

# Death Comes To J. W. Cathcart

Prominent Winnsboro Banker, Civic and Religious Leader, Dies At His Home Tuesday Morning.

John W. Cathcart, president of the Merchants and Planters bank of Winnsboro, died at his home here Tuesday morning at 12:15 of a heart attack, after a very brief illness. He had suffered his first attack more than three years ago, but recovered from it sufficiently to carry on his duties in his usual manner.

Funeral services, conducted by Dr. Oliver Johnson, were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and interment was in the church cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nan Shell Cathcart; two daughters, Miss Ella Cathcart, who was associated with her father in the bank, and Miss Carrie Cathcart, who holds a position with the Dora Gray interior decorating company of Columbia.

Mr. Cathcart was born in County Antrim, Ireland, November 3, 1870. He attended Bush Mills village school for ten years, coming to America in 1890, when he was 19 years old. Winnsboro has been his home ever since. For ten years he was connected with J. F. McMaster and company, and in 1900 he became secretary-treasurer of the Fairfield Cotton mills, serving in this capacity until 1910.

The following year he helped to organize the Merchants and Planters bank, became its first cashier, continuing in this position until the death of John F. Davis in 1929, when he succeeded to the presidency. From that date until the day of his death Mr. Cathcart served as both cashier and president, filling both posts with conspicuous success. The fact that the bank has paid dividends continuously since 1913, speaks volumes for his ability.

Active pallbearers were Henry Johnson, Bob Brice, Tom Ketchin, Bill Elliott, Roy Robinson, Creighton McMaster, Bob Jennings and Bill Doty. Honorary: R. H. McDonald, C. E. McDonald, J. S. Ketchin, C. F. Elliott, G. R. Lauderdale, Merritt Quattlebaum, T. K. McDonald, Riley McMaster, S. D. Cathcart, Oliver Johnson, Jr., Andrew Timms, Brady McKay, M. C. Cathcart, M. W. Doty, C. A. Robinson, E. M. Crawford, J. D. Rutledge, Jack DesPortes, E. P. Blair, G. F. Patton, S. D. Dunn, C. W. Madden, Rhett Sanders, Mark H. Doty, A. E. Jury, Dr. J. L. Bryson, A. E. Davis, H. E. Ketchin, J. M. Lyles, Dr. Samuel Lindsay, Dr. C. S. McCants, S. R. McMaster, A. M. Owens, Alec Robinson.

## Mrs. Crumpton, 45, Ridgeway, Passes

Mrs. Myrtle L. Crumpton, 45, of Ridgeway, died at her home there early Saturday morning after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 Sunday afternoon from the residence. Burial was in Aimwell cemetery. Officiating were the Rev. Q. E. Gunter, pastor of the Ridgeway Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Leslie W. Edwards, pastor of the Ridgeway Baptist church, and the Rev. B. H. Franklin, pastor of Ridgeway Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Crumpton is survived by her husband, a son, William Crumpton; a sister, Mrs. J. C. Harley of Ridgeway; and by two brothers, J. Bonner Baxter and Rosser W. Baxter, both of Columbia.

Pallbearers were H. V. Hinnant, D. W. Ruff, T. J. Castine, Jean B. Boyd, Dr. J. F. Dobson, Prioleau Scott, A. B. Heins, W. G. Whitlock and J. S. Edmunds.

## Harold C. Brooks Of Rion Dies

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday for Harold C. Brooks, 48, of Rion at Crooked Run Baptist church, lower Fairfield county, by his pastor, the Rev. A. B. Kennedy of Tabernacle Baptist church, Columbia. Mr. Brooks was a World war veteran and had been in declining health for several months. He was at the Veterans' hospital some time but died at the Baptist hospital early Saturday.

He is survived by his widow, the former Ethel Beckham; three children, Adelaide, Clyde and Ray Brooks of Rion; four brothers, Edgar Brooks, Winnsboro; Ray Brooks, Rion; Dr. C. T. Brooks and Ernest Brooks, Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Goldsmith and Mrs. Adelaide Bray, both of Rion.

Mr. Brooks was the senior member of the Pigeon Granite Company of Winnsboro.

The active pallbearers were nephews: Aubrey Brooks, Jack Brooks, Miller Brooks, Joe Brooks, Bud Brooks and Brooks Goldsmith. Honorary: Herbert Castles, Rufus Castles, Joe Turckett, Paul Turckett, Floyd Mann, Ernest Blair, D. R. Dove, Dr. Samuel Lindsay, Dr. J. C. Buchanan, A. M. Blair, L. B. Lewis, H. B. Longshore, W. M. Estes, R. B. Roberts and J. H. Aiken.

## A Tribute To A One-Time Native Of Old Winnsboro

Mrs. Maria Porcher Brooks, Who Died April 14, Lived Useful, Interesting Life In Sewanee, Tenn.

Charles Edward Thomas, formerly of Ridgeway, now executive secretary of Sigma Nu fraternity with headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., sends to The News and Herald an account of the recent death of Mrs. Maria Porcher Gaillard Brooks. The tribute is taken from the Sewanee Purple, University of the South publication.

Mrs. Brooks, who was born in Winnsboro, was the daughter of Franklin Gaillard, one-time editor of The News and Herald. She was the girl Mr. Palmer Davis, father of Mrs. W. H. Ruff, crowned queen in the famous tournament held in Winnsboro in 1868. (An account of this tournament, taken from an old scrapbook, will be published in a subsequent issue of The Herald).

Mrs. Brooks' husband was the only son of Preston S. Brooks, the man who caned Sumner in the Senate. (Incidentally, the widow of Preston Brooks, Sr. once lived in Winnsboro, in the basement of the house now owned by Miss Mattie Sitgreaves).

## Mrs. Crumpton Dies at Sumter

Mrs. Eva B. Crumpton, widow of the late S. R. Crumpton, died Sunday morning after an illness of about five weeks.

Mrs. Crumpton, who before her marriage was Miss Eva Bowen, was born in Kershaw county. After her marriage she lived in Ridgeway until 1924 when she moved to Sumter and made her home with her son, Archie A. Crumpton.

She is survived by the following children: Archie A. Crumpton and Miss Margaret Crumpton of Sumter, the Rev. Sidney R. Crumpton, assistant pastor of Duke Memorial chapel, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Eugene McCollum of Florence and S. C. Crumpton of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. Eunice Brown of Nichols and Mrs. L. O. Horger of Eutawville; one brother, E. H. Bower of Fort Deposit, Ala.; one granddaughter, Lucy Eva Crumpton.

Since coming to Sumter, Mrs. Crumpton has been a devoted member of Trinity M. E. church.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. W. D. Gleaton at the Shelly Brunson Funeral home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment was at the Ridgeway cemetery, Ridgeway.

## Winnsboro Men Lose Mother

Mrs. Kittie Bush Hogan Brown passed away at her home near Blythewood Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a 3 months' illness.

Mrs. Brown was born June 12, 1874, near Blythewood and was the daughter of the late Virginia Hogan Boyle and John Alexander Hogan, both of old pioneer families.

She was educated at schools at Blythewood and St. Joseph's academy, Sumter. October 24, 1895, she was married to the late Joseph Nathaniel Brown of Blythewood, where they lived for several years, later moving to Sumter where they resided for 20 years. For the past 15 years the family has lived at Sunny Side near Blythewood. Mrs. Brown is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hogan Jeffers of Blythewood and the following children: Boyd, J. Nat and Jack C. Brown of Winnsboro, Virginia B. Haymaker, William R., Joe Belton and Betty Brown of Blythewood, Mrs. G. Bannerman, Evanston, Ill., and three grandchildren, Ruth Brown McCleary of Columbia, Audrey E. McCleary of Evanston, and Walter B. Brown of Winnsboro.

Mrs. Brown was one of the beloved members of the community and her passing will be mourned by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at Sandy Level Baptist church, Blythewood, at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Leslie Edwards assisted by the Rev. Q. E. Gunter of Ridgeway and the Rev. A. L. Willis of Columbia and Rev. Arthur L. Martin of Winnsboro.

Active pallbearers were Jake Brown, T. Pressley Hogan, C. W. Brown, Edwin Boyle, Rowland Boyle, and Hiram Allen.

## Mrs. Daisy Branham Dies On Tuesday

Mrs. Daisy Branham, 38, died at her home Tuesday morning, after a six months' illness. She was born and reared in the Centerville section of Fairfield.

Mrs. Branham is survived by her husband, Norman Branham, one daughter, Margaret Lucile and three sons, Norman, Jr., Raymond Ralph and James Mack. Surviving also are five brothers, Herbert Branham, Tillman Branham, Ezell Branham, Tally Branham, all of Centerville and Reuben Branham, Blaney.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, at four o'clock at Smyrna church, in Kershaw county, by the Rev. G. G. Mayes, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Roy Smart, Jennings Wofford, William Herbert, Jack Robinson, Grady Robinson and C. J. Jordan.

Honorary pallbearers were: E. K. Rabb, T. W. Lewis, A. E. Davis, A. C. Parrish, Edward Gunter, J. M. Lyles, Pryor Douglas, J. Douglas.

## MRS. A. J. BONEY, OF RIDGEWAY, DIES

(Crowded Out Last Week)

Mrs. A. J. Boney, 61, widow of the late R. A. Boney, died Monday, December 16th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Boulware, after a short illness of pneumonia.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Luther Boulware, of Ridgeway; nine grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Walter Frye, Chester; Mrs. Mattie Boulware, Danville, Va.; Mrs. Will Marthers, Ridgeway; two brothers, Mrs. R. B. Hernandez, Lando, S. C., and J. S. Tidwell, Buffalo, S. C.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at Longtown at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by R. H. B. Franklin and Rev. Leslie Edwards of Ridgeway.

## MRS. HANAHAN LOSES BROTHER

(The Yorkville Enquirer) March 25th

John Bernard Bratton, retired farmer, born September 10, 1857, died at his home on South Congress street, Yorkville, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, following a general decline in health for several years past, due to advancing age, but the immediate result of a stroke sustained on Saturday.

The funeral services will be held at Bethesda Presbyterian church, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, with his pastor, Rev. W. G. Somerville in charge, and burial will be in the Bethesda cemetery, where members of the Bratton family for several past generations are interred. York Funeral Home Morticians.

Mr. Bratton, known to his many friends as "Jack," a son of the late Dr. J. Rufus Bratton and Mrs. Rebecca Massey Bratton, was born in Yorkville, and spent his whole life in York county, except for a few years in Canada in the seventies. He was a farmer and a most congenial gentleman, always courteous, kindly, sympathetic, always ready to extend aid to those who needed aid, and his home was always known for its generous hospitality. He retired from his farm a couple of years ago and had since resided in Yorkville, with his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper.

Mr. Bratton is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Love Bratton, a son and two daughters, Robert B. Bratton of Boston, Mass., Mrs. C. Robinson of Columbia, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper of Yorkville. Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. R. Andral Bratton of Yorkville, and Dr. Thomas Sumter Bratton, retired, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. R. B. Hanahan of Winnsboro, and several grandchildren.

## Burns Fatal To J. H. Brown, Jr.

Son of Former Winnsboro Methodist Minister Dies In Spartanburg. Rites Held Friday.

James H. Brown, Jr., 28, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, died Wednesday night in a Spartanburg hospital of burns received earlier in the day at a rookery house there. Brown had recently gone to Spartanburg from Chester county.

His father was pastor of the Winnsboro Methodist church for two years and was transferred to Chester county a few weeks ago.

## A TRIBUTE TO E. U. BRICE

(By Fitz, Jr., and Paul Dove)

In the sad passing of our good friend E. U. ("Yank") Brice, we have felt a loss which never can be filled. He was one of the closest friends we ever had and I am sure few feel his death more keenly than we do.

"Yank" as he was familiarly called by his many friends, was honest, industrious, courageous and ambitious. His considerateness for others was a marked trait. He was never too busy or too concerned in his work that he would not stop to help his friends with problems.

Loyalty was his watchword, true to himself, he was always true to his friends which were many. Punctual at all times, he could always be trusted to keep an engagement or fulfill a promise.

As a man, he was rugged, forceful, genuine throughout, a man of courage, a man of tenderness, a man who by virtue of his plain, rugged elements of character had endeared himself unto the hearts and good will of those who were privileged to know him as we did. "The heights by great men scaled and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight, But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward through the night."

## Mrs. Sallie Bolick Dies In Columbia

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Permelliah Bolick, 87, who died Monday at the home of her son, R. C. Bolick, 413 Maple street, Columbia, were conducted Tuesday afternoon from Arsenal Hill Presbyterian church by the Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Bolick moved to Columbia in 1909 from Ridgeway. She was a native of Newberry, a daughter of Dr. Thomas Y. Boozer and Mrs. Charlotte Wilson Boozer. Mrs. Bolick was twice married, her first husband being the late Simeon E. Boozer and her second husband the late William D. Bolick.

Mrs. Bolick was the oldest member of Arsenal Hill Presbyterian church, a member of the Columbia Rebeccah lodge No. 6, the Wade Hampton chapter of the U. D. C. and the Magdalene circle of King's Daughters.

A former member of the Aimwell Presbyterian church in Ridgeway, Mrs. Bolick was attending the 150th anniversary of the church Sunday when she became ill.

She is survived by two sons, D. E. Boozer, Houston, Texas, and R. C. Bolick, Columbia; three grandchildren, Mrs. Wilbur S. Smith, Columbia; Robert C. Bolick, Norfolk, Va., and Eugene B. Bolick, Columbia.

## E. U. Brice Dies At Home Of His Brother

Winnsboro Man Passes Unexpectedly Wednesday Morning. Funeral Services Thursday At Hickory Ridge.

E. U. ("Yank") Brice, 43, died suddenly Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, at the home of his brother, T. D. Brice, three miles north of Winnsboro.

He was seriously ill in the early morning and a doctor was summoned, but when he reached the home, Mr. Brice had expired.

"Yank" Brice, the son of the late J. W. and Ella Brice, was born in the Hickory Ridge community, October 27, 1897. He moved to Winnsboro, and for a time worked for the old firm of Ketchin Mercantile company. Later he went in business for himself — a business which continued up to the time of his death.

In 1918 he volunteered for service in the World War, became a member of the famed Rainbow division, saw active service in France, and after the war remained for eight months with the army of occupation in Germany.

He was a charter member of the local chapter of the American Legion (Post No. 16), and for the past ten years has served as finance officer.

Mr. Brice is survived by five brothers and one sister: Albert J. Brice, E. F. Brice, H. D. Brice, Thomas D. Brice, all of Winnsboro; R. M. Brice of Florence and Mrs. C. C. Moore, or Winston-Salem.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. H. Floyd Surles, Rev. J. P. Isenhower and Rev. A. M. Martin, will be held Thursday afternoon (today) at 4 o'clock at the Fairfield Baptist church, Hickory Ridge. Interment will be in the family plot.

Active pallbearers will be A. M. Owens, Charles Dixon, E. P. Blair, Rabb and

## Mrs. Lucy Rio Dies In Florida

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Lucy Rio in Mulberry, Florida, February 10, 1940. Mrs. Clark was the last surviving member of the immediate family of Colonel James H. Rion and Mary Catherine Weir. Surviving Mrs. Clark are her husband Robert K. Clark, Mulberry, Florida, and several grandsons.