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Mrs. Strange Is Claimed by Death
Faithful Churchwoman Passes Sunday After Long Illness at Hospital. 11/1957

Mrs. Louise Holleman Strange of Winnsboro died at Fairfield Memorial Hospital at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, after an extended illness. Mrs. Strange was the daughter of the late H. P. Holleman of Johnson County, North Carolina, and Rebecca Ferrell Holleman of Williamsburg County. She was twice married, first to the late Eddie Townsend Sweet, and after his death to the late Charles Strange. Mrs. Strange was a devout member of the First Methodist Church in Winnsboro, where she served as a choir member for more than 50 years. She organized, established and procured a grant for Gordon Memorial Methodist Church of Winnsboro. For 30 years she was historian of the John Bratton Chapter of the UDC, and was honorary life member of the Winnsboro American Legion Auxiliary of which she was chaplain. Survivors include two daughters by her first marriage, Mrs. F. M. Cain and Mrs. D. O. Winter of Sumter; a stepdaughter, Mrs. John R. Haynesworth of Sumter; two sons, H. Grady Strange and C. E. Strange, Jr., of Winnsboro; one sister, Mrs. W. W. Geddings of Beaufort; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. Another son, George W. Strange of Columbia and a stepson, R. M. Strange of Chester, died before Mrs. Strange. Funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist Church in Winnsboro at 3:30 Monday afternoon by the Rev. W. H. Chandler and the Rev. B. H. Covington, with interment in the Methodist Cemetery, Winnsboro.

Mrs. Swearingen Dies Monday at Columbia Hospital

Mrs. Ella McKeown Swearingen, 77, died at a Columbia hospital Monday morning after a lingering illness. 1957 She was a life-long resident of the Avon community of Fairfield County and the widow of the late J. B. Swearingen. She was born in Blackstock, daughter of the late John and Sarah Dove McKeown. Mrs. Swearingen was a member of the Bethlehem Methodist Church in Chester County, a member of the church missionary society, and a church Sunday school class. Survivors include two stepdaughters, Mrs. Clyde Cathcart of Buffalo and Mrs. Greer Sterling of Blackstock; two sons, John Swearingen of Winnsboro and T. F. McKeown of Blackstock; two step-sons, James W. Swearingen of Winnsboro and George Swearingen of Blackstock; one sister, Mrs. C. R. Shirley of Blackstock; 13 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from Bethlehem Methodist Church near Chester by the Rev. B. H. Covington. Interment was in Concord Presbyterian Churchyard at Woodward.

Mrs. Riley Brice Loses Her Mother

Mrs. G. Bealer Watford, 83, of the Swift Creek community of Florence County, died at her home Monday following a long period of declining health. 1957 Survivors include her husband and two daughters, Miss Rosalee Watford of the home, and Mrs. Lillie W. Brice of Winnsboro, and a number of grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon from the Swift Creek Baptist Church.

Miss Thomas, 77, Ridgeway Native, Dies in Baltimore

Miss Jane Couturier Thomas, 77, former secretary to the president of Winthrop College for several years, died Sunday at the home of a sister in Baltimore, Md. 11/1957 Miss Thomas was born at Magnolia Plantation, Ridgeway, the daughter of the late Major Charles Edward Thomas and Annie C. Thomas. She attended Mount Hope School, Ridgeway, of which her aunt, the late Miss Henrietta Eleanor Thomas, was principal and founder. She was graduated from Winthrop College, after which she remained there as secretary to the president. She was a life-long member of the Episcopal Church and active in the work of the Guild and later in the Woman's Auxiliary. She made by hand much of the altar and the communion linen used in St. Stephen's Church at Ridgeway for many years. After leaving Winthrop College, she spent winters in Riverside, Calif., with her brother, the late Charles Edward Thomas, Jr., secretary to General Wade Hampton, United States Commissioner of Railroads. After her oldest brother's death she made her home in Ridgeway, spending winters in Florida, Washington, D. C., and Columbia. Several years ago she moved to Charletson, where she lived until 1954, when she went to the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph M. Armstrong, in Baltimore, Md. Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Armstrong of Baltimore, and the following nieces and nephews: John N. LeMaster and Mrs. Alex M. Sanders of Columbia; Mrs. Frank H. Kendall of Shelby, N. C.; Mrs. William Emory of Baltimore; Joseph M. Armstrong of Chestertown, Md.; Mrs. J. Benjamin White of York; Mrs. C. Frederic McCullough and Charles E. Thomas of Greenville; and Robert W. Thomas of Ridgeway; and 11 great nieces and nephews, and one great-great niece. Funeral services were conducted Monday from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ridgeway by the Rev. Richard L. Sturgis. Burial was in the churchyard. Pallbearers were D. Walter Ruff, Beverly Palmer, Berkeley Palmer, Arthur B. Heins, Jr., H. Norwood Obeare, Alex M. Sanders, Jr.

Mrs. A. D. Boggs Loses Her Father

J. Lealon Wiggins, 52, died Friday at his home near Fair Play after several days sickness. His death was unexpected and was attributed to a heart attack. 12/1957 He was a lifelong resident of Oconee County and spent most of his life in South Union and Fair Play communities. He was a son of James Lester Wiggins of South Union and the late Mrs. Lola Crenshaw Wiggins. Surviving, in addition to his father, are his widow, Mrs. Blanche Wiggins; two daughters, Mrs. Dean Boggs, Winnsboro, Miss Martha Wiggins, of the home; a step-son, Medford Greer, Barnesville, N. C.; seven sisters, Mrs. Roy Cobb, Greenville; Mrs. Edwin Mason, Richland; Mrs. Pauline Crawford, Seneca; Mrs. Clinton Gibson, Mrs. James Bowen, Westminister; Mrs. Hugh Musgrove, Stockbridge, Ga.; Miss Gladys Wiggins, Fair Play. Funeral services were held from South Union Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Grady Tollison and the Rev. Theron Miller conducted the rites. Interment was in the family plot in the adjoining cemetery.

Brother of Mrs. Stephenson Dies In Monroe, N. C.

(From The Monroe, N. C., Journal, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1957) The city was profoundly shocked Sunday morning as news spread that Moke W. Williams, long prominent in public affairs, had succumbed to a heart seizure in Union Memorial Hospital. Intimates say that the strikingly handsome man, who didn't know a stranger in Union county, was apparently enjoying his usual good health when he was stricken the afternoon before at the Charlotte Airport where he and Mrs. Williams were waiting to meet their son who was arriving to spend Christmas at home. On returning to Monroe he was taken to the hospital where his condition apparently had improved to the extent that he was able to enjoy Sunday morning breakfast. The fatal attack occurred a short while later. The deceased was a member of the wonderful family of the late John Herron Williams and Alice Bivens Williams, and was born in the fine old Rock Rest home on August 15, 1892. Banking Career Mr. Williams' lifelong career as banker began as a teller with the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. in Monroe. When the American Bank and Trust Co. opened in early 1930 he was one of the original employees, becoming a director and later vice-president in charge of the Main and Franklin Street branch. He served three terms as alderman and two terms as mayor of Monroe, an office which he filled with notable success as his administration engineered many of the progressive steps now enjoyed. When the American Legion, of which he was a most enthusiastic member, decided to inaugurate the annual Union County Fair 25 years ago, Mr. Williams became its first general manager. The first fair was held on the high school athletic field under a rented tent. Under his wise guidance the fair has become a vigorous institution with its own grounds and housing. A past commander of the Legion and chef de gare of 40 & 8, Mr. Williams was also a member of the VFW, Lions Club and the First Baptist Church. He was Stephenson of Winnsboro, Mrs. Thomas Brewer of Wingate, Mrs. Marvin Mangum, Mrs. Zeb Cuthbertson, Mrs. O. L. Mangum and Miss Connie Williams of Monroe; and one brother, Cliff Williams of Monroe. Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. C. A. Francis and the Rev. F. B. Drane officiating. Burial was in the Monroe city cemetery.

Mrs. Wilds, 97, Dies; County's Oldest Citizen?

Mrs. Nancy Edmunds Wilds, 96, died Friday at the Lowman Home at White Rock after several years of declining health. 1957 She was born near Ridgeway in 1861, the daughter of the late Howell Edmunds and Albina Watson Edmunds and was a lifelong member of the Ridgeway Baptist Church. She was the widow of George James Wilds, Sr. Had she lived until Jan. 16, 1958, she would have been 97 years old. Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Mrs. George J. Wilds, Jr., of Hartsville; one niece, Mrs. M. J. Leonard of Chester; four nephews, J. E. Edmunds and W. C. Edmunds of Ridgeway, John B. Edmunds of Spartanburg, and Blake Edmunds of Columbia. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Aimwell Cemetery by the Rev. J. W. Gardner. Active pallbearers were P. R. Scott, V. E. Barnett, R. V. Jones, E. G. Palmer, C. R. Hinnant, Sr., and D. M. Peake.

D. E. Aiken, 71, Dies Following an Extended Illness

David Edgar Aiken, 71, died Saturday at 12 o'clock at Oteen Hospital, Asheville, N. C., where he had been a patient for eight years. He was born at Monticello, in western Fairfield on October 3, 1887, the son of the late J. H. and Sallie E. Aiken. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of Salem Presbyterian Church, and a former deacon of the church, and was a farmer and merchant before his health failed. Mr. Aiken was a member of the famous Rainbow Division, in World War I, the 117th Engineers. He was a Legionnaire. He was twice married. His first wife was the former Miss Mamie Kirkpatrick, who predeceased him. They had one son, David Edgar Aiken Jr., who was killed in action in World War II on the same battlefield in France where his father had fought during the first World War a quarter of a century earlier. His second wife was Mrs. Bertha Mae Blair Martin of Strother, who survives him. Also surviving are two brothers, Wade M. Aiken of Winnsboro and William Douglas Aiken of Strother; two step-daughters, Mrs. Paul Ramsing of Strother and Mrs. Bobby Scarborough of Charleston; two step-sons, Blair Martin of Clemson College and Milo Martin of the United States Army (overseas). A number of nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Robert W. Wallace, pastor, were held Sunday afternoon from the Salem Presbyterian Church in western Fairfield, and interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were Reid Long, Frank Wilkes, Joe Burley, William L. Burley, Albert McMeekin and S. E. Tyson. The honorary escort was composed of the officers of Salem Presbyterian Church.

Capt. Bannerman Dies on a Golf Course Suddenly

BURTON — Capt. Graeme Bannerman, 64, USN (Ret.) died suddenly Saturday on the Parris Island golf course. 1958 Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the Presbyterian Church at Burton followed by burial in the National Cemetery, Beaufort, with full military honors. Captain Bannerman was born in Berlin, Wis., son of William Bannerman and the former Catherine Crombie Thackeray, both of Aberdeen, Scotland. A 1918 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, he served in the submarine service in World War I and II. Among his decorations is the bronze star medal. In 1948 he was retired for physical disability. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Beaufort. Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Nell Randolph Brown of Winnsboro; two brothers, Hadley G. Bannerman of Red Granite, Wis., and Charles R. Bannerman of Culloden, W. Va., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Bannerman Pirie of Arlington, Va. He was a frequent visitor at the Boyd Brown home in Winnsboro.

N. Anderson, 90, Ridgeway Citizen, Dies in Columbia

Noah Anderson, 90, retired farmer and policeman of Ridgeway, died Friday afternoon at a rest home in Columbia, after a four-week illness. 1958 He was a native of Charlotte, N. C., and was a member of the Aimwell Presbyterian Church of Ridgeway. Mr. Anderson was a town policeman at Ridgeway for a number of years before his retirement. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lavenia Branham Anderson; four daughters, Mrs. J. R. Graff of New York City, Miss Jessie L. Anderson of Columbia, Mrs. H. K. Herlong of Manning and Mrs. Sadie Youngblood of Ridgeway; two sons, T. D. Anderson of Mullins and J. O. Anderson of Columbia; one sister, Mrs. Estelle Harper of York; one brother, Oscar Anderson of Belmont, N. C.; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Aimwell Presbyterian Church by the pastor, the Rev. Joe Beale, and the Rev. F. C. Debele, Jr. Burial was in the Smyrna Methodist Church Cemetery near Ridgeway. Active pallbearers were J. H. McGill, J. W. Milling, Ellis Perry, R. W. Thomas, R. B. Jones and J. N. Crumpton. Honorary pallbearers were officers of Aimwell Presbyterian Church.

J. D. Bass, 49, Ridgeway Native, Killed by Truck

J. D. Bass, 49, of Ridgeway, was instantly killed about 6 o'clock Saturday evening when he was struck by a 1955 Chevrolet truck while crossing Highway 21 just south of Ridgeway. Walter Birke, 30, of Columbia, driver of the truck, was exonerated by a coroner's jury. The accident was said "unavoidable". 12/1958 Mr. Bass is survived by two sons, Edward Bass of Winnsboro and Otis Bass of Ridgeway; one daughter, Mrs. Jessie Plante of Somersworth, N. H.; eight brothers and sisters; and a number of grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Aimwell Presbyterian Church in Ridgeway, conducted by the Rev. Joseph Beale, pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Gardner. Interment was in Aimwell Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Herman Magill, Alvin Mattox, Alfred Perry, Edward Mattox, Harvey Peake and Milton Murphy. Honorary pallbearers were Louie Coleman, Joseph Crumpton, Robert Arndt, William Jackson, Gary Bass, Sr., and James Edmunds. Investigating the incident for the State Highway Patrol were Patrolmen J. H. Faulkenberry and Cpl. J. T. Anderson, Fairfield County Deputy Sheriff Charles Medlin and County Coroner Davis Boulware.

Rites for Beach Infant

Graveside services, conducted by the Rev. W. Harry Chandler, were held in the Methodist cemetery on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beach, who was born at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Columbia Hospital in Columbia. Charles J. Beach of Walterboro.