

Blackstock Youth Killed in Mishap

1948
William Osborne Dawkins, 18, timber and sawmill worker, was fatally injured the evening of March 30 while hauling logs to the R. A. Keziah and Sons sawmill in the Halsellville section of Chester county, Coroner Lewis H. Miller of Chester said.

Dawkins had a load of logs on a truck and was going up a hill, when the motor stalled and the truck rolled back downhill. Hitting a tree and pushing a log forward it rammed against Dawkins, fatally injuring him. He was rushed to Pryor hospital at Chester, but was dead upon arrival.

R. A. Keziah was in the truck with Dawkins, but was not hurt. Coroner Miller made an examination of the accident and said that he did not think an inquest was necessary.

Young Dawkins received his education in the Blackstock schools.

His survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Dawkins, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Keziah, all of Blackstock.

J. B. Dickerson Dies at Age of 79

12/1948
John Buyan Dickerson, 79, lifelong resident of Shelton, Fairfield county, passed away December 4, while on a visit to his granddaughter, Mrs. Walker Tucker, in Union. He had been in declining health for about a year. He was the son of the late John E. and Sallie Bedenbaugh Dickerson of Shelton. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florrie Sims Dickerson of Shelton, one son, Roy Dickerson of Sumter, and one granddaughter, Mrs. Walker Tucker of Union; three great grandchildren, and the following sisters, Mrs. Ella Cole, Hodges; Mrs. Lee Dickerson, Winnsboro; one brother, Charles Dickerson of Shelton.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at Cool Branch Baptist church of which he had been a member since early manhood, by the past, Rev. Bingham, assisted by Rev. Therrell of Union.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Samuel D Banks Dies At Home in Rion Sunday

1948
Samuel Douglas Banks, 54, died Sunday at his home in Rion after a sudden heart attack.

He was born and reared in Chester, the son of the late S. D. and Minnie Carter Banks, but had lived at Rion for 26 years where he was employed with the Winnsboro Granite company. He was a member of the Greenbrier Methodist church.

The body was at the home in Rion until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, and then was taken to Chester where services were conducted at 11 o'clock from the graveside in Evergreen cemetery by the Rev. Broadus A. Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Banks is survived by his widow, Mrs. Belle Grant Banks; three daughters, Mrs. M. O. Williamson of Orangeburg, Mrs. S. L. Howell of Columbia and Mrs. W. E. Cooper of Albany, Ga., and two sons, S. D. Banks, III, of Columbia and Larry Banks of Rion.

One son, Leslie T. Banks of the Marines, was killed in 1944 on Okinawa; seven grandchildren and two nieces, Mrs. Walter E. Lee of Rock Hill and Mrs. J. P. Morgan of Brooklyn, N. Y., also survive.

Winnsboro Men Die In Auto Accident

1948
Two Winnsboro men, Herbert M. Campbell, 50, and William E. Wallace, 50, (who was known here as "Pig" Woods), were killed last Thursday near midnight when their automobile left State Highway 218, on the old Winnsboro road, and hit a tree, according to an announcement by Coroner William A. Plott, of Columbia. Receiving treatment in a Columbia hospital for serious chest injuries was Joseph Sain, 30, formerly of Winnsboro.

The automobile failed to negotiate a curve near the St. Andrews church road and left the paved highway, striking the tree and demolishing the car. The coroner and a state highway patrolman were informed that Mr. Sain managed to walk 75 yards from the scene to a home and call for help. The accident took place 13 miles north of Columbia.

Services To Be Held For M. C. Cathcart on Friday

Graveside services for the late Pfc. Moses Lee Cathcart will be held on Friday afternoon at three o'clock at Sion Presbyterian cemetery, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Arthur M. Martin.

Father of J. R. Cribb Dies At Georgetown

1948
Edward Britton Cribb, 89, retired farmer of the Union section of Georgetown county, died at 4:20 Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank D. Smith, on Winyah hts. He had been in declining health for some time, and seriously ill for several days.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon from Union Methodist church by the Rev. W. E. Gott, pastor, the Rev. J. H. Danner, D. D., pastor of Duncan Memorial Methodist church, and the Rev. L. H. Carter, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church. Burial was in the churchyard.

The body remained at the church from 3 o'clock until the hour of the services.

Born in upper Georgetown county, May 12, 1858, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cribb. He had spent his entire life in or near the Union section, and was one of the oldest and most respected men of that community.

He was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church. His wife, the former Miss Sarah Ann Owens, died February 9, 1943.

Survivors include five sons, Sarvis P. Cribb of the Union section, Jessie R. Cribb of Winnsboro, Ernest Cribb and Rufus J. Cribb, both of Georgetown and Melvin O. Cribb of Hemingway; four daughters, Mrs. Belle Avant of Lancaster and Mrs. Dewey Altman, Mrs. Frank D. Smith and Mrs. James H. Tedder, all of Georgetown, 24 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Janie Griffin Davis Pike Collins Dies At Home In Winnsboro

Mrs. Janie Griffin Davis of Augusta, Ga., died last week at her home in Augusta. She had been in ill health for quite some time, but her death came as an unexpected shock to her family.

Mrs. Davis, formerly of Cross Hill, was the daughter of the late John E. and Lula McSwain Griffin, and the granddaughter of the late Dr. E. T. McSwain and Janie McGowan McSwain, all of Cross Hill.

She had been a resident of Augusta for the past 25 years, and was a member of the Green Street Presbyterian church there.

Funeral services were held at Elliott chapel in Augusta. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial park in that city.

Joe Stanton Young Dies on Thursday

1948
Joe Stanton Young, 77, prominent farmer of the Wilksburg section of western Chester county, died Thursday morning at his home following a stroke of paralysis and complications which he suffered two weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon from Barrons Funeral home with the Rev. Paul K. Drum, pastor of Westside Baptist church officiating. Interment followed in the Fairfield Baptist church cemetery near Winnsboro.

Mr. Young is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sallie Robinson Young; four daughters and three sons, Mrs. James L. Robinson of Monticello, Mrs. E. N. Dodson of Silver Springs, Md., Mrs. R. C. Guy, Sr., of near Chester, Miss Esther Young of Wilksburg, Sam Young and Lawrence Young, both of near Chester, and Calvin Young of Lockhart; 13 grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Timms and Mrs. Archie Young, both of Winnsboro, and Mrs. Frank Jernigan, of Sumter.

He was a member of the Fairfield Baptist church. Most of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits at which he was very successful. He was a native of the Jenkinsville Ridge section of Fairfield county and a son of the late John D. and Anna Stanton Young.

DEATH CLAIMS W. R. ASHFORD

Funeral Services For Member of Winnsboro Police Force to be Held Thursday.

10/1948
William Ralph Ashford, 53, died Tuesday morning in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia where he had been a patient for ten days, following a previous two weeks' illness. Mr. Ashford, a World War naval veteran, was the son of the late W. R. and Ada Clark Ashford, was born in the Bethel community of Fairfield county and had lived there for most of his life. At the time he was stricken, he was a member of the police force of Winnsboro.

He was married to Miss Janie Leitner of Lykesland and she and the following children survive: Mrs. R. A. Marcotte of Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Janie Rai Ashford, Lewis C. Ashford and Robert Ashford of Winnsboro and one grandchild. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Castles and Mrs. L. B. Lewis, both of Winnsboro, and one brother, J. Wardell Ashford of Hamlet, N. C.

Funeral services will be held at three-thirty o'clock on Thursday afternoon at the Bethel Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Bledsoe, and interment will be in the church cemetery.

Pike Collins Dies At Home In Winnsboro

Pike Collins, 63, died at his home in Winnsboro Monday morning following a long period of declining health. Mr. Collins was born in Stillman, Ga., but came to Winnsboro 28 years ago, and was employed with the Winnsboro Mills until his health failed.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dessie Durden Collins and one son, Nuell Collins of Winnsboro.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Olive church, Metter, Ga., at two o'clock Tuesday, and interment was in the church cemetery.

SISTER OF MRS. CORNWELL GIBSON DIES IN COLUMBIA

Mrs. Helen Burnside Thayer, widow of James O. Thayer of Washington, died at 6:30 Saturday night at a Columbia hospital following an operation.

She was born in Troy, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Burnside of Troy.

She is survived by two brothers, W. Laurence Burnside of New York City and Staff Sgt. John D. Burnside, on duty in Germany, and five sisters, Mrs. Cornwell Gibson of Winnsboro, Mrs. Walter R. Chandler of Greenville, Mrs. H. D. Hinson of West Point, Va., and Miss Lillian Burnside of Columbia.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Troy cemetery in Troy.

In Memory Of Mrs. J. C. Wagers

In Bethlehem Methodist church yard there is a mound of freshly broken earth signifying the time-old, but always new wound that a new grave makes. Bethlehem community is poorer today, for it suffered the loss of one of its finest old landmarks when Mrs. James Caldwell Wagers passed away at Pryor hospital on Sunday morning, June 29, 1947.

"Granny" as she was so familiarly known was born October 29th, 1865, and spent her long useful life in the immediate proximity of the spot she always referred to as "Home Sweet Home."

She was a very remarkable woman, reared as she was in the trying days of reconstruction, when life was so hard for Southern whites. Yet, she, with her limited opportunities acquired a reasonable education and cultivated a cheerful disposition in spite of hardships. She was a great lover of music, flowers

In early life she connected herself with Bethlehem Methodist church and the church never had a more faithful member. All through her life she found both pleasure and strength from the study of her Bible and the old hymns.

She married James Caldwell Wagers who preceded her to the grave five years ago. Six children blessed this union. One passed away in childhood. The other five, Mr. C. H. Wagers, Mr. J. G. Wagers and Mrs. J. A. Wagers of Blackstock, Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Sr., of Chester and Mrs. H. T. Edwards of Inman, survive to mourn the loss they have suffered and rise up and call her blessed. She was a faithful wife and a wonderful mother.

It is not an exaggeration to say her chief delight was in the law of her Lord, and her next concern was her family, her husband, children and her home. Truly that home is remembered by many as a place of hospitality and warm welcome. No stranger seeking shelter or food was turned away or left hungry.

Her life was too full of love and service to harbor ill will toward the more fortunate or scorn toward the less fortunate. She loved and was loved by rich and poor, white and black. Her many deeds of kindness and words of encouragement will be missed more than mere words can express. But those who were fortunate enough to have been touched by her life are richer from the experience and the afterglow of her life will live on, an example in the community she loved so well. But only those who knew her best knew fully the gentleness of her nature, her undying love for her friends and the concern she felt over things of spiritual value.

G. W. Hinson Dies Of Heart Attack

83.
George W. Hinson, 47, died Saturday night at his home at Winnsboro Mills after a heart attack. Mr. Hinson was born in Camden, but for the past 19 years he had lived in Winnsboro where he had been employed by the Winnsboro Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lula Branham Hinson, and an adopted son, Robert Edenfield, of Winnsboro; one sister, Mrs. Halie McQuay of Longwood, Florida, and two brothers, Charles Hinson of Lugoff, and W. M. Hinson of Camden, and his step-mother, Mrs. Lizzie Hinson of Columbia.

Funeral services were held at four-thirty o'clock Monday afternoon at the Stephen Greene Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. J. I. McGill, and interment was in the Winnsboro Mills cemetery.

George A. Timms Dies On Sunday

George A. Timms died Sunday at the Veteran's Hospital in Columbia after a brief illness. He was born and reared in the Hickory Ridge community of Fairfield County, the son of the late James T. and Katherine Robertson Timms.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie Funderburk Timms and two step-children: Pfc. James Pitman of the U. S. Army Air Corps, and Mrs. G. O. Collins of Chester; three sisters, Mrs. Annie McNaull, Columbia; Mrs. A. Mack Park and Mrs. J. M. Jones of Winnsboro; three brothers, D. W. Timms, J. H. Timms and C. S. Timms, all of Winnsboro.

Funeral services were held at the Fairfield Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock conducted by the Rev. J. P. Isenhower, and interment was in the church cemetery.

FAIRFIELD NATIVE DIES IN CHESTER

Samuel Alexander Weir, 33, veteran of World War II, died at 11:50 Sunday morning at Pryor hospital, Chester, following a few hours illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Weir of Chester, by the Rev. Brodus E. Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment was in Beaver Creek Baptist church cemetery, about 15 miles from Chester, in Halsellville community.

Mr. Weir was a member of the 157th Infantry, 29th division, and was a combat veteran of ETO. He also had four other brothers in the armed services. He was a member of VFW.

He is survived by four brothers, Ephriam T. Weir, and James H. Weir, both of Chester, Robert Weir of Charlotte and David L. Weir of Chester, and one sister, Miss Willie Mae Weir of Chester.

He was born in the Avon section of Fairfield county, and moved to Chester with his family about 20 years ago. His father served as chief of police of Chester for 13½ years, having recently retired.

Following his honorable discharge from the army, he engaged in the taxi business, and later worked out of Chester for Harrison and Wright Construction company of Charlotte. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Chester.

The entire community was saddened on Monday to learn of the death of Mr. Ernest Brooks.