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**Grady Strange, 55,  
Dies at Hospital**  
1961

Henry Grady Strange, 55, died at 10 p.m., Monday at Fairfield County Memorial Hospital following a heart attack earlier in the day. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Strange was born on March 10, 1905, the son of the late Charles E. and Louise Holleman Strange of Sumter. With his parents, he moved to Winnsboro early in life and attended Mount Zion Institute. He graduated from Clemson College in 1928, and for 27 years he has been with the U. S. Rubber Company at Winnsboro Mills in a supervisory capacity. He was a member of First Methodist Church where he served as a steward, and he belonged to Winnsboro Lodge No. 11, A.F. M.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Reba Sandifer Strange; three daughters, Misses Louise, Ted and Sandy Strange, all of the home; and one son, Grady Strange, Jr., of Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. J. R. Haynesworth, Mrs. F. M. Cain and Mrs. W. O. Winter, all of Sumter; one brother, C. E. Strange of Winnsboro; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted from the First Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by his pastor, Dr. A. F. Ragan, and the Rev. Harry Chandler of Columbia, a former pastor. Interment will be in the family plot of the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Eugene Broome, Earl Cotton, Kenneth Geddings, Herbert Cooper, Albert Spigner, and Grady Branham.

The honorary escort will be composed of Jack Swygert, Clint Brown, A. F. Robinson, Bob Arndt, Jox Jolly, R. B. Fort, Jr., Dr. J. C. Buchanan, Jr., Dr. J. B. Floyd, Roy Robinson, G. F. Patton, R. H. Burton, M. D. Douglas, J. R. Curlee, R. H. Jennings, E. P. Blair, D. E. Estes, John C. Pope, W. W. Lewis, A. E. Davis, Purvis Collins, Walter Brown, Joe Beckham, S. D. Cathcart and W. H. Walker.

**Rites for Tanner Infant  
Were Held on Wednesday**  
1961

Marsha Ann Tanner, infant daughter of Jerry and Ann Amerson Tanner, died at the Columbia Hospital Monday night after an illness of three weeks.

Survivors include the parents; one sister, Mary Lynn Tanner of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Tanner of Winnsboro; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amerson of Darlington, and the maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. R. L. Goodson of Rock Hill, and a number of aunts and uncles.

Graveside services were conducted in Winnsboro Mills Cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday by the Rev. Paul H. Eversole.

**Miss Thomas, 95,  
Ridgeway Native,  
Taught 50 Years**  
1961

RIDGEWAY . . . Miss Carolyn Elizabeth (Bessie) Thomas, 95 years old, who died in a Columbia nursing home on Sunday, November 26, and was buried in the Thomas family plot in Trinity churchyard, Columbia, on Monday, had taught in the Columbia and Fort Mill public schools for more than half a century. She had lived in Ridgeway since her retirement some years ago.

Miss Thomas was born in Columbia on November 3, 1866, the daughter of Colonel John Peyre Thomas and Mary Caroline Gibbs. Educated in Charlotte and Columbia schools, she taught first grade pupils for more than 50 years. "Miss Bessie" came from a long line of teachers. Her father, Colonel Thomas, was the founder and head of Carolina Military Institute, Charlotte, and later superintendent of The Citadel in Charleston. He was superintendent of The Arsenal, the Columbia branch of The Citadel, when the school was closed in advance of Sherman's entry into the city.

Miss Bessie's eldest brother was Dean John P. Thomas, Jr., of the University of South Carolina college of law; another brother, Major Robert Gibbs Thomas was long-time professor of mathematics and engineering at The Citadel; her brother, Hasell Thomas taught at the Carolina Military Institute. A younger brother, Albert S. Thomas, taught in the old Columbia Laurel Street School and became principal before he entered the seminary. He is now retired Bishop of South Carolina. Her sister, Miss Eleanor Walter Thomas, Ph. D., after teaching at St. Mary's College, Raleigh, went to Cleveland, Ohio, where she was professor of English at Western Reserve University until her retirement several years ago. She has great nephews teaching now at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Hasell Thomas LaBorde; the University of North Carolina, Dr. Henry Garrison Thomas; and at the University of Alabama, Dr. Gibbs Patton. A great niece, Anne Lapham Blevins, teaches at Converse College, and her husband, Prof. Maurice Blevins, teaches at Wofford. Another great niece, Irene LaBorde Neuffer, formerly taught at the University of South Carolina, where her husband, Prof. Claude H. Neuffer, is now on the faculty.

Thomas, Bishop of South Carolina, retired, of Columbia, and the Rev. Harold Thomas, rector of St. Luke's Church, retired, of Charleston; and the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Alva M. Lumpkin, Sr., Mrs. Pierre LaBorde, Misses Cornelia and Catherine Thomas, Mrs. Quincy W. Ulmer, Gerald Scurry and Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Columbia. Also Mrs. Samuel Lapham, Mrs. Henry Buist and Harold Thomas, Jr., Charleston; Dr. Henry C. Thomas, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Eugene E. Stone, Sr., Marietta; Mrs. Ernest Patton and Ellison Capers Mitchell, Greenville; Mrs. Robert B. Clarkson and Mrs. S. H. Clarkson, Camden, and Mrs. Fred L. Witsell, Denver, Colorado. "Miss Bessie" was a cousin of the late Robert Charlton Thomas, Ridgeway, and the late Mrs. J. J. Obear of Winnsboro.

**SERVICES FOR TIMMS  
INFANT HELD MONDAY**

Sharon Elise Timms, infant daughter of Harold L. and Louise Dunn Timms of Winnsboro, died Sunday at the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are the mother and father; a sister, Linda Timms of the home; a brother, Lindsey Timms of the home; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dunn of Winnsboro; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Jesse Timms of Winnsboro; and several uncles and aunts.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday from the graveside in Oaklawn Cemetery by Dr. Ralph E. Lattimore. 1961

**Mrs. Turner, 79,  
Dies in Sumter**

Mrs. Mamie Stevenson Turner, 79, widow of Pierce Coleman Turner, died at the Toumey Hospital in Sumter Wednesday night (Oct. 18) at 11 o'clock. She has been in ill health for about a year, but the sudden end was unexpected. 1961

Born in Winnsboro, she was the daughter of James B. and Cattie Kennedy Stevenson. Mrs. Turner was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Turner King of Sumter; two sons, Pierce C. Turner, Jr., of Cross Hill and Marvin S. Turner of Clinton, one sister, Mrs. E. A. Caudle of Sumter; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grace S. Stevenson is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Turner.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday from the Hurst Funeral Home in Sumter by her pastor, Dr. Cliff H. McLeod. Interment was in the Lebanon Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Winnsboro at 2 p.m.

Pallbearers at the graveside were W. J. Stevenson, William J. Turner, E. L. Stevenson, L. O. Stevenson, Charlie Turner.

**J. R. Vaughn, 80,  
Dies at His Home  
Ridgeway, Sunday**

John Robert Vaughn, 80, died at his home in Ridgeway Sunday. 1961

He was born at Simpson, a son of the late John Madison Vaughn and the late Mary Jane Simpson Vaughn. A retired farmer, he was a member of Sion Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Sistrunk; four sisters, Mrs. Nannie Richardson of Columbia, Miss Mamie Vaughn and Mrs. Sarah Blair of Ridgeway and Mrs. Strother Broome of Winnsboro; one sister-in-law, Mrs. W. B. Vaughn of Chester and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 5 p.m. Monday from Pope Funeral Home by the Rev. Robert E. Smith and the Rev. Joe Beale. Interment was in Aimwell Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Eugene Broome, Earl Turner, Trez Turner, Billy Kennedy, George Kennedy, Louie Coleman, Paul Cook and Lee Muller.

Honorary pallbearers were Dave Walker, Lonnie Taylor, Robert Thomas, J. M. Lyles, Sr., L. B. Park, A. E. Davis, Wallace Beckham and Dr. John C. Buchanan, Jr.

**W. J. Turner, 61  
Dies Suddenly at  
County Hospital**

William James Turner, merchant and farmer of Route 1, Winnsboro, died suddenly Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital, where he had been taken two days earlier for treatment. Death was attributed to a heart ailment. He would have been 61 on Dec. 14 (today). 1961

Born in the Lebanon community, he was the son of the late William James and Elizabeth Jane Turner, and had lived in the community all his life where he had extensive farming interests and operated a general store. Active in the civic and religious life of the county, he was a deacon in Lebanon Presbyterian Church and a Mason. He was a graduate of Mount Zion Institute of Winnsboro.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sara Raines Turner of the home; one daughter, Miss Anne Turner, publicity director of Columbia College; one son, William James Turner, Jr., Winnsboro; two sisters, Mrs. Curtis Wrike, Graham, N. C., and Mrs. C. W. Jordan of Jefferson. A brother, Earle A. Turner, longtime superintendent of Everett school, died May 6, 1956.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Lebanon Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Francis B. Mayes, pastor, assisted by Dr. R. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Julian S. Martin, T. W. Gladden, C. M. Boulware, Robert P. Boulware, Pat Ramsey and William M. Clowney.

The honorary escort was composed of elders and deacons of Lebanon Presbyterian Church and R. L. Martin, Henry E. Johnson, R. M. Brice, J. D. Lyles, S. D. Cathcart, R. H. Jennings, R. R. Foster, Dr. J. B. Floyd, J. L. Mattox, L. R. Hanna and George F. Coleman.

**T. A. Walters  
Dies Suddenly**

Thornwell Andrew Walters, 54, Fagan Road, Winnsboro, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, after a brief illness. 1961

Born in Winnsboro on Jan. 3, 1907, he was the son of the late T. A. Walters and Mrs. Rosa Lee Proctor Walters. He was a mechanic by trade and attended the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Myrtle D. Walters of Winnsboro; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Milliken of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Gaynell Costongia of California; three sons, Billy Walters of Rock Hill, Grady Walters of Winnsboro and Lendell Walters of Santa Ana, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Threath, Gastonia, N. C., Mrs. Thelma Stillwell, Winnsboro, and Mrs. Carrie Carroll, Blythewood; four brothers, Lonnie Walters and Melvin Walters of Winnsboro, Roland Walters of Gastonia, and O. E. Walters of Lancaster. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete late Wednesday.

**L. T. Weed, 81,  
Dies at Hospital**

Lonnie Thomas Weed, 81, of Winnsboro, died at Fairfield County Memorial Hospital Saturday night after a long period of declining health. 10/1961

Born at Irmo, he was a son of the late Sam T. and Adeline Meetze Weed. He was a retired farmer and employe of the U. S. Rubber Co. plant. He was a member of Salem Methodist Church at Irmo. His wife, Mrs. Rosa Bell Stack Weed, died in 1934.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Sam Parker, Mrs. Dorothy Lee and Mrs. Ben McManus, all of Winnsboro; eight sons, Leroy, James, the Rev. Lloyd Weed, Rufus, Coley, Fred, Malcolm and Charles Weed, all of Winnsboro; three sisters, Mrs. Lula Weed and Mrs. Lillian Meetze of Irmo and Mrs. Nezzie Kelly of Spartanburg; four brothers, Thad Weed of Lexington, D. L. Weed of Irmo, Lovett Weed of Columbia and Burney Weed of Irmo; 23 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday from the Salem Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. John T. Duckett and the Rev. J. C. Inabinet. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Bobby Weed, William K. Lee, Joel Weed, Freddie Weed, Wilbur Weed and Wallace Weed.

**Mrs. Wertz, 85,  
Dies July 30 in  
Newberry Hospital**

Mrs. Sallie Wertz, 85, of Newberry, died Sunday, July 30, at the Newberry County Memorial Hospital after a short illness. 1961

Mrs. Wertz was the daughter of the late John A. Wertz and the late Nora Kinard of Silverstreet.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Newberry.

Mrs. Wertz was preceded to the grave by her husband, Ruff M. Wertz, April 17, 1939. She was also pre-deceased by two sons, John A. Wertz of Winnsboro, May 30, 1944, and R. Broadus Wertz, November 21, 1955.

Mrs. Wertz is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Junius F. Long of Newberry, a granddaughter and several nieces and nephews; Also, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Virginia B. Wertz of Winnsboro.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 p.m. on July 30 from the Whitaker Funeral Home by the Rev. Kenneth B. Wilson. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church cemetery in Silverstreet.

**J. Ben White  
Loses Brother**  
1961

Richard G. White, 43, died suddenly Monday night at his home in Raleigh, N. C. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at a Presbyterian church in Raleigh, of which he was a member.

Mr. White is survived by his wife, the former Miss Anne Willimon of Greenville, and by four children. Also surviving are two brothers, J. Ben White, Winnsboro city manager, and Hugh White of Greenville.