. Pearson, all of Winnsboro, and seven daughters, Mrs. Thelma C. Mitchell of Rock Hill, Mrs. Frances E. Quinn, of Gastonia, N. C. and Mrs. Wilma E. Simms, Mrs. Lucille Pearson, Miss Grace E. Pearson and Miss Doris D. Pearson, all of Winnsboro.

Interment was in the Mount Holly cemetery.

THOMAS J. PERRY IS TAKEN BY DEATH

4-23-1936

Thomas J. Perry, 74, of the Bethel community of Fairfield county, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home. He had been in ill health for over a year and had been in a critical condition for the past four months.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from Bethel church by the Rev. T. F. Reid, pastor. Interment was in the family plot in the churchyard.

Mr. Perry was a lifelong resident of the community and was a prominent farmer. He leaves a host of friends who will regret to learn of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Fannie Ruff; one son, Maxie Perry of Central; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Bell of Seneca; Mrs. Oliva Therrell of Columbia and Mrs. J. B. Burley of Winnsboro.

Six nephews, Huley Perry, Thomas Burley, Perry Therrell, Pope Brooks, Eber Mason and Dan Ruff served as pallbearers.

W. H. PLEASANTS, DIES WEDNESDAY IN RION

3-26-1936

William H. Pleasants, aged 80, died at his home at Rion Wednesday. Mr. Pleasants moved to this county in 1895 from Raleigh, N. C. and had lived at Rion and worked continuously at the Winnsboro Granite Quarry for the past forty years.

His wife, who was Miss Mary O'Daniel, of Raleigh, N. C., survives and the following children: Mrs. J. R. Whalen and Earl H. Pleasants, of Rion; C. M. and H. V. Pleasants, Elberton, Ga.; William E. Pleasants, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. C. A. Raines, Spartanburg; one sister, Mrs. G. M. Cone, and a brother, Cecil Pleasants, Hiawatha, N. C., and a brother, Alex Pleasants, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Funeral services will be held at Greenbriar Methodist church, of which he was a member, conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. A. Carter, on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The active pallbearers will be: S. D. Brooks, Ray Brooks, L. B. Lewis, E. J. Minor, John Rutland and W. R. Smith.