

Dr. Crosby, 75, Fairfield Native, Dies in Greenwood

Dr. Curtis Estes Crosby, 75, of the Abbeville Highway, Greenwood died at 2:15 a.m. Sunday after several months illness. 1961

Born in Fairfield County, Dr. Crosby was a son of the late William Walker Crosby and Mrs. Lisabeth Estes Crosby, natives of Fairfield County. He had lived in Greenwood since 1919 and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Crosby was a graduate of South Carolina Coeducational Institute in Edgefield, attended Atlanta Medical College for two years, then transferred to the South Carolina Medical College and graduated in 1910. He was engaged in general practice in Blackstock and Great Falls from 1910 to 1917.

Dr. Crosby was graduated from the Episcopal Ear, Eye, and Nose Hospital in Washington, D. C. in 1918. He was associated with Dr. J. W. Jervey, Sr., in Greenville until he came to Greenwood in 1919, practicing there until his retirement in 1956. He held a number of clinics in the lower part of South Carolina.

Dr. Crosby was a member of the board of directors of the Greenwood Building and Loan Association, former president of Greenwood County Medical Society, past vice president of Seaboard Airline Railway Surgeons Association. He was a charter member of the Greenwood Kiwanis Club and the Greenwood Country Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. James R. Carter of Cedar Mountain, N. C. and Mrs. Robert R. Jay of Greenwood; two sons, George K. Crosby of Clinton and William E. Crosby of Greenwood; seven grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Kennedy Crosby, died Jan. 9, 1950.

Funeral services were conducted from Blyth Funeral Home at 3:30 p.m. Monday by Dr. R. L. Alexander. Interment was in Edgewood Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jack Lawrence, George Kennedy, Dr. Ned Kennedy, Edward Kennedy Sr., Edward Durham Sr., Wilson McDaniel, W. D. Tinsley, and Dr. E. W. Tucker.

The honorary escort was composed of Alex Woodle, Bryan Dorn, Cal Kinard, M. M. Wells, Dr. W. G. Bishop, Dr. R. M. Christian, Dr. C. J. Scurry, Dr. W. S. Brockington, Dr. J. W. Payne, Sterling Graydon, Douglas Featherstone, Dr. H. L. Dillard, Harry Van Bergen Sr., Nick Sterghos, Ben Cochran, William Jay, E. B. Henderson, John Watkins, Allie Williams, Dr. H. K. Thayer, Ernest Rosenberg, John Free, Irby Horne, Dr. Furman Daniel, Carroll Pearce, Owen Corley, W. P. Watkins, Dr. W. A. Barnette, A. H. Fowler, Bonner Harvey and W. C. Keith.

Rites Held for Jimmie R. Craft

Funeral services for Jimmie Ronald Craft, 22, were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Stephen Greene Baptist Church. Burial was in Winnsboro Mills Cemetery. 1961

He died Jan. 16 of injuries received in a fire at the U. S. Naval Base in Charleston.

He was born in Winnsboro, the son of Mrs. Edna Branham Craft Watson and the late Herbert C. Craft, and was graduated from Mt. Zion High School. He entered the Navy in 1957.

Surviving are his mother; two sisters, Mrs. Hubert Brice and Miss Patricia Craft of Winnsboro; a brother, Herbert C. Craft, Jr., of Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, Ark.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. L. S. Craft of Winnsboro, and a number of uncles and aunts.

Mr. Craft, 22, was the son of Mrs. Thomas E. Watson of Winnsboro and the late Mr. Herbert C. Craft. He graduated from Mount Zion Institute in 1957 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy in the same year. He had his basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. His first duty station was on the U. S. S. Mississinawa, a supply ship on the Mediterranean Sea with the home port of Naples, Italy, and was later transferred to the AKS Altair whose home port was Barcelona, Spain. He was assigned to the Naval De-gaussing Station at the U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina, in July of 1960 and had about 2 more years of enlistment duty.

He is survived by his mother, one brother, Herbert C. Craft of Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas, two sisters, Mrs. L. Hubert (Bonnie) Brice and Patricia L. Craft of Winnsboro, one grandparent, Mrs. L. S. Craft of Winnsboro, and several aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held by the U. S. Navy on February 6 at the Chapel on the U. S. Naval Base at Charleston, South Carolina, for the six men lost as a result of the fire. Tentative plans are being made for a memorial service for Mr. Craft at the Stephen Greene Baptist Church at a later date.

Mrs. L. S. Craft Dies at Fairfield Hospital, July 5th

Mrs. Ida Mae Craft, 76, Columbia Road, died at the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital Wednesday, July 5, after an illness of two weeks. 1961

Mrs. Craft was born in Salisbury, N. C., daughter of the late John Lewis Foutz and the late Mary Belk Foutz. She was a member of the Church of God and the widow of Lawrence Samuel Craft.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. J. C. Smith of Hahira, Ga., and Mrs. Aletha Hunt of Winnsboro, Mrs. Geneva Weldon of Plant City, Fla., and Mrs. Ruby Feaster of Columbia; three sons, J. T. Craft of Orangeburg, Charlie Craft of Albany, Ga., and L. S. ("Lefty") Craft of Poquoson, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Gussie Mobley of Blackstock, Mrs. Mary Mobley of Chester, Mrs. Bessie Branham of Blythewood and Mrs. Mattie McCarley of Belmont, N. C.; one brother, John T. Foutz of Blackstock; one half sister, Mrs. Katherine Sanders of Blackstock; one half brother, William Foutz of

Death of A Lady Underscores Her Influence, Revives Fond Memories

A jet, traveling in excess of Mach I (750 miles per hour), broke the sound barrier high above an historic church, momentarily shattering the quietude of the funeral services being held within. Nothing, perhaps, could have called to mind more dramatically the enormity of the changes which have transpired since the decedent came to make her home in Fairfield, 24 days after the turn of the century.

Mrs. Mattie Harris Cathcart, who died Sept. 14 at the age of 91, was a woman of many fine qualities who played a part in a wide variety of activities — in the church where she was an inspiration to the younger generation and was openly appreciative of their efforts, in literary, civic and social circles — and her main interest was in people and her fort was in her hospitable home. In fact, her life since she came to Fairfield in 1900, like Dickens' story of London and Paris, might be called, not inappropriately, "a tale of two homes."

Her first abode here was at the 1,200-acre Adger plantation. "Boys" of middle-age today will recall that the five-mile stone marker stood near the house, detailing the long distance to Winnsboro and by horse-and- buggy a leisurely trip, with four railroad crossings, would probably consume an hour. (Today's supersonic jets could go to Europe in about that time). In those times, when people used their legs for purposes other than pushing a gas accelerator, a walk to Adger was not unusual and the late Warren Flenniken, in training for his West Point appointment, occasionally ran the five miles.

Yes, a trip to Adger (now the home of Clerk of Court W. W. Lewis) in those halcyon days was an event, a treat to kith and kin, friends and acquaintances of all ages and sizes: the bountiful table laden with good things to eat that only a large plantation could provide; a hunt or just a quiet walk in the vernal wood;

a ride on the horses or in cotton-filled wagons; a swim in the pond across the railroad track, one of the few good ones in the area at that time; or just conversation, a lost art today, around a roaring open fire or in the gloaming on the cool piazza during summer.

The family moved, a couple of times during half a century from country to town, to the residence on Zion Street, where activities continued on a less expansive scale. Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart reared one son, Dr. John Harris Cathcart, now a practicing physician in Gaffney. In addition, they made sons and daughter of two nephews and a niece, the children of the late Rev. Charles E. McDonald, for 15 years pastor of Bethel ARP Church, and Mrs. Margaret Harris McDonald, a sister of Mrs. Cathcart, who died in 1909 and 1903, respectively. R. H. McDonald is a retired executive of the U. S. Rubber Company's Winnsboro Mills, a trustee of his alma mater, Erskine College, currently serves as president of the Fairfield county chamber of commerce; C. E. McDonald, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis who was injured in service, is a local insurance man and farmer; Dr. Lois McDonald, who despite the handicap of poor eyesight, earned an A. B. at Erskine, an M. A. and Ph. D. at New York University, rose to the top of her profession at that great institution and is currently holding down a full professorship in the School of Economics.

In 90 years of a full life, two-thirds of it spent in the momentous Twentieth Century, "Miss Mattie" witnessed incomprehensible changes and towards the end nostalgic memories must have flooded in. But one doubts she would have wanted to turn back the clock, even if she could have. Believing in the goodness of people and the providence of God, she looked forward to better things.

Owen R. Collins Dies; Last Rites Held Here Sunday

Owen Rockwell Collins, 78, of Winnsboro, died Friday at the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital. 1961

He was born at Centerville, son of the late Wyatt W. and Rebecca Hood Collins. Mr. Collins was a retired employe of the Winnsboro Mills, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Surviving are seven daughters, Miss Elzie Collins, Mrs. Jessie Le-grande, Mrs. Ethel Ramsey, Mrs. Elise Ramsey, and Mrs. Alice Cooper of Winnsboro, Mrs. Essie Pare of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Grace Till of New Ellington; three sons, Elroy and Howard of Winnsboro and Harold Collins of Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Joyner and Mrs. Hattie Rowe of Columbia; 34 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Frank Graham of Columbia, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Winnsboro. (Burial was in the Sawney's Creek Baptist Cemetery near Ridgeway. Theron Wilson.

Rites for Mrs. Cathcart, 91, Held on Sunday

Mrs. John Huey Cathcart died at the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital Friday afternoon, at 5 o'clock where she had been critically ill for seven weeks. She has been in declining health for some months. She would have been 91 years old on October 18. 1961

The former Mattie J. Harris, she was born in Steele Creek community, in upper York County, S. C. (near Pineville, N. C.), in 1870, the daughter of the late Robert Hemphill Harris and Mary Query Harris. She was graduated from Charlotte Institute, now Queens College, in 1890. She was married to Mr. Cathcart Jan. 24, 1900; he died in 1939.

Long active in the religious, civic and social life of Winnsboro, Mrs. Cathcart was a member of the Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Woman's Club, the Cultus Club and the Garden Club. Her home, both at the Adger plantation where she first lived and later at the Zion Street residence, was the center of hospitality for a wide group of relatives and friends.

She is survived by one son, Dr. John Harris Cathcart of Gaffney, and the following nephews and niece who made their home with her for many years: R. H. McDonald and C. E. McDonald of Winnsboro and Dr. Lois J. McDonald of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. Lois H. Ardrey of Charlotte and Miss Belle Harris of Winnsboro; two grandchildren, Dr. J. H. Cathcart, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. David C. Waters of Pleasantville, N. Y.; and by one great-grandchild.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Frank L. Shannon, pastor, were held from the A.R.P. church Sunday afternoon and interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were T. K. McDonald, J. H. McMaster William R. Elliott, Angus Stewart, W. T. Spratt, Joe Cathcart, M. H. Doty, and Henry Johnson. The honorary escort was composed of elders and deacons of the church. Dec. 11, 1961.

Rites Held in Ridgeway For Two-Year-Old Child

Linda Annette Cooper, 2, died at the home in Ridgeway Tuesday morning. 1961

She was born in Winnsboro, daughter of Claudie C. and Annette Branham Cooper.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claudie C. Cooper of Ridgeway; one sister, Jan Elizabeth Cooper of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Branham of Ridgeway, the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lena P. Cooper of Ridgeway and a number of aunts and uncles.

Graveside services were conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Aimwell Cemetery in Ridgeway by the Rev. Joe Gardner and the Rev. W. L. Bagwell.

Active pallbearers were Joe Hood, Jack Kelly, Ray Perry and Buddy Littleton.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the Ridgeway Baptist Church.