

## Death Comes To Rev. J. M. Holladay

Faithful Presbyterian Minister Passes At Home Of Daughter. Funeral Services Monday For One-Time Pastor Of Local Church.

At an early hour on last Sabbath morning, what is called death came to the subject of this sketch; for him it was but the last sleep. He lived and died in the Christian faith and pillowed his head on the sweet assurance of its truth, and power.

Dr. Holladay was born on the 12th of February, 1866 at Orange, Va. His parents were Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Holladay of Rapidan, Va. His literary education was obtained in the public schools of his community and at Hamden-Sidney college and his theological training at Union Theological Seminary then located at Hamden-Sidney, Va.

He was happily married to Miss Symm Ayres of Rocky Mount, Va. Of this union there came five children, two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Caldwell of Winnsboro and Mrs. R. S. Melette of Orangeburg, S. C.; Three sons, Davis of Arkansas, Page of Jefferson, S. C. and Robert of California.

Dr. Holladay held three pastorates in Virginia, one in North Carolina and three in South Carolina. For some years he was the pastor of Sion church in Winnsboro and for twenty years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marion, his last charge. It was in these pastorates that the writer of this sketch came to know him and formed the friendship that will know no end.

"Jim" Holladay, as his friends loved to call him, was a many sided man. He took great interest in all social and civic matters. There could be no issue raised but what he was found with an attitude toward it if not playing a part in it. He was active in the Masonic order and rose to leadership therein, both at Winnsboro and Marion. However it was as a church man, we knew him best. In the truest sense he was a Presbyterian and ever acted the part of a Presbyterian. In spirit he was no sectarian but broad and Catholic in his love for all of God's people. He delighted to work with all who were on the Lord's side.

The traits of his character were pronounced. A conservative in thought, safe in council and progressive in action.

He came to Winnsboro the latter part of 1906 and was installed pastor on the first Sabbath of December and history says "The most noticeable thing in the records of this time is the marked improvement in the finances." On the 16th of July 1907 a move looking to a new church building was launched. The present property of the church came into its possession soon thereafter. Growth and progress was manifest until the disastrous fire that destroyed the manse. The present manse was build largely under Dr. Holladay's direction.

In May 1915, the urge to go "back to old Virginia" got hold of him and the church reluctantly acquiesced in his request. His active, aggressive spirit made itself felt in his pastorate here which was but too short for all that was on his mind and in his heart.

Dr. Holladay belonged to the old orthodox school of theologians, not a "fundamentalist" but a conservative. In his thinking he went off at no tangents and emphasized no truth at the expense of other truths equally as important. His thinking and conclusions were balanced. In society he stood firm for the old ways. He was no victim of fads or fancies. It was not his wont to seek something new. In that which was proven true, he was content to remain.

A useful life has been lived, a man's work has been done, a servant of God and humanity has entered into his well earned rest. "How blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

## MRS. LULA JOHNSON DIES AT WINNSBORO

Mrs. Lula Johnson, 63, died at her home in Winnsboro early Friday afternoon after an illness of one week.

She was a member of the Gordon Memorial Methodist church and was active in its affairs. She was originally of Clinton but moved to Winnsboro eight years ago.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Nina McElhannan Orangeburg; Mrs. Sarah Arant and Mrs. Pearl Privit of Winnsboro; five sons, Elwood Johnson Edgfield, Earl, W. S., Hugh, and Allie D. Johnson, all of Winnsboro.

Funeral services were conducted from the St. John's Methodist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Ernest Dugan former pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Chambers.

## WALTER LIGON DIES AT HOME

Funeral Services Held Last Sunday For Life-Long Resident of Greenbrier Community.

William Walter Ligon, 57, died suddenly at his home in the Greenbrier community of Fairfield county at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Mr. Ligon was a native of the community and spent his life in the home in which he was born. He was the son of the late Thomas P. and Isabelle Curlee Ligon. He was a well known farmer and merchant of the community and was an officer of Greenbrier Methodist church.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Ruby Platt of Orangeburg; seven daughters, Abbie, Betty, Doris, Margaret, Alice and Mary Ligon and Mrs. Marion Castles; one brother, H. W. Ligon of the Greenbrier community; one sister, Mrs. Bertha Powell of Atlanta, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Sunday morning from Greenbrier Methodist church by the Rev. L. A. Carter, pastor, and the Rev. T. F. Reid of Columbia. Interment was in the churchyard.

Active pall bearers were: Huley Perry, Lester Robinson, Henry D. Robinson, Maurice Brown, George Mims, and Palmer Powell. Honorary pall bearers were: Messrs. Platt, Lever, Sam Castles, J. W. Cathcart, Campbell Madden, U. G. DesPortes, W. M. Quattlebaum, T. C. Camak, Hugh Mann, Earl Pleasants, Mack Blair, Leitner Blair, B. E. Lyles, Herbert Castles, John Brown, J. D. Lyles, J. E. Coan, J. B. Doty, J. M. Lyles, E. P. Blair, W. G. Ragsdale, W. H. Hanahan, Drs. J. D. McMeekin, J. C. Buchanan and A. C. Estes.

## W. F. Pearson Dies In Columbia Monday

William F. Pearson, 83, of Fairfield county, passed away at the Columbia hospital Monday night after a short illness. He was a life long resident of Fairfield. At one time he lived in Texas for a while. He was the son of William F. Pearson and Mrs. Sarah N. Pearson, of the Monticello section. He was pre-deceased by three brothers, Dr. Joel Pearson and Philip Pearson, Esq., of Texas, and Benjamin Pearson, of Little Rock, Ark. Mr. Pearson is the last member of his branch of the family, and is survived by one nephew, Richard O'Neal Pearson, of Colorado, Texas, and a niece, Mrs. Belle Colvin, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Funeral services were held at the old Pearson family cemetery near Monticello Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Pearson was a member of the Monticello Methodist church.

## J. E. Matthews Funeral Yesterday

Former Columbia Banker Dies At His Home In Winnsboro.

John E. Matthews, 67, died at his home in Winnsboro at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning following a long illness. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Matthews of Winnsboro and was born here and spent his boyhood and early manhood here. For a number of years he lived in Columbia, where he held a position with the National Loan and Exchange bank, returning to Winnsboro several years ago to make his home.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Tommie Matthews of Winnsboro; five daughters, Miss Laura Palmer Matthews, Jacksonville, Fla.; Miss Margaret Matthews, Columbia; Misses Martha, Charlie and Mary Matthews, Winnsboro; a sister, Miss Ray R. Matthews, Winnsboro; two brothers, Palmer A. Matthews, Winnsboro, and Henry E. Matthews, Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the Presbyterian cemetery, Winnsboro, conducted by the Rev. George G. Mayes, pastor of Sion Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Oliver Johnson of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Active pall bearers were: English Lyles, Ernest Gladden, H. E. Caldwell, T. K. McDonald, T. H. Ketchin and W. R. Elliot.

Honorary pall bearers: W. D. Douglas, John W. Cathcart, Dr. Lindsay, S. D. Dunn, J. M. Smith, M. W. Doty, J. S. Ketchin, A. M. Owens, Campbell Madden, Dr. J. A. Heustess, J. M. Lyles, W. B. Porter, W. W. Dixon, T. M. Madden, and Mr. Fraley.

## George Meyer Dies In Charlotte

Prominent Business Man & Father Of Joe Meyer Passes Suddenly. Funeral Services Thursday.

Funeral services for George M. Meyer, 62, prominent Charlotte businessman and Catholic layman, who died suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday morning, will be conducted Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church. Father Maurice McDonnell will officiate, and burial will be in Belmont Abbey cemetery.

Mr. Meyer was stricken shortly before 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was found unconscious on the downstairs floor of his home. Medical aid was called but death had occurred before the arrival of physicians.

Attended Belmont Abbey.

Born in Mahoney City, Pa., Mr. Meyer had spent almost his entire life in this city. Following graduation from Belmont Abbey college, he was for several years connected with the local clothing store of Ed Mellon company. Some 30 years ago he became associated with the Grinnell company and for the last 10 years had been purchasing agent for the Charlotte plant of the corporation. Two of Mr. Meyer's brothers, Father Frances Meyer, O. S. B., and Father Anthony Meyer, have served as pastors of St. Peter's church.

Surviving in addition to the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Meyer, are two sons, Joseph J. Meyer and George M. Meyer, Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Franklin and Mrs. Hugh W. White, all of Charlotte. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Regina O'Neill and Miss Kate Meyer of Charlotte and Mother Superior Mary Northburga of Glenn Riddle, Pa.

## MRS. POWELL

Mrs. Powell kept house until about two years ago and since that time had been living with her children. She had been with her daughter in Winston-Salem about two weeks.

Surviving are five sons, J. Davis Powell, W. C. Powell, St. J. Bratton Powell, Ernest M. Powell, all of Columbia, and H. Walker Powell of Winston-Salem; five daughters, Mrs. S. W. Puckett, Mrs. Howard Stillwell, Mrs. C. C. Sutherland, all of Columbia, Mrs. M. M. Freeman of Clinton and Mrs. H. L. McIntosh of Winston-Salem; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers will be six grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be: Claude P. Davis, Frank G. Davis, J. P. Taylor, Dr. George Bunch, Dr. M. W. Cheatham, Thomas B. Pearce, R. R. Bruner, A. Coke Summers, Charles L. Terry, Thomas F. Stevenson, Leland DeLoach, W. O. Farnum, J. W. Conder, Sr., Dr. F. Porter Coughman and H. W. Kingman, Sr. Honorary pallbearers will meet at the church at 4 o'clock.

## CHARLES B. THOMAS

Abbeville, April 17.—Charles Bartlett Thomas died Friday evening at a hospital in Columbia after a long illness. Funeral services will be held Monday morning, April 19, at 11 o'clock from his home in Warrenton, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Manley. Burial will be in the family burying ground near by.

Mr. Thomas was born July 11, 1867, the son of Dr. J. W. Thomas and Mary Maria Cheatham. He had lived all his life in the Warrenton section.

His wife, Mrs. Emma Alice Penney Thomas, died five years ago. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Eva T. Bradshaw, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Miss Anne Thomas, Media, Pa.; Mrs. Alfred Boya, South Orange, N. J.; H. M. Thomas, Asheville; Chris Thomas, Media, Pa.; D. W. Thomas, Asheville; J. C. Thomas, Charlotte; Charles B. Thomas, Abbeville; Jean Thomas, Asheville. Sisters surviving are: Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Warrenton; Mrs. K. T. Green, Philadelphia, and Mrs. J. T. Dudley, Athens.

## Mrs. M. A. Wylie Passes Away

Mrs. Maggie A. Wylie, 84, died at her home here Friday morning. She had been in poor health for some months but death came suddenly. She lived all of her life in this community where she had won the esteem of all who knew her.

She is the last member of the Robert M. Smith family of this county. She was a member of Sion Presbyterian church, Winnsboro, from which funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment was in the old Wateree church cemetery, this county, in the family plot.

She is survived by two nephews Earle Smith and Otis Smith of Washington, D. C.

The active pall bearers were nephews, D. C., H. G., W. H., and J. E. Wylie; John and Robert Hood.

## Marker Erected To Unknown Man

In the Town Cemetery is seen a new marker, and one that catches the eye readily—it reads: "To an Unknown Young Man. Died April 3, 1937—Buried April 19, 1937. UNTIL THE DAY BREAK!"

This marks the grave of the young man stranger who fell from a trestle at Alston on April 3rd of this year. The funeral given him in Winnsboro was commented on, inasmuch as one of our ministers—Dr. Oliver Johnson, opened his church for the occasion and the young stranger was given as solemn and proper burial rites as these received by the best well known in our midst. A stone above described. It was a voluntary offering. He spent days of labor on the stone, and it stands in the Winnsboro cemetery, a monument of kindness, and of the true spirit of generosity and charity.