

George Beckham Fairfield Native, Dies in Collision

A pickup truck and tractor-trailer collision Monday afternoon, at the intersection of Highway 321 and Secondary Highway 59, in Richland county, claimed the life of George Robert Beckham, 35, native of Fairfield and Richland county farmer.

According to investigating officers, the accident took place about 3:30 p.m., when Mr. Beckham, driving his pickup, attempted to cross Highway 321. The bed was torn from the truck and the tractor-trailer plunged from the highway into the woods along the road, about 12 miles north of Columbia. Coroner Cecil Wiles is continuing investigation of the conditions leading to the accident. The driver of the trailer, Wesley James Barrs, 26, of West Columbia, was listed in "fair" condition at the Providence Hospital.

Mr. Beckham, known as "Uncle Bob," was born in Fairfield County, Nov. 2, 1876, a son of the late George Richard and Emma Robinson Beckham. He spent all his life in the Oak Grove community, Richland county.

A member of Oak Grove Methodist Church, he was active in church work and in the Sunday School. Mr. Beckham was keenly interested in community affairs and political activities.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Katie Shull Beckham; eight daughters, Mrs. Carrie Beckham, Mrs. Annie Blackmon, Mrs. E. J. Lever and Miss Maggie Beckham, all of Blythewood, and Mrs. W. M. Andrews, Mrs. Bert Friday, Mrs. Ernest Boney, Jr., and Mrs. Joseph Boney, all of Columbia; three sons, Lewis R. Beckham of St. Matthews and Thomas R. Beckham and James S. Beckham, both of Blythewood; 24 grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Beckham was the father of Tom Beckham, Richland county deputy sheriff, who is the husband of Mrs. Theresa Beckham, Fairfield home demonstration agent. Joe B. Beckham, David Beckham and Wallace Beckham are nephews of the deceased.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning from the Oak Grove Methodist Church by the Rev. A. M. Campbell and the Rev. L. D. Hamer. Interment was in the church cemetery.

James H. Aiken Loses A Sister

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Aiken Boney, 83, of Chester were held on Sunday afternoon from the Blackstock Presbyterian Church, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Robert Dobbins. Interment was in the Blackstock Baptist cemetery.

Mrs. Boney died at the Chester County hospital on Friday. She was the widow of Clarence Jesse Boney and was born in Fairfield County, a daughter of the late David W. Aiken and Sarah Ashford Aiken.

She was a member of the Purity Presbyterian Church in Chester.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Ross J. Dye of Great Falls, Mrs. Albert E. Stone, Sr., of Carlisle, Mrs. Gilmore S. Ratteree of Rock Hill and Mrs. Hazel Nichols of Chester; three sisters, Mrs. J. P. McKeown, Sr., Mrs. S. E. Boney and Mrs. Mayme A. Truesdale of Columbia and one brother, James H. Aiken of Winnsboro.

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J. B. Abernethy Dies in Columbia

Joseph B. Abernethy, 65, of Winnsboro, died Tuesday at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia.

Born in Catawba, N. C., he was the son of the late Henderson and Jane M. Abernethy. He was a retired textile worker and radio dispatcher and was a member of the First Methodist Church of Mt. Holly, N. C.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Lena Miller Abernethy, and five sisters: Miss Rosella Abernethy, Mrs. Mildred Kile and Mrs. Georgia Jones of Mt. Holly, N. C., Mrs. Annie Rae Stinson of Lenoir, N. C., and Mrs. Inez McGee of Gastonia, N. C.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Aubert Smith, will be held Friday at 11 a.m., from the Caruthers Funeral Home, Mt. Holly, N. C. Interment will be in the Mt. Holly cemetery.

D. G. Bass, 54, Dies Thursday at Fairfield Hospital

Douglas George Bass, 54, died Thursday afternoon at the Fairfield Memorial Hospital, after an illness of two weeks.

He was born at Blythewood, son of the late Henry Calvin Bass and Sally Roberts Bass.

Mr. Bass was a guard at the S. C. Penitentiary.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Stella Lovett Bass; a son, George F. Bass of Winnsboro; a grandson, Leslie Bass of Winnsboro; four sisters, Mrs. Nezzie Brewer of Pontiac, Mrs. Carrie Hood and Mrs. Estelle Cook of Blythewood and Mrs. Pearl Albert of Guam; four brothers, Gary F., Sr., of Winnsboro, Ivey of Blythewood and Earlee and Maxie L. Bass of Columbia.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning from the Stephen Greene Baptist Church by the Rev. James P. Blackwelder. Interment was in the Winnsboro Mills cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jimmy Johnson, Curtis Boulware, Abie Kelly, L. Johnston, J. D. Robinson and Albert Smith.

Mrs. Williams, 64, Former Educator, Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Pauline T. Williams, 64, of Winnsboro, died unexpectedly at her home Thursday afternoon after several years of declining health. She was the widow of Aubrey Grady Williams of Norway, S. C., who died in 1928.

Mrs. Williams was the former Pauline Wagner Tidwell. She was born in Ridgeway, the daughter of Mrs. Annie K. Tidwell and the late Charles D. Tidwell. For many years she was associated with the Fairfield County Educational System, having served as Superintendent of Education from 1935 to 1939 and later as teacher and librarian at Mt. Zion Institute in Winnsboro. She retired from active teaching in 1958.

She attended Columbia College and Winthrop College and held a B. S. degree in Library Science from Asheville Teachers' College. She did graduate work at William & Mary and Furman University. She was a member of Sion Presbyterian Church, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Whitman Literary Society of Columbia College and was a life member of the South Carolina Education Association.

Funeral service were conducted by Rev. Robert E. Smith and Dr. A. F. Ragan from Sion Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Interment was at 3:00 p.m. in the family plot at Willow Swamp Baptist Church in Norway.

Active pallbearers were Marion E. Stevenson, F. H. Dove, Jr., Edward Tidwell, Joseph Crumpton, Edward Culbreth and Berry Arnette.

Honorary pallbearers included the Deacons and Elders of Sion Presbyterian Church and Beverley Palmer, Louie Coleman, Baxter Jones, V. E. Barnett, R. W. Thomas, J. S. Edmunds, Walter Ruff, Billy Kennedy, James Lee Boney and John Lee Dixon, all of Ridgeway; and W. D. Mitchell, William H. Castles, F. E. Propst, Jr., M. D. Douglas, John A. Martin, Dr. J. B. Floyd, Dr. J. C. Buchanan and W. W. Lewis of Winnsboro.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Tidwell of Ridgeway; two daughters, Mrs. T. O. Curlee, Jr. of Greenville and Mrs. G. E. Proctor of Alexandria, Va.; one son, Aubrey Grady Williams, Jr. of Winnsboro; five sisters, Mrs. Boyd Brown of Winnsboro, Mrs. S. C. McMeekin and Mrs. J. L. McCallum of Columbia, Mrs. Frank D. Watkins of Belmont, N. C., and Mrs. W. A. Huey of Rock Hill; one brother, Charles W. Tidwell of Ridgeway; eight grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

R. W. Yates, 75, Fairfield Native, Dies in Rock Hill

Robert William Yates Sr., 75, died at his home in Rock Hill Sunday after an illness of four years.

Born in Fairfield County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yates. He had lived in Chester 45 years, having moved to Rock Hill 15 months ago. He attended the St. James Methodist Church of Chester.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Ashford Yates of Rock Hill; three sons, Robert Jr. of Chester, Carl of Rock Hill and Sgt. Joe Yates with the U. S. Air Force in Evergreen Cemetery.

A Tribute to Mrs. Elizabeth Wieser

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning
of the bar
When I put out to sea."

There was no moaning of the bar when the soul of our dear, departed friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilfert Wieser took its flight to meet her Pilot face to face.

Mrs. Wieser passed to eternal rest at the Fairfield Memorial Hospital on September 26, 1961, where she was ill only a few days. Funeral services were conducted at Pope Funeral Home, Winnsboro, by her pastor, the Rev. R. R. Wallace. She was laid to rest in the cemetery of Salem Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Wieser was born March 24, 1896, in Hoff, Germany, the daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Wilfert. She was married to Anton Martin Wieser. On December 21, 1926, they came to America making their home first in New York State; later in New Jersey. Five children, one son and four daughters mourn her death.

Mrs. Wieser was reared in the Lutheran faith. After her husband's death, she came to South Carolina in 1957 and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Barksdale Drew of Blair. Very soon she placed her membership in Salem Presbyterian Church where she endeared herself to the church, and especially to the members of her Women of the Church circle by her open-heartedness, her sincerity, her friendly nature, her dedication to her faith in her Savior, and her devotion to her church. For the past year Mrs. Wieser has filled the office of Christian Social Secretary to the Women of the Church. There is scarcely a family but will remember her cards, her sincere messages of sympathy and her messages of cheer to the sick and the aged. She was most faithful in her attendance at all the services of the church.

A lovely soul has gone from our midst. We are grieved for her loved ones and for ourselves, yet we bow in humble submission to God's will and wisdom.

Therefore be it resolved that we, the Women of the Church, wish to

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157. Daughter, Former Ridgeway Rector, Dies on Mar. 20

Mrs. Harriett Elizabeth Whaley, formerly of Ridgeway, died March 20, at her home at Isle of Palms, near Charleston. Widow of Charles Joseph Whaley, she was the former Miss Lilla Skinner, daughter of the late Rev. Frederick Nash Skinner, S. T. B., and Mrs. Harriett Augusta Snowden Skinner. She lived in Ridgeway from 1913 to 1919 when Mr. Skinner was rector of St. Stephen's Church.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Edward B. Guerry at St. John's Episcopal Church, John's Island, with burial in the church yard. Mrs. Whaley was born in Wilmington, N. C., May 2, 1893. She taught Sunday School at St. Stephen's throughout the years her father served the Ridgeway church. She is survived by a daughter, a grandson, and a sister, Mrs. John F. Sosnowski, Jr., the former Miss Eliza Skinner, Wadmalaw Island. Her only son was killed in World War II.

Mrs. Wieser of Blair Dies at Local Hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilfert Wieser, 65, of the Blair Section of Fairfield County, died at the Fairfield Hospital Tuesday.

She was born in Germany, a daughter of the late Nicholas and Barbara Wilfert. She was a member of the Salem Presbyterian Church and of Circle Number Two of the Women of the Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Barksdale Drew of Blair, Mrs. Ralph Timer of Summerville, N. J., Mrs. John Giorlano of Bethpage, N. Y., and Sister Maria Goretti of St. Agathas Home Manuet, N. Y.; one son, Herman A. Wieser of Summerset, N. J., and one brother, Heinrich Wilfert of Jeara, East Germany.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the Pope Funeral Home. Services will be conducted by the Rev. R. R. Wallace and interment will follow in the Salem Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be J. O. Coleman, Sam P. Bolick, George Yongue, Charlie Burley, Ben Drew, John Owens, and Billy Howard Lindler.

The honorary escort will be composed of Ray M. Blair, Claude H. Ragsdale, Jr., Dr. J. B. Floyd, G. E. Langford, J. L. Gibbs, John R. Ragsdale, T. Albert Ladd, Julian Martin, C. H. Coleman, Sr., J. D. Bolick, J. B. Frazier, Jr., W. H. Long, John L. Dickey, Frank Fee, Plumer Coleman, Thomas E. Wilkes, John K. Ragsdale, Ben E. Crowder, A. F. Blair, Willie Blair, Marion Frazier and the white employes of the Palmetto Quarries Blair Plant.