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## **January 6, 1911**

### **Crawford, Mary**

Mrs. Mary Crawford, eighty-three years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles McCroskey, in Baltimore, Md., on Sunday [December 31, 1910] morning, of heart failure. Mrs. Crawford was a cousin of Mrs. R. W. Merchant and of Miss Ida M. Lickle, of Manassas.

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## **January 13, 1911**

### **Berkeley, Norborne**

#### **COL. N. BERKELEY DEAD**

#### **A Confederate Veteran Passes Peacefully Away in His Home at Waterfall**

Col. Norborne Berkeley, eighty-two years old, died at his home, near Waterfall, yesterday [January 12, 1911] afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis on Monday.

He was educated at the Virginia Military Institute and at the beginning of the Confederate war, was made Lieutenant Colonel of the celebrated eighth Virginia Infantry commanded by the late General Eppa Hunton.

When Colonel Hunton was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, Col. Berkeley was promoted to the command of the regiment and led it, with gallantry, through many hardfought battles.

Though Col. Berkeley had attained over four score years of age, he manifested the vitality and energy of one very much younger, and took much interest in caring for the details of his rural home at the foot of the romantic Bull Run mountains.

When stricken he was engaged in pruning his well-kept orchard, and death claimed him without his re-gaining consciousness.

The deceased is survived by an elder brother, Lieutenant-Colonel Edmund Berkeley, who, upon the promotion of his brother Norborne, at Gettysburg, was made Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment.

The funeral took place this afternoon from St. Paul's Episcopal church in Haymarket, the Rev. Mr. Grinnan, rector of the church, officiating, and interment was in St. Paul's church cemetery.

Those acquainted with the deceased will attest his many amiable qualities of mind and heart, and who will mourn his loss.

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**Lunsford, John S.**

Mr. John S. Lunsford, sr., died at his home near Bellefair Mills, in this county, on Sunday [January 8, 1911]. Mr. Lunsford was a gallant Confederate soldier and was in many hard-fought battles. In the death of Mr. Lunsford, the county has lost a good citizen, the community in which he lived, a sympathetic, kind and useful friend and neighbor, and his family a fond and devoted member. His remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground on Monday afternoon.

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**January 20, 1911**

**Chinn, Edmonia**

Little Edmonia Chinn, the two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey Tyler, died at the home of her parents, near Hickory Grove, yesterday [January 19, 1911] morning, of diphtheria, after a brief illness. The interment was made in the family burying ground yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Grinnan, rector of St. Pauls Episcopal church officiating.

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**Hixson, Mrs. Leland**

Mrs. Leland Hixson, who died in Washington Friday [January 13, 1911] night following an operation, was buried in the Moses Hixson family burying ground, near Blandsford, on Sunday. Mr. Hixson was in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. James Florance, near Manassas, in apparent good health, a few weeks ago.

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**Triplett, Haywood**

While eating his breakfast, at his home near Gainesville, on Wednesday [January 18, 1911] morning, Mr. Haywood Triplett, a Confederate veteran, fell from his chair and immediately expired. Mr. Triplett had made no complaint of feeling unwell and his death came as a shock to his family and friends.

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## **January 27, 1911**

### **Beckwith, Kitty**

“Aunt” Kitty Beckwith, a respected colored woman of near Bull Run, and a lifelong member of the Old School Baptist church, died Wednesday [*January 25, 1911*] at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Elder John Farr officiating and interment was in Cub Run cemetery.

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### **Fox, Addison**

Dr. Addison Fox, sixty-five years of age, died at his home, 313 N. Carry street, Baltimore, Md., last Saturday [*January 21, 1911*] night, of congestion of the brain. The funeral too place from the home on Wednesday morning and interment was in the family burying ground near Leesburg. The deceased, who was a native of Loudoun county, was a brother-in-law of the late Dr. John D. Lickle, of Baltimore, who was a brother of Miss Ida M. Lickle and Mrs. R. W. Merchant, of Manassas.

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### **Green, John**

“Uncle” John Green, 76 years old, died at his home on Quarry street in this place Thursday [*January 26, 1911*] night of dropsy. The funeral will take place from the home tomorrow afternoon Elder Smoot of the Occoquan Primitive Baptist Church officiating and interment will be in the colored cemetery, near Manassas. The deceased is survived by his widow and by three sons and four daughters. His wife was a house servant of the late Robert C. Weir.

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### **Holmes, Cynthia**

Miss Cynthia Holmes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes, died at her home, near Fayman, on Wednesday [*January 18, 1911*] of last week. The interment was in the family burying ground, Friday. The deceased, who was blind from birth, is survived by a twin brother, Lucian, with whom she had spent her lonely life, together with another brother, William Henry, and a sister, Mrs. T. A. Able.

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**Potter, E. H.**

Mr. E. H. Potter, sixty-eight years old, died at his home near Orlando, Wednesday [January 25, 1911] morning of heart failure followed by pneumonia. The funeral took place from the family home this afternoon the Rev. Mr. Brill officiating, and interment was in Valley View church, cemetery. The deceased is survived by a widow and two sons, Mr. F. E. Potter, of Washington, and Mr. L. H. Potter of this county.  
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**Taylor, Thomas Owen**

**DEATH OF MR. T. O. TAYLOR**

**Ex-Mayor of Manassas and Confederate Veteran Passed Away Last Night**

With only a few moments warning to his family, Mr. Thos. O. Taylor sank into unconsciousness at four o'clock yesterday [January 26, 1911] afternoon, at his home in Peobody street, this place, and died at eleven o'clock.

Although having been in ill health for the past two years, and quite feeble from the infirmities of age, his persevering energy enabled him to appear upon the streets of Manassas, with no alarming change in his condition, the afternoon of the day before his death.

Yesterday afternoon he put on his overcoat and attempted to make his customary trip to the postoffice for his mail, but overcome with feelings of languor, after going a half square, he returned to his home and seated himself in a chair by the stove. Throwing up his hands with an outcry that told in no uncertain words of his dying condition, he was tenderly carried to his bed chamber and his family physician, Dr. J. Marye Lewis, summoned. The anxious expression of the loved ones, who stood around the deathbed, was answered by the physician with a solemn glance which revealed the sad fact that the soul of his patient would soon be with his Maker.

So short was the warning of the "grim monster" that the friends of the deceased had no intimation of his unusual illness and his death came as a surprise.

Mr. Taylor, who was a son of the late Joseph D. and Frances Rosseau Taylor, of the upper portion of Prince William County, was born October 12, 1834, and was thus in his 77<sup>th</sup> year. At the outbreak of the Confederate war, he joined the Fifth Texas Infantry and fought in the battles of The Wilderness, Seven Pines and numerous other minor engagements. Subsequent to the battle of Seven Pines, he was assigned to Chimborazo hospital, in Richmond. He was with the hospital's corps of surgeons upon the bloody fields of the Seven-days-fight and his ministrations of mercy were attested by the wounded and dying, from that great struggle, who were removed to the hospital after the tide of battle had swept over those memorable fields, in defense of the Confederate Capital.

After the close of the war he returned to Prince William county and engaged in the mercantile business at Hickory Grove, of which place he was chosen postmaster by the Federal government, though an avowed rebel, through his eminent fitness for the position and the wishes of the patrons of the office. He was also a merchant, for two

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years in Charlestown, W. Va., removing from that place to Manassas in 1892. Upon his location in Manassas he engaged in the lumber business with Mr. W. Hill Brown under the firm name of Taylor & Brown, which business was successfully conducted for about two years when the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, and he retired from commercial business.

Soon after Mr. Taylor's advent to Manassas, he was chosen mayor, succeeding Mr. Thos. H. Lion, declined, which office he filled with marked ability for several successive terms. He filled several other official positions in the county and was for several years a judge of election of Manassas magisterial precinct and of the town of Manassas.

In 1868, Mr. Taylor married Miss Anna Mary Smith, daughter of the late Andrew K. Smith, one of the most prominent and successful merchants of Dumfries. From this union were born four girls, Mrs. Alice Hutchison, of Loudoun county; Miss Selina Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Sinclair, and Mrs. R. M. Weir, of Manassas, and Messrs. T. Ramsey Taylor, of Norfolk, and B. Conway Taylor, former editor of THE MEANASSAS JOURNAL, now of The Baltimore Sun.

The funeral will take place from Trinity Episcopal church to-morrow afternoon, Rev. Leslie Robinson, former rector of the church, officiating, and the interment will be in the Manassas cemetery, where sleep many of his comrades in arms awaiting the resurrection morn. Those who will bear the casket to its last resting place, and who were among the deceased's most intimate friends, are: Messrs. Geo. C. Round, William M. Wheeler, W. C. Wagener, A. W. Sinclair, G. Raymond Ratcliffe, and Dr. C. R. C. Johnson.

In the death of Thomas Owen Taylor the county has lost a good citizen, the community in which he has resided for nearly a score of years a kind and sympathetic neighbor, and his family an affectionate and devoted husband and father.

The writer remembers with feelings of sincere gratitude the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy extended to him in trying hours by this departed friend, and he hereby extends to the sorrowing widow and children his deepest sympathy in this, the hour of their sad bereavement.

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## **February 3, 1911**

**McCleary, Conway**

**DIES SUDDENLY ON TRAIN**

**Flagman McCleary, Husband of Former Manassas Girl, Succumbs to Apoplexy.**

When Conway McCleary kissed his little wife and prattling child good bye, in his cozy home in Washington Tuesday [*January 31, 1911*] morning, and boarded passenger

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train No. 9 as its flagman, a more perfect picture of health and vigorous manhood could scarcely be imagined.

His faithful wife, with little thought of impending sorrow, was busy with her household cares and with pleasurable expectation of her husband's early return, when the message came telling her of his tragic death. It requires no stretch of imagination to realize the cruelty of the blow which destroyed the charm of home and rendered her heart the tomb of blighted hopes.

When Flagman McCleary reached Manassas, the day upon which he died, he complained of feeling languid and jokingly remarked to the porter that he felt like changing places with him and take a good nap. He gradually grew worse and when the train reached Gilbert's station, he left train No. 9 and boarded passenger train No. 10 for Washington in the hope of reaching home before the crisis came.

From Conductor Parker, with whom the dead man talked, it is learned that McCleary had a premonition of impending dissolution and his only hope was to reach home before he died. This proved a vain hope for when the train reached Calverton his soul had taken its flight, as he sat, apparently sleeping, in his seat with head bowed.

A passenger, who sat in the seat in front of the unfortunate victim, stated that his attention was called to the man's heavy breathing just before the train reached Calverton, but thinking that he was sleeping, paid no further attention to him until the train stopped, when he discovered he was dead.

The deceased's wife was Miss Maude Irby, daughter of engineer Jack Irby, a former resident of Manassas, and who at the time of his residence here, was running on the Manassas branch of the Southern Railway.

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**Johnson, John F.**

**DEATH OF J. F. JOHNSON**

**Former Merchant and Resident of Manassas Passes Away in Illinois Home**

Mr. John F. Johnson, eighty-two years old, a former resident and anti-bellum merchant of Manassas, died after a prolonged illness, in his home in Annapolis, Illinois, on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant [*January 15, 1911*].

He is survived by a widow, three sons, Messrs. B. F. Johnson, of Marshall; John F. Johnson, Jr., of Hunt City, and Joseph Johnson, of Annapolis, Illinois; and by two daughters, Mrs. J. Johnson, of Lincoln Centre, Nebraska, and Mrs. George Nelson, of Annapolis, Illinois. Interment was in the Mount Pleasant cemetery, near Annapolis.

A short time prior to the civil war, Mr. Johnson came to Manassas from Alexandria, and entered the mercantile business with Mr. William Brawner, father of Mr. Chas. E. Brawner, of this county, under the firm name of Johnson & Brawner, at what is now known as the Catholic church crossing, then the depot for the old Orange & Alexandria Railway Company.

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The business was continued until the outbreak of the war, when Mr. Johnson joined the Prince William Cavalry, commanded by Captain William Willis Thornton, father of Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, but shortly afterwards withdrew and returned to Alexandria where he entered the mercantile business on his own account, conducting the same until his removal to Annapolis, Illinois, in 1867, where he again engaged in his former business pursuits.

Mr. Johnson was born in the southern portion of Manassas magisterial district, and married Miss Theresa Reece, whose father lived, at the time, on the farm he afterwards sold to Col. H. W. Cunningham, the first postmaster of Manassas after the war, and which is now owned and resided upon by Mr. Jos. F. Lewis. The deceased was a cousin of the late Benjamin Johnson, who owned and resided upon the farm now owned by Mr. W. I. Stere, and was related to the Johnson family now residing near Manassas.

Mr. B. D. Merchant recalls that the first employment he received, after his return from the war, was as agent for Mr. Johnson in having a quantity of cord wood cut on a tract owned by the deceased, near Bradley and in settling with Mr. Johnson at his store in Alexandria, paid 87½ cents per yard for one yard wide bleached cotton for shirts and corresponding fabulous war time prices for other purchases.

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**Taylor, Thomas Owen**

**FUNERAL OF MR. TAYLOR**

**Ex-Mayor and Confederate Veteran Laid to Rest in Manassas Cemetery**

The funeral of the late Thomas Owen Taylor, whose death occurred at his home in Peabody street, in this place on Friday morning last [*January 27, 1911*], took place from Trinity Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member, on Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Leslie Robinson, former rector of the church, and the interment was in the Manassas cemetery.

Among the handsome floral tributes to the memory of the deceased, were: "Gates Ajar," presented by Superintendent G. G. Tyler and the teachers and pupils of the Graded and High schools of Manassas; an evergreen harp, fashioned by Mrs. W.M. Wheeler, of Magnolia arbor-vitae and holly, taken from trees planted by the deceased; a beautiful piece of carnations and roses, arranged into the confederate colors, by Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; handsome bouquets of tea and crimson roses from Judge and Mrs. Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davies, and numerous other tributes from relatives and friends.

The little chapel, in which the services were held, was crowded to its utmost capacity and the long procession, which followed the body of the deceased to its last resting place in the "silent city of the dead," on the outskirts of Manassas, attested the

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high esteem in which our kind hearted and generous departed friend and neighbor was held.

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**Triplett, Haywood**

**Death of Mr. Triplett**

Mr. Haywood Triplett, a member of the Methodist church in Gainesville, Sudley Circuit, died January 18 [1911], in his 69<sup>th</sup> year, and was buried in Gainesville cemetery.

He had been ill but a short time before his death. He was a devoted Methodist, yet broad and fraternal in his religious sympathies for other Christians. His life extended over a very interesting and important period of our country's history.

Mr. Triplett served with conspicuous bravery in the civil war, with Stuart's Horse Artillery, and was wounded and lost his right leg in the second battle of Manassas. There was much I admire, revere and love in Brother Triplett as a man, but much more to admire, revere and love in him as a Christian. He did not pretend to be a perfect man and yet we rarely find a person of fewer blemishes in his character.

He was hopefully converted some 20 years ago. For many years he filled important offices in the church, among the rest, a steward for eighteen years.

Much more might, in truth, be said of Mr. Triplett as a man, but I write not to strangers; I write of him to those who have known him longer and better than myself. We hope his entire family will honorably succeed him and fill his place in the church.

He is survived by his widow and eight children—Roderick, of Portsmouth; Haywood and Elic, of Gainesville; Philip, of Wellington; Mrs. J. A. Weaver, of Bristow; Miss Edna Triplett, of Richmond, and Miss Bertha Triplett, of Catawba.

Mr. Triplett had resided in Prince William county for about forty years.

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**Harley, Grace Agnes**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving remembrance of Grace Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harley, who died January 29, 1911, at the age of 6 months, and 15 days.

Only a dear little blossom,  
The dearest to us in the world,  
How often we loved and caressed her,  
Our sweet little baby girl.

She was only with us a short time  
Just six months and some days,  
And now little Grace Agnes  
Is singing to Jesus his praise.

How often we wish and wonder  
That we knew the reason why  
That God in His infinite mercy  
Took our darling so early on high.

So now with tears and deep sorry  
We'll wait for our call to yond shore,  
To meet little Grace and Jesus  
And dwell with them ever more.

**A Friend**

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**Ball, Nannie**

Miss Nannie Ball departed this life on Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> [1911], at the home of her brother Joseph. She had been suffering with tuberculosis which finally developed into pneumonia. The interment was made in the family burying ground at Hopewell.  
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**Able, Walter**

### **DIES WITH SONG ON LIPS**

#### **Death Summons Walter Able While Riding Home With Wedding Party**

Returning to his home, near Dumfries, Wednesday [February 8, 1911] afternoon, from Manassas, where he had been to witness the marriage of his niece, Miss Eva B. Able, to his brother-in-law, Mr. Richard Randall, at the Lutheran parsonage, Mr. Walter Able, familiarly known in the neighborhood of Dumfries as "Tad," was stricken with appoplexy and died in the arms of Clement Johnson, who was driving the wedding party.

The jolly wedding party were nearing Independent Hill, when the death summons came to the victim, who was singing one of his favorite songs, which the writer often heard him sing when the war clouds hung over old Dumfries. It was then that Mr. Able's father threw open his home to shelter the writer and other members of the family when his childhood home was being plundered and farm products destroyed by an invading foe. *The Manassas Journal, February 10, 1911 p-1*

**Wolfe, Forest**

### **FOUND DEAD BY RAILROAD**

#### **Forest Wolfe, of Hoadley, Meets Tragic Death Friday Night at Burke's Station**

Mr. Forest Wolfe, 35 years old, son of Mr. George Wolfe, of Hoadley county, was found dead between the Southern Railway tracks, a short distance south of Burkes station, Saturday [February 4, 1911] morning.

The body was brought here Sunday noon, by undertaker Baker, and prepared for burial. The funeral took place Monday afternoon from Bacon Race church Elder Smoot officiating, and interment was in Oak Grove cemetery. The deceased was a brother of Charlie Wolfe and a brother-in-law of Messrs. Ocie and Robert Carter, of Manassas.

The young man was in Manassas last Thursday afternoon, it is said, and had a check for \$45 cashed. When his body was found his pocket book and watch were missing. Whether young Wolfe was murdered for his money or whether he was killed by a train will probably remain a mystery, although the verdict of the coroner's jury held to the opinion of the latter theory. There seems to be some of the opinion that the young man was murdered and his body placed on the railroad track to avert suspicion of the crime.

It is learned that Mr. M. B. Merchant, day operator at Burke's station, has stated that he and others assisted the victim in extricating himself from a perilous position between the cross ties of the trestle in sight of the station, and to a place of safety. This was about four o'clock Friday afternoon and the body was discovered by the engineer of passenger train No. 18 early the following morning.

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**Tillett, Thomas**

Mr. Thomas Tillett, uncle of Mr. J. R. Tillett, of Manassas, and one of the oldest inhabitants of Prince William county, died at his home, near Hoadley, last Friday [February 3, 1911], at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The funeral took place from the home on Saturday, Rev. John Ennis officiating, and interment was in the Pearson burying ground.

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**Delaney, Dennis W.**

**DEATH OF MR. DELANEY**

Mr. Dennis W. Delaney died on Sunday [February 5, 1911], at his home, at Hoadley, this county, of dropsy, in his seventy-second year. He is survived by his widow, three sons—Dr. Martin D. Delaney, of Alexandria; Rev. Father William D. Delaney, of St. Paul's church, Portsmouth, and Mr. Joseph A. Delaney, a dental student in Georgetown University, and two daughters—Mrs. A. J. Baker and Mrs. Jas. P. Smith, of Hoadley. The funeral took place on Monday and his body was taken to Alexandria for interment.

Mr. Delaney came to this county from Pennsylvania and entered the mercantile business in Alexandria. Subsequently he embarked in the same business at Hoadley conducting the business for about fifteen years.

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**Slingerland, Jno. W.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Died, at Garfield Hospital, Washington, January 27<sup>th</sup> [1911], at 6 o'clock, a. m., from the effects of an amputated leg, or blood poisoning, Jno. W. Slingerland, aged 66 years.

Mr. Slingerland had been troubled with a sore, or bad leg for several years, but it was not serious until about two months before he died. He lived about a month after his leg was amputated.

In the early part of the war, '61-'65, he joined a Partisan Ranger Company, being raised by Capt. Wm. Gardner Brawner, the only son of Col. Basil Brawner, of Prince William county, which was composed of men principally from the counties of Prince William and Fairfax. Mr. Slingerland served in this Company until the death of Capt. Brawner, who was killed in Maryland while gallantly leading a charge. He then joined the 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Battalion, commanded by Jno. S. Mosby, and served in that command until the surrender.

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He accompanied this command on some of its most perilous fights and raids. He was in the hard fought battle of December 13, 1862. Mr. Slingerland possessed many characteristics that make a good soldier. He was not choise about eating, and could sleep almost anywhere. He was always ready for either camp or field duty. I have often thought that a man who fought through the civil war, and came out with an honorable record, was a pretty good man, and should be entitled to the plaudits of his countrymen. Mr. Slingerland's war record was one of which any Confederate soldier might be proud.

After the war Mr. Slingerland worked at the carpenters' trade, and many buildings now stand as monuments of his work. Several years ago he was employed by the manager of Cabin Branch mines and remained there until his death. His services were highly appreciated by his employers, as was evidenced by their kindness during his sickness and burial, and no cost or trouble in any way was considered that would tend to his comfort.

Besides being a brave soldier, he was a quiet and useful citizen and will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived. He leaves a wife and eight children, three boys and five girls, to whom we extend the sympathy such as the world can give.

His funeral was preached at his late home, in Dumfries, by Rev. A. T. Lynn and he was buried on his farm, near Belle Haven church. His funeral and burial were attended by a large gathering of friends.

Thus has one more Confederate veteran "passed over the river to rest under the shade." Only a few years more and there will be none left of that noble band who followed the flag of Lee and Jackson, but their deeds will live and be handed down for generations to come.

Some of Prince William's best men belonged to Capt. Brawner's Company. I will name a few: E. Nelson, Clerk of the Prince William Circuit Court, living; W. W. Kincheloe, Treasurer of Prince William county for years, dead; John Henry Butler, Commissioner of the Revenue "above the run," dead; J. M. Barbee, Commissioner of the Revenue "below the run," dead; Joseph B. Reid, who represented Prince William county in the House of Delegates, dead; Wm. E. Lipscomb, Judge of County Court of Prince William for years, living; John R. Tillett, one of Manassas' leading business men and bridge contractor, living; Robt. Arrington, postmaster at Bellefair Mills, Va., living; Col. E. D. Cole, one of Fredericksburg's leading business men, living; W. N. Tansill, an official of Fredericksburg, living; and the writer, who was also a member of Mosby's command.

COMRADE.

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## **February 17, 1911**

**Nelson, Edwin**

### **CAPTAIN E. NELSON DEAD**

#### **Long Career of Usefull Service To Native County and State Brought to Close Sunday**

Captain Edwin Nelson, for forty years clerk of the circuit court of Prince William county and holding other offices of public trust, died in his home in Battle street, at an early hour Sunday [*February 12, 1911*] morning, of a complication of diseases, in the eightieth year of his age.

The funeral took place from the Primitive Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon, Elder J. H. Norton, of Washington, officiating, and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery. The pall bearers, all of whom were close friends of the deceased, were: Judge C. E. Nicol, Dr. Walter Shannon, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, Capt. Jas. E. Herrell, Messrs. Thos. H. Lion, John R. Tillett, William G. Iden and George E. Maddox

The little church in West street, standing upon land donated by the deceased and built largely through his voluntary contributions, was crowded to its utmost capacity—even to the congestion of the aisles—by those who had assembled to pay their last tribute of love and esteem. When the floral-covered casket, containing the lifeless form of one so familiar to all, was being borne to its temporary resting place in front of the altar, followed by the grief stricken family, as the congregation sang one of the deceased's familiar hymns, "How Firm a Foundation," there was not a dry eye in the audience—even strong men wept and voices trembled with emotion.

The funeral text was taken from Revelation, XIV chapter and part of the 13<sup>th</sup> verse: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Elder Norton paid a high tribute to the many amiable qualities of mind and heart and to the noble Christian character of his departed brother in Christ. He spoke feelingly of the sorrowing widow and children who were deprived of a husband's devoted companionship and a father's tender love, and of the great loss which the church and community had sustained.

There are few people of Prince William county who have served the public in more important positions than Captain Nelson. His public career began with the office of constable many years before the civil war. His next office of public trust was that of justice of the peace for Dumfries district, which then embraced the territory of Coles district, and subsequently became deputy sheriff under William E. Goodwin. He was discharging the duties of this office when the war between the states was declared.

When the Prince William cavalry, a volunteer company organized before the war, and to which Captain Nelson belonged, entered the service, Capt. William Willis Thornton, commanding the company, suggested that Captain Nelson remain in the county and continue to discharge the duties in connection with the office of sheriff, through which, at that period, all the county's finances passed. In accordance with Captain Thornton's suggestion, Captain Nelson equipped a substitute and remained in charge of the office.

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In the spring of 1862, Captain Nelson entered the Confederate service as Lieutenant of Company H, Fifteenth Virginia Cavalry, commanded by Capt. William

Gardner Brawner, and remained with that company until his capture a year later. He was with the company in the Northern Neck campaign and took part in the bloody struggle that followed Burnside's crossing the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg, and in various minor engagements.

He was guide for General J. E. B. Stuart when he made his raid on the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves, at Dumfries, on December 27, 1862, and was seated with Stuart and his staff at dinner, in the home of the writer, when a shell from the enemy's guns entered the dining room door and took a pitcher of milk off the table. During this fight Captain Bullock, of the raiding party, was mortally wounded and after the close of the war, Captain Nelson and the writer assisted in exhuming the body and shipping it South. This action was in accordance with a promise exacted from Captain Nelson by the dying Confederate officer just before he breathed his last.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 1863, while on leave of absence, Captain Nelson was captured by the Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry, at his home, and was confined in the prisons of Ft. Lookout, The Old Capitol, Fort Delaware and Johnson's Island, remaining a prisoner until the close of the war. The last named prison was the one used for the incarceration of Confederate officers and it was there that Captain Nelson suffered extreme privations and indignities at the hands of the prison officials.

In 1870, when Capt. Lucian A. Davis succeeded John C. Poor, military clerk of the county and circuit courts of this county, Captain Nelson was made his deputy, continuing as such up to Captain Davis' death, in 1887, when he succeeded to the clerkship, by appointment, and through his eminent qualifications and uniform kindness and courtesy he remained in charge of the office up to the time of his death.

Captain Nelson represented Prince William county in the House of Delegates during the session of 1878-79, and was one of the strongest advocates of the famous McCulloch bill through which the debt question was settled in a manner that maintained the honor and good name of the State of Virginia. During court terms and in vacation he lost no opportunity, while the state debt question was pending, to argue the case with his fellow citizens, in his office and upon the court green, and plead for the honor and dignity of his native state.

On March 26, 1861, Captain Nelson married Miss Bettie Weedon, daughter of the late John C. Weedon, for a number of years associate justice under the county's former regime, from which union three sons, Messrs. John H. Nelson, and the Interstate Commerce Commission; C. Paul Nelson, of Charleston, W. Va., and Jas. E. Nelson, of Manassas, and two daughters, Mrs. A. O. Weedon, of New Baltimore, and Mrs. Albert Speiden, of Manassas, survive.

It was not necessary to draw aside the domestic curtain and look into the Nelson home to be convinced of a thoroughly happy and united family up to the time when death robbed it of one of its chief objects of happiness.

The long and solemn procession which followed the remains of the deceased, under weeping skies, to their last resting place in "the silent city," attested the high

**Nelson, Edwin (Cont.)**

esteem in which Captain Nelson was held. His ready counsel, born of the wisdom of a wide experience, together with his natural benevolence, will be sadly missed by those who frequently sought and obtained it.

The handsome floral tributes, which all but hid the casket from view, were received from The Manassas Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Judge and Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Shannon, Hon. R. Walton Moore, Mr. W. J. Chapman, Mr. John C. Weedon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Whitmore, Mr. H. A. Robson, Mr. T. A. Weedon and sisters, Mrs. Geo. W. Hixson and daughter, Miss Lillie, and Mr. M. G. Metz.

Those in attendance upon the funeral from a distance, were: Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wroe and Mr. W. J. Chapman, of Baltimore; Miss Katie Howison and Mr. John C. Weedon, of Washington; Miss Nannie Weedon, of Roanoke; Judge John R. Turner, of Warrenton; Mr. H. R. Robson, of Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. John S. Barbour, of Fairfax; Dr. Walter Shannon, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mary Payne, of Alexandria.

No earthly consolation can assuage the grief that overwhelms the hitherto happy home, but such as earth can give, in the true spirit of sympathy, is vouchsafed by the writer, to the sorrowing family of the deceased, who has been his lifelong friend.

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**Smith, Andrew Jackson**

**ENDS LIFE UNDER TRAIN**

**Andrew Jackson Smith, Well Known in Manassas, Committed Suicide Tuesday**

A special to the Baltimore Sun from Charlottesville under date of February 14, says:

Andrew J. Smith, of Bealeton, Va., representative of J. F. Birkmeyer & Co., of Baltimore, committed suicide at Union Station to-day by stepping in front of a double-header train. Both engines and many of the cars passed over him.

Mr. Smith registered at the Clermont Hotel yesterday. This morning he went down the Southern railroad to a high bridge to end his life and awaited a train which was due. His purpose was not then strong enough and he tarried for the Chesapeake and Ohio train several hours later. When he stepped on the track several persons called to him to save himself but he only crouched low, facing the oncoming train.

The body, from which the head had been severed, was got together and taken to an undertaking establishment. Mr. Smith's family lives near Bealeton, where he owned a farm. He was twice married, the second wife being Miss Lewis, of Castalio, this county. One son, Warren Smith, married a daughter of James T. Lewis, of Ivy, Va.

Mr. Smith's brothers are J. W. Smith, cashier of a branch of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Company; W. W. Smith, in charge of a government experiment farm near Washington; Henry Smith, owner of the Fauquier White Sulphur Springs; P. A. L.

**Smith, Andrew Jackson (Cont.)**

Smith, attorney of Richmond, and Frank Smith, of North Carolina. His nephew, Howard Smith, is receiver for the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Company at Alexandria.

Mr. Smith, who is well-known in Manassas, was 65 years old, and is a cousin of Mrs. C. A. S. Hopkins, of this place. He was, some time since, a travelling salesman for the Hopkins Candy factory. No cause is assigned for the violent and tragic death.

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**Curtis, Catherine L.**

Mrs. Catherine L. Curtis, 60 years old, wife of Mr. E. J. Curtis, of Cherry Hill, this county, died Friday [*February 10, 1911*] afternoon and was buried Saturday near Dumfries.

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**Metz, John**

As we go to press we learn of the death, in Washington last night [*February 16, 1911*] of Mr. John Metz, brother of the late T. M. Metz, of this place.

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**Fewell, Laura**

**DEATH OF MISS L. FEWELL**

**Former Prince William Lady Dies in Her Mississippi Home of Appoplexy Saturday.**

Miss Laura Fewell, a native of this county and who is so widely and favorably known here, died in her home in Jackson, Miss., on Saturday last [*February 11, 1911*], of appoplexy. Her illness was of only a few hours duration and her dissolution was in accordance with her oft-repeated desire to be spared a long continued suffering in her last illness.

The funeral took place on Sunday and the interment was in the cemetery at Meridian, Miss. The deceased was a daughter of the late Thos. T. Fewell, who was a brother of the late Col. W. S. Fewell, former freight agent and mayor of Manassas, and a niece of Col. John T. Leachman, of this county.

She was engaged in educational work the greater portion of her life and taught several sessions in the public and private schools of this county. She spent last winter here visiting her friends and relations, and her talent, as an interesting conversationalist,

**Fewell, Laura (Cont.)**

together with her charming personality and congenial characteristics made her extremely popular with those whom she came in social contact.

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**Berryman, William F.**

### **LETTER FROM ADEN**

Mr. William F. Berryman, who resided some three miles south-east of this place, was buried Monday. He had been in ill health for some time, and growing worse, died Saturday [February 11, 1911] night, in the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of his age. Four sons and one daughter are left to mourn. The sons are: Messrs. T. N., J. F., W. H. and J. D. Berryman, and the daughter is Mrs. W. A. Tolson. All the children attended the funeral, but Mr. J. D. Berryman, who lives in Washington, and came home too late, on the account of telegram and mail not reaching him in time. Mr. Berryman was a good father, neighbor and citizen. His wife died when some of the children were small, but he managed to raise a respectable family. Many of the good citizens of the county, including Mr. Lewis, commissioner of revenue, were in attendance at the funeral and showed great respect for the deceased. Rev. J. W. Brill, pastor of the U. B. Church, who resides here, conducted the service, preaching the funeral at the grave, after which the body was laid to rest in the old burying ground on Mr. T. N. Berryman's farm.

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## **February 24, 1911**

**Nelson, Bettie**

### **GONE TO JOIN HUSBAND**

**"Death Loves a shining Mark" Was Exemplified When Mrs. Nelson Answered Call**

At noon, Wednesday [February 22, 1911], death again entered the Nelson home and took from it the last tie that bound the family together under the "same vine and fig tree" in the person of the grief-stricken widow, Mrs. Bettie Nelson. The greatest shock the anxious sons and daughters ever felt was received with the realization, mother is dead.

In just ten days from the time her devoted husband bade adieu to earth and his spirit took its flight to be with its Maker, the faithful wife, suffering from long continued anxiety, and unremitting ministrations to the slightest want of her husband, in his last illness, laid down her life on earth, for a glorious re-union with him in Heaven.

**Nelson, Bettie (Cont.)**

So devoted was this couple, who have trod the pathway of life—mid sunshine and shadow—for nearly a half century, that it was the oft-repeated desire of the deceased that she should not long survive her husband. This wish, through the dispensations of an All-wise Providence, has been gratified.

The vacant chairs and stilled voices, in the Nelson home, are object lessons for those yet to follow. What was once a happy union of hearts and hands, with a kind, indulgent father and a tender and affectionate mother as jewels in the family circle, is now but the tomb of blighted hopes and cherished ambitions.

When death enters and takes from a home a father, sister or brother, the grief is great, but when it deprives it of a mother's love and a mother's care, the burden of grief seems beyond the power of endurance. There is no long, on earth, like a mother's love nor a name so sweet or means so much, as that of mother. When the voice of her who nestled us so tenderly to her bosom and taught us to lisp our simple prayers, is silent in death, our most cherished hopes and earth's greatest charm, for a time, can not be reconciled to the irreparable loss.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Judge John C. Weedon, who also, for a number of years, was a member of the board of magistrates and one of the county's most influential and honored citizens. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Wroe, of Springfield, S. C., and Mrs. Martha Chapman, of Roanoke, and by three sons, Messrs. John H., C. Paul and James Nelson, and by two daughters, Mrs. A. O. Weedon and Mrs. Albert Speiden.

On March 26, 1861, a few months after war was declared between the States, she plighted her vows at the altar with the late Edwin Nelson and had she and her husband survived a few weeks longer, they would have celebrated their golden wedding; she in the 73<sup>rd</sup> and he in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of their respective ages.

When the war clouds had vanished and the sunshine of peace again restored, Mr. Nelson returned from a prison cell on Johnson's Island to "Grinstead," the Nelson home, in Dumfries district, where his faithful wife awaited him to assist in restoring his shattered fortune under adverse conditions. To Mrs. Nelson's congeniality and faithful devotion to her husband's interest and comfort, is largely due to success which attended his career, according to his frequent admission. Her devotion to the Southern Cause and her ministrations to needy Southern soldiers, will live in the memory of those who are acquainted with her past history.

She was an active member of the Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and of the Ladies' Memorial Association and her voice was ever ready at meetings of these organizations towards keeping the graves green and the memory of the heroic Confederate dead well preserved to coming generations.

Her funeral took place from the Primitive Baptist church, this afternoon, Elders C. H. Waters, of Washington, and J. H. Dalton, of Front Royal, officiating. Those who bore her remains to their last resting place beside the late husband in the Manassas Cemetery, and who were near relatives, were: Messrs. Chas. J., John C. and T. A. Weedon, of Washington; William J. Chapman and John C. Wroe, of Baltimore; J. Hood Weedon, of Bristow; Geo. M. Weedon, of Dumfries, and P. P. Chapman, of Manassas.

**Nelson, Bettie (Cont.)**

The funeral, which was one of the most largely attended within the town's history, together with the many floral tributes of love and esteem, marked the occasion even more pathetically than that of the husband's obsequies, which preceeded it only a few days.

Words of sympathy, in the dark hour of bereavement, fall as empty sounds upon the ear of those who so deeply mourn, and only such comfort as is born of Divine inspiration can fully assuage a grief like this.

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**Evans, Mary**

**MRS. MARY EVANS DEAD**

**Death Comes Suddenly to the Evans Home on Saturday –Leaves Large Family**

Mrs. Mary Evans, 81 years old, widow of the late Williams Evans, died at the home of her youngest son, Mr. Chas. B. Evans, near Buckhall, Saturday [*February 18, 1911*], of the infirmities of age.

The funeral took place from Buckhall church, Monday, Rev. H. S. Willey officiating, and interment was in Buckhall cemetery.

The deceased is survived by four sons, Messrs. O. H., W. A., J. R. and C. B. Evans, and by three daughters, Mrs. A. J. Pearson, Mrs. John L. Payne and Mrs. J. S. Evans, besides twenty-four grand-children and twelve great-grand-children. Six of her grand-children, Messrs. Ewell, Grover and Will Evans, Wilson and Robert Payne and Will Pearson bore the remains to their last resting place.

Death came to the Evans home so silently and without warning that the spirit of the aged woman took its flight while she, apparently, was in peaceful sleep. Her son, Mr. Jas. R. Evans, had bidden her good-bye and received her invitation to come again, but not make it too long, scarcely a half hour before she died.

In the death of Mrs. Evans the family has lost a kind, indulgent mother, whose vacant chair will be a constant reminder of her many amiable characteristics and humble Christian faith, and the community in which she resided, a gongenial and hospitable neighbor.

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**Foley, Richard A.**

**RICHARD A. FOLEY DEAD**

**One of the First to Enlist in the Cause of the South Passed Away Last Sunday**

Richard A. Foley passed to the "great beyond" at an early hour Sunday [*February 19, 1911*] morning at the eighty-seventh year of his age. His funeral took place from

**Foley, Richard A. (Cont.)**

Antioch Baptist church Monday afternoon Rev. T. D. D. Clarke officiating, and the interment was in the Antioch church cemetery.

There was a large gathering of relations and friends to pay their last tribute of love and esteem to the deceased.

Mr. Foley was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of the late Sanford Pickett and by this union there were seven children of whom only one, Miss Agnes Foley, of Haymarket, survives. His second wife, who survives him, was the daughter of the late Col. Joshua Owens, of Hopewell, Fauquier county, and who bore him seven children, four of whom, two sons and two daughters are living.

Mr. Foley was one of the first to enlist in the cause of the south, as a member of Company F, (Prince William Rifles) of the Seventeenth Virginia Infantry, Commanded by Capt. George S. Hamilton, joining the company on May 1, 1861.

He was the last survivor of a large family of children. His father, Willis Foley, was one of the largest land and slave owners in this section of Prince William county. Mt. Atlas, an estate of one thousand acres, was the ancestral home. Mr. Foley was a kind hearted and indulgent husband and father, and in his death the community has lost a friendly neighbor.

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**Davis, Nannie**

Nannie Davis died at her home near Neverlet last week, and was buried in the family plot, elder John Farr performing the funeral services.

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**Burke, Joseph**

Jos. Burke died last week and his funeral was preached by elder Farr, in the Cub Run church. The burial was in Cub Run church yard.

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**Davis, Mrs. David**

**DEATH OF MRS. DAVID DAVIS**

Mrs. David Davis, sister of Mr. Edward K. Mitchell, and niece of Mr. John R. Hornbaker, of Manassas, died in her home, near Dumfries, Friday [*February 17, 1911*], in the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of her age. The funeral took place from the M. E. Church, South, in

**Davis, Mrs. David (Cont.)**

Dumfries, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. C. Sydenstricker officiating, and the interment was in the Episcopal cemetery.

During her long illness she bore her sufferings with that fortitude born of a true Christian spirit, and in her dying hour expressed her preparation and willingness to test the promises of Him upon whom she has relied for eternal life and happiness in the world to come. She was a kind and affectionate wife and neighbor, always ready to minister to the cares and trouble of others, and sacrificing her own comfort for that of her neighbors.  
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**Robinson, Frances**

Mrs. Frances Robinson, widow of H. D. Robinson, died at her home, near Nokesville, Monday [*February 20, 1911*] morning, in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of her age. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the home, Rev. Jas. Dulin officiating and the interment was in Oakdale church-yard.

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**Evans, Mary**

Miss Mary Evans, who resided in Coles district, died at an advanced age Friday [*February 17, 1911*], and was buried Sunday. She had resided with her nephew, A. L. Cornwell, for over forty years and at whose home she died. A singular coincident in the death of Miss Evans is that she was of the same name, was, within a few months of the same age, and died within a few hours of the death of her sister-in law, Mrs. Mary Evans.

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**Reiley, James**

Mr. James Reiley, one of the most prominent residents of Greenwich, this county, died at an advanced age, Monday [*February 20, 1911*] from a general break-down. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the Greenwich Presbyterian church of which the deceased has been an elder for many years, Rev. Mr. Cook officiating, and interment was in the Presbyterian church cemetery. In the death of Mr. Reiley the community has lost one of its most congenial and useful citizens.

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**Putnam, Levi**

Mr. Levi Putnam, died at his home near Greenwich, at an advanced age, last Saturday [February 18, 1911].

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## **March 3, 1911**

**Riley, J. W.**

### **ANOTHER VETERAN GONE**

#### **Gallant Soldier, Scout and Guide for General Robert E. Lee Answers Last Roll Call**

On February 20, 1911, at 10 o'clock p. m., J. W. Riley quietly passed away at his home, near Greenwich. Though in feeble health for some time, the immediate cause of death was an accute attack of la grippe of only a few day's duration.

Mr. Riley was born December 4, 1831, not far from the spot where his last days were spent and the whole of his nearly 80 years of life had been lived as a citizen of this same community.

In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Va. Cavalry and as scout, guide and courier to Gen. R. E. Lee, faithfully served through the remaining years of the war. His was the typical soldier spirit as Tenyson has expressed it in the lines—

“Their's not to reason why  
Their's but to do or die.”

And though he had no desire to shed blood and never took a human life in all those days of awful carnage, yet when a courier was needed for any mission of special hazard or responsibility, J. W. Riley was the trusted man and he never failed to fulfill the trust. One of his companions of those days has said: “He never voluntarily went into danger, but when under orders, no danger or difficulty was any terror or bar to him.” This, doubtless, expressed the whole tenor of his life—modest and unassuming, yet with firm convictions and unbending courage, he led the quiet life of a true man.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Riley had been a member of Greenwich Presbyterian church and for more than twenty years, a ruling elder in this church. Here, as elsewhere, he was found faithful and doubtless the simple, strong faith of the man was the foundation of those elements of his character that we admire.

Mr. Riley was married in 1866, to Miss Augusta Smith, whose death occurred several years ago. One daughter, Mrs. H. A. Boley, and four grand-children are the only direct descendants left to mourn his loss, but he was loved and respected by all who knew him and we will all miss his accustomed presence among us.

The interment was in Greenwich cemetery Wednesday afternoon, 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, funeral services being conducted in the church by his pastor, Rev. J. R. Cooke. The pall bearers were Messrs. H. M. House, Wallace Wood, Chas. Ellis, James Ellis, Wm. Ellis

**Riley, J. W. (Cont.)**

and Oscar D-----s, the honorary pal bearers being Messrs. J. W. Hall, John Rollins, James Hall and M. B. Washington.

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**Wolfe, Alfred L.**

Dr. Alfred L. Wolfe, 54 years old, brother of Dr. T. Wolfe, of Manassas, died Wednesday [March 1, 1911] morning in Roanoke, of tuberculosis of the throat. He leaves a widow and three children. He married Miss Bessie Milnes, daughter of Hon. William Milnes, ex-congressman from the 7<sup>th</sup> district of Virginia.

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**White, John T.**

Brooding over financial reverses, caused John T. White, a retired grocer of Washington, to commit suicide at his residence, 1540 North Capitol street, by inhaling gas, last Saturday [February 25, 1911]. Mr. White is the party who sold his grocery business to Mr. R. B. Sprinkle, a former merchant and resident of Manassas.

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**Lewis, Mars**

The remains of the late Mars Lewis, father of Miss Julia and Dr. J. Marye Lewis, of Manassas, and of Mr. Mars Lewis, of Norfolk, were yesterday disinterred from the family burying ground, at Rosemount, by undertaker geo. W. Hixson, and re-interred by the side of his wife, the late Mrs. Hattie B. Lewis, in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Riechie, Louis**

**Death of Mr. Louis Riechie.**

Mr. Louis Riechie, who for over thirty years, resided near Manassas, died in Alexandria, Saturday [February 25, 1911], in the 76<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He was laid to rest Monday afternoon, in the Alexandria cemetery, beside his faithful and devoted wife who preceded him to the grave only a few short months.

**Riechie, Louis (Cont.)**

Mr. Riechie was a man of integrity and sobriety and could be depended upon under all circumstances. He was an artist of no mean ability and while pursuing his business as such in Alexandria, soon after he came from Germany a poor young man, he married Miss Klipstein and through disapproval of the bride's parents, he moved to Manassas and purchased a small farm near Lucasville, where he resided until two year ago when he moved into the Conner property, near Manassas, remaining there until the death of his wife, when he moved to Alexandria.

Mr. Riechie and his wife were faithful and consistent members of Trinity Episcopal church, of Manassas, and no discomforts deterred them from the communion services. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

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**Weaver, Mrs. James**

**DEATH OF MRS. WEAVER**

Mrs. Jas. Weaver, 38 years old, died at her home near Manassas, Saturday [February 25, 1911] morning last, after a brief illness. The funeral took place Monday, from the home, Rev. T. D. D. Clark, officiating, and interment was in the Buckhall cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband and four daughters, Misses Sallie, Mollie, Lizzie and Effie, and by three sons, Carroll, Henry and Willie Weaver.

She was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church since her early womanhood, and took a lively interest in the affairs of her church, and was at all times ready to minister to the comfort of those in distress.

She was a kind indulgent mother, an affectionate and devoted wife, and a kind and congenial neighbor, and her death has cast a gloom over the community in which she resided for about eight years.

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**March 10, 1911**

**Adamson, Ronald Leroy**

**R. LEROY ADAMSON DEAD**

**His Pathetic Death Occurred at the Home of Blair Johnson, Near Warrenton, Sunday**

**Adamson, Ronald Leroy (Cont.)**

Ronald Leroy, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Ronald J. Adamson, of Manassas, died in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Johnson, near Warrenton, Sunday [March 5, 1911] night, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis, in his twenty-sixth year.

Mr. Adamson was a nephew of Messrs. G. W., W. N. and R. W. Merchant, of Manassas, L. E. Merchant, of Dumfries, and Mrs. L. V. Free, of Nokesville.

The remains were brought here Tuesday on the mid-day train and the funeral was held from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. Edwin S. Hinks, rector of the Warrenton Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. W. T. Gover, pastor of the church, officiating, and the interment was made in the Manassas cemetery. The pall-bearers, all of whom were close friends of the deceased were: Mr. O. B. Calohan, Dr. Willis Sowers, Messrs. Richard Wallack, George B. Stone, Leo Evans, Charles Daniels, Courtland Smith and Julian Keith, of Warrenton; Julian Morris of Keswick, and John J. Davies, of Culpeper.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Manassas, requiring every inch of available space of the church—even to the congestion of the aisles—to accommodate the vast assemblage of relatives and admiring friends who came to pay their last tribute of love and esteem. The scriptural lessons, read by the teacher of the gospel whom the deceased so greatly admired and from whose lips had fallen the truths that sank deeply in his heart and formed within him renewed hope and consolation, together with the singing of the deceased's favorite hymns: "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Abide With Me" and "Son of My Soul," so touched the hearts of those present that there was scarcely a dry eye in the large circle forming the chain of devoted companionship, friendship and love.

The long and solemn procession which wended its way to the silent city of the dead, on the outskirts of Manassas, amid the discomforts of a blinding snow storm, attested the high esteem of those bent on paying their last tribute of respect to the one whose familiar form the grave would soon hide from them forever on earth. The many handsome floral tributes, laid upon the fresh mound by loving hands and sorrowing hearts, and which entirely hid it from view, transforming it into a veritable pillow of roses, lilies and ferns, were: a large wreath of La France roses and lilies from the Warrenton Hunt Club; bouquet of lilies and palms from Judge and Mrs. Thornton and the Davies family; bouquet of pink carnations and white lilacs from ex-Mayor and Mrs. W. C. Wagener; wreath of magnolias and pink and tea roses from Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Thompkins, of Washington; bouquet of pink carnations from Mr. John J. Cowhig, of Washington; wreath of sweet peas, violets and cream roses from the Misses Stone, of Warrenton; handsome wreath of pink carnations, tea roses and lilies from Mr. and Mrs. Blair Johnson, of Warrenton; a cross of pink cornations, lilies and roses from Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Calohan, of Warrenton; bouquet of tea roses and ferns from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallack, of Warrenton; wreath of crimson immortelles from Mr. F. G. Anderson, of Warrenton; wreath of La France and tea roses from Mr. and Mrs. Bouffier; wreath of tea roses and sweet peas from Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Waller, of Warrenton; bouquet of white and pink carnations from Miss Delia Garner, of Warrenton; bouquet of pink roses and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merchant; wreath of white hyacinths, tea roses and lilies from the mother and father; bouquet of pink carnations from Mrs. And the Misses Milnes; wreath of white hyacinths, tea roses and lilies from the Waters family;

**Adamson, Ronald Leroy (Cont.)**

wreath of tea roses, lilies and maiden hair ferns from the only brother; bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair ferns from Misses Mattie and Thelma Nash; bouquet of violets from Miss Sue Merchant; bouquet of white carnations from Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb; bouquet of pink and white carnations and ferns from Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Merchant, and a bouquet of red and white carnations from Master Warren Merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Johnson with whom Roy had lived for the past five years, looked upon him as one of the family and their devotion to him, in his last illness, supplying his every need and ministering with loving hearts and willing hands to his comfort up to the moment of his falling peacefully to rest—even to the closing of his eyelids in death—will live in the grateful memory of those more closely allied to him by family ties. Whilst his heart-broken mother, who had been struggling against the impending dissolution of her boy until her failing strength prompted her physician to counsel her to return home for rest, for the good of herself and others, and was thus not present to hold his hand and brush back the tresses from the brow which had nestled so closely to her bosom in childhood, at the time when his spirit took its flight, everything that skill and human hands could do was done in the last sad moments.

On Saturday night there was a slight rally which seemed to justify his father, mother and brother in returning to Manassas for a day's respite from the terrible strain of the impending death and it is now their keen regret that they were not with their loved one to the end.

In the fall of 1906, while Roy was riding in the ring at the Richmond horse show he suffered a fall from his horse, fracturing a rib which punctured his lung from which injury frequent hemorrhages resulted, culminating finally in his death. The day after leaving the hospital, in Richmond, and while still bandaged from his injuries, he rode side by side with Chas. W. Smith in the hunter's class, in the Norfolk horse show, at the time Mr. Smith received injuries which resulted in his death on year later.

Roy was a member of the Warrenton Hunt Club with which he was quite popular. His unobtrusive manner and personal magnetism won for him that popularity so seldom enjoyed by a young man of modest means. His death has cast a gloom over the home of his childhood and of the community in which he spent the last few years of his life, and when he passed "over the river" he left behind a record that will be cherished in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

The deepest sympathy goes out from the hearts of relatives and a host of friends to the sorrowing mother and father in their great bereavement, at a time when their strength is scarcely able to bear it, and to the brother whose companionship from childhood to manhood has been marked with true devotion. Sympathy, in a time like this, can comfort, but no earthly power can assuage the grief which overwhelms parents in the loss of an affectionate and devoted child.

*Weep not, fond parents, for your boy,  
He is free from all terrestrial care;  
He has gone to dwell, where all is joy,  
To await his loved ones there.*

R. W. M.

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**Klatt, Mrs. F. W.**

**MRS. F. W. KLATT DEAD**

**Former Resident of this County Dies in her Home in Milwaukie, Wis., Sunday**

Reliable information has been received here stating that Mrs. F. W. Klatt, formerly of Independent Hill, this county, died in her home in Milwaukie, Wis., last Sunday [*February 26, 1911*], in her 43<sup>rd</sup> year. The remains were taken to Galena, Ill., the deceased's former home, on Monday for burial.

Mrs. Klatt, who was a kind neighbor and of a most exemplary character, is survived by her husband and several children who have the sincere sympathy of her many friends in the community, in this county, where she resided for a number of years.

Mr. Klatt owns a farm near Independent Hill, and during his long residence here was one of the county's most prominent and honored citizens. He was a press correspondent of no mean ability, and was special correspondent of a number of Metropolitan dailies. He is, at present, city editor of one of the Milwaukie dailies.  
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**Hammill, Elizabeth**

Miss Elizabeth Hammill, sixty-nine years old, died Monday [*March 6, 1911*] morning at her home, 220 East Capitol street, Washington. The deceased was a daughter of Hugh Hammill and a native of Prince William county. Her funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, and the interment was in Alexandria.

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**Harrison, Albert W.**

The funeral of the late Albert W. Harrison, who died at his home, "Huntley," Fairfax county, on Thursday [*March 2, 1911*] night of last week, took place from the residence Tuesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Nourse, former pastor of the Manassas Presbyterian church. The remains were subsequently interred in the Presbyterian cemetery in Alexandria.

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**Powers, Mary E.**

**DEATH OF MRS. POWERS**

**After a Hard Fight Against the White Plague She Succumbs in Her Father's Home**

Mrs. Mary E. Powers, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Tulloss, died, of tuberculosis, after an illness of over a year, at the home of her father in Haymarket, Saturday [March 4, 1911], in her 26<sup>th</sup> year.

The funeral was held from the Greenwich Presbyterian church on Monday, Revs. See and Cooke officiating, and interment was in the Greenwich cemetery. The large attendance upon the obsequies, together with many beautiful floral tributes, evidenced the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Less than a year ago, Mrs. Powers stood at the altar in all the beauty and strength of womanhood and plighted her faith to Mr. W. P. Powers, of Stafford county. It was not long thereafter when the "white plague" laid its firm grasp upon her and gradually undermined her vitality. At length she sought refuge under her father's skill in the hope of winning the battle of life. In this she failed and her spirit took its flight to the God who gave it, in the presence of him who had guided her footsteps from childhood to womanhood and to whom she always looked for guidance in general matters.

Her death is mourned by a large circle of relatives and a host of admiring friends. The deceased was a niece of Dr. S. S. Simpson, a former physician and druggist of Manassas.

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**Goins, Tom**

**"UNCLE" TOM GOINS DEAD**

**Falls Peacefully Asleep in the Solitude of His Humble Home on Wednesday Night**

"Uncle" Tom Goins, a respected colored man of this place, was found dead in his home in Keys' row at an early hour yesterday [March 9, 1911] morning, when some of his friends called at the house. It is thought he had been dead several hours. Death was the result of apoplexy, it is thought. Coroner Meredith viewed the body but concluded an inquest unnecessary.

The deceased was eighty-five years old and was a consistent and honored member of the Baptist church. "Uncle" Tom came to Manassas, from Fairfax county, over thirty years ago and engaged with Mr. Geo. W. Hixson as blacksmith, working for him in the aggregate about one-half of his residence here.

At the time John Brown was held in jail at Charles Town, awaiting trial for his complicity in the Harper's Ferry insurrection, "Uncle" Tom was a waiter in a restaurant there and took the insurrectionist every meal he ate from the time he was placed in jail until the morning he was hanged, when his appetite failed him.

Truly, a good old man has gone to rest.  
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**Gallahan, Ben. Franklin**

Mr. Ben. Franklin Gallahan, of Independent Hill, who has been an invalid for years, growing worse recently, went to the hospital where he died. The body was brought to the old Hazel wood burying ground and laid to rest by the side of his wife who died some five years since.

Mr. Gallahan was about fifty-five years old and united with the U. B. Church twelve years ago under the pastorate of Rev. L. E. Racey.

An aged father, seven brothers, two sisters, seven children and a host of friends are left to mourn. The funeral was preached at the Aden U. B. Church Tuesday evening, by the pastor, Rev. Jas. W. Brill and notwithstanding the very inclement day, a large congregation gathered showing their great respect and expressing much grief.

The deceased was one of ten children and the first to leave this world, though the oldest child is about sixty years old. Few family of so large a number all live to such an age, but the family tie is broken and one by one they will go with us all to try the realities of eternity. "We do not weep as those who have no hope."

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## **March 17, 1911**

**Lee, William Fairfax**

### **WM. FAIRFAX LEE DEAD**

#### **Grand Old Gentleman of Noble Ancestry Passes Away in Fairfax County**

Mr. William Fairfax Lee, a member of a well known Virginia family, died at his home, near Chantilly, Fairfax county, on March 9, 1911, in his 88<sup>th</sup> year. He was a man of marked intelligence and wonderful memory up to the time of his death. He was a school-mate of Gen. Eppa Hunton, when they attended "New Baltimore Academy," which was the only high school for young men at that time in this part of the country. At the age of twenty, he married Caroline, daughter of Mayor John Higgs, of Fairfax county, and sister of the late Mrs. Francis M. Lewis, of near Manassas.

Mr. Lee was a direct descendant of Richard Lee, of the Stratford Branch, who emigrated from England to Virginia, in 1642. He was the great-grand-son of Col. George D. Lee, who married Annie Fairfax, the widow of Lawrence Washington.

He is survived by six sons: Thomas, Richard H., William F., Ludwel, George W., Meriweather Jones, and by three daughters: Mrs. Tom Reid, of Round Hill; Misses Bershea and Lilly Lee, all being residents of Fairfax county except Richard H. and William F., who reside in Prince William county. He leaves, also, one brother, Philip D. Lee, of Chantilly.

His remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery at "Oak Hill," by the side of his wife who preceded him seventeen years ago, to "the great beyond."

**Lee, William Fairfax (Cont.)**

Mr. Lee was a man of integrity, and a good neighbor and will be greatly missed in his community.

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**Cornwell, Mary D.**

**DEATH OF MRS. CORNWELL**

Mrs. Mary D. Cornwell, wife of Mr. John H. Cornwell, and daughter of the late David and Annie Williams, of this county, died at her home in Del Ray, Alexandria county, on Tuesday [March 14, 1911] night. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and interment was in the Del Ray cemetery.

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**Wilson, Park**

**Death of Mrs. Park Wilson**

Mrs. Park Wilson died at her home, near Little River Church, Loudoun county, Sunday [March 12, 1911], in her 37<sup>th</sup> year. The funeral took place from the home on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Gibson officiating, and interment was in the family burying ground.

The deceased is survived by her husband, one daughter, Margaret, and a son, Hanson, besides an infant boy. She also leaves a brother, Geo. Hutchison, and sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchison, of Washington.

Mrs. Wilson, who was of most affectionate and loveable characteristics, was a daughter of the late Henry Hutchison, sister of Mrs. T. R. Galleher, of near Hickory Grove, and a niece of the late Thos. O. Taylor, of Manassas. Mrs. Wilson was a faithful and consistent member of the Episcopal church, an affectionate wife, devoted mother and a kind and congenial neighbor.

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## **March 24, 1911**

**Fewell, Osbourne**

### **MEETS DEATH BY TRAIN**

#### **Osbourne Fewell, While Crossing Track at Catletts, Meets Tragic Death Tuesday**

Mr. Osbourne Fewell, twenty years old, son of Mr. Elitheous Fewell, of Marshall, and nephew of the late E. N. Fewell, of Manassas, was struck by extra C. & O. freight train No. 596, at Catletts, about noon Tuesday [March 21, 1911], and died twenty minutes later.

The young man was crossing the track in going from the warehouse to the store of Messrs. Trennis & Bro., with whom he was employed, with a lot of tinware in his hands, when the accident occurred. A box car, standing on the sidetrack, obstructed the view, and the rattling of the tinware deadened the sound of the approaching train, and he stepped upon the track at the moment the train, consisting of only an engine and caboos, swept by.

Mr. Fewell had been in the employ of Messrs. Trennis & Bro. about two months. He worked for The Hopkins Company, of this place, about six months, leaving the employ of that company about a year ago.

The deceased young man is survived by his father, mother, one brother, Maurice, and one sister, Florence.

A traveling saleslady, for a toilet supply company, engaged young Fewell to drive her out in the country a few hours before he was killed, but owing to some other business engagement, a boy was sent in his stead, and when the saleslady returned to Catletts, the lifeless form of the young man, who had so impressed her with his manliness and courtesy, was being carried into the Trennis store.

The remains of young Fewell arrived here on train No. 16, Wednesday morning, en route for Marshall, where the funeral took place yesterday.

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**Stevens, Daniel Edward**

### **D. E. STEVENS A SUICIDE**

#### **Plans Death in the Waters of Broad Run After Early Breakfast With Family**

"I am going for a walk as far as Martin's gate" were the paring words of Daniel Edward Stevens to his wife, after eating an early breakfast with her and his three small children, Wednesday [March 22, 1911] morning, and started upon his secret mission of self destruction.

The meloncloly condition of her husband and his repeated threats to take his life, caused Mrs. Steven much uneasiness, and every precaution which would hinder him in the execution of his avowed intentions of self-destruction was carefully observed.

**Stevens, Daniel Edward (Cont.)**

When she noticed that her husband had left the main road, a short distance from his home, and was hastening through the woods in the direction of Broad Run, Mrs. Stevens' suspicions were aroused and she hastily summoned Albert May and Thomas Runaldue, two near neighbors, to follow him, and induce him to return to his home.

Upon arriving at Compton ford, they discovered the hat and coat of the suicide hanging on a wire fence by side of the stream. On a sand bar a short distance from where he took his fatal plunge, into six feet of water, the lifeless body of Stevens was found.

The utmost precaution was observed by Stevens to make his attempt to end his life successful. He had tied his legs together with fodder twine, at the ankles, and had, by means of slip knots in each end of a short piece of manilla rope, secured his hands behind his back in preparation for his tragic act.

Dr. J. C. Meredith, county coroner, was notified and summoning a jury consisting of R. W. Adamsson, G. D. Baker, Dr. W. F. Merchant, Abner Fletcher, Edgar Cornwell and S. W. Burdg viewed the body and returned a verdict of death by suicide. When the tragic facts were made known to the suicide's wife, the agonizing grief which overwhelmed her and her fatherless children, enacted scenes that deeply touched the hearts of those who conveyed to the wife the sad tidings of her husbands death.

Mrs. Stevens states that her husband had consulted Dr. Iden, of Manassas, upon his condition, and that steps were being considered towards placing her husband in the government hospital for the insane at Washington. After returning home Monday from a consultation with his physician, Mr. Stevens told his wife that nothing but death would relieve him of his sufferings.

Mr. Stevens, who was about 45 years old, served in the United States Marine Service for twenty-one years and was in the Spanish-American war. He was honorably discharged from the Marine service, on account of disability, four years ago.

A short time since he entered the mail service as rural carrier from Manassas on route 1, but resigned his position, after serving a month, on account of perodical lapse of memory, which unfitted him for his duties. About a year ago Mr. Stevens came to this county from Annapolis, Md., where his wife's parents now reside, and purchased of Mr. Albert Breedon a small farm, near Manassas, upon, which he resided up to the time of his death.

The funeral took place from his late home, yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of Manasseh Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and interment was in Manassas cemetery.  
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**Nickens, Tobe**

“Uncle” Tobe Nickens, a respectable colored man and a long resident of Manassas, died in his home, here, Sunday [March 19, 1911] morning, in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, of dropsy. The deceased was a soldier in the Federal army during the civil war. He leaves a wife and several children. Several years ago, he was foreman on the farm

**Nickens, Tobe (Cont.)**

owned by Mr. John C. Weems, near town, and was pronounced by him a most trustworthy servant.

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**Senseney, Mary**

Mrs. Mary Senseney, 69 years old, was found dead in her bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. Hanover, near the Stone House, at an early hour Wednesday [March 22, 1911] morning. When her daughter entered her mothers room just before retiring on Tuesday night, she thought her mother was quietly sleeping, and was shocked to find her lifeless body the next morning. The funeral will take place from the Hanover home this afternoon and the burial will be in the Sudley cemetery.

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**Keyser, Mrs. Caleb**

Mrs. Keyser, wife of Mr. Caleb Keyser, and mother of Mr. Henry Keyser, of near Brentsville, died Saturday [March 18, 1911] night, in her eighty-third year, of gripe and the infirmities of age. Her funeral took place from her late home on Monday, Elder Flory, of the German Baptist church, officiating, and interment was in Valley View church yard. Those who knew "Grandma" Keyser, will always remember her kindly disposition and willingness to lend her aid towards the relief and sufferings of those in the community in which she lived.

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**Smith, Lizzie**

"Aunt" Lizzie Smith, over 80 years old, died at the home of her brother, Anthony Harris, at Bull Run Tuesday [March 21, 1911], from the infirmities of age. Her funeral took place Wednesday, Elder Williams of the colored Baptist church, of Manassas, officiating, and interment was in the Harris burying ground. "Aunt Lizzie" as she was called by both white and colored of her neighborhood, had a vivid recollection of the fearful battle that swept over the Bull Run Plains on July 21, 1861, and could relate many blood-curdling incidents which were enacted on those fields of carnage. She was a sister of Anthony, Richard and Chas. Harris.

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## **March 29, 1911**

**Lipscomb, William E.**

### **DEATH CLAIMS JUDGE LIPSCOMB**

**Over Three Score Years of Service to County in Highly Honored Positions of Public Trust Brought to a Close at an Early Hour Sunday Morning.**

Judge William E. Lipscomb, clerk of the circuit court of Prince William county, died, after an illness of two weeks, at his home in West street, in this place, at an early hour Sunday [March 26, 1911] morning, following an attack of paralysis Friday night, in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

The funeral took place, under the auspices of Manasseh Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., from Grace M. E. Church, South, Monday afternoon, Rev. W. T. Gover, pastor of the church, assisting, and interment was in the Manassas cemetery. The pall-bearers, all of whom were intimate friends of the deceased, were: Messrs. John J. Davies, H. Thornton Davies, O. D. Waters, Frank Pattie, Weir Waters and Chas. Wenrich.

Long before the hour appointed for the obsequies, the church was crowded to its utmost capacity by the large concourse of friends and relatives who had gathered to pay their last tribute of love and esteem to one so well and favorably known throughout his native county. The casket bore a handsome bouquet of lilies and ferns, and the space in front of the chancel rail was fully occupied by the many handsome floral tributes which told in silence of the promptings of loving hearts and ardent friendship. When the casket, in which lay, in peaceful rest, the lifeless form of Judge Lipscomb, was being conveyed to the altar at which he had so often and so recently communed, every heart present was touched with sadness. Many eyes were dimmed by tears prompted by tender recollections and close association, both in public and private life, with the deceased.

The first scriptural lesson was taken from parts of the 39<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Psalms; "Lord make me to know mine end and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how long I have to live." The second was taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, 15<sup>th</sup> chapter and 20<sup>th</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup> verses: "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Rev. Mr. Grover spoke feelingly of the sad bereavement, which, through the dispensation of Providence, had come to the sorrowing widow and children of the deceased, and paid a high tribute to the character of his brother, in Christ, both as to his public and private life. Three favorite hymns of the deceased: "Lead Kindly Light," "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Rock of Ages" were softly rendered by the choir, the latter being sung as the casket was being removed from the church edifice.

A metallic representation of the holy scriptures, lying open at some significant chapter, with the square and compass resting upon the same, occupied a position on the casket over the stilled heart of its occupant, and was full of significance to those who would consign the body to the silent confines of its last resting place.

As the solemn funeral cortege wended its way to "the silent city of the dead," the thought came to many hearts that the grave had claimed one whose valuable service to church and state would be sadly missed.

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As the services at the cemetery closed and the grave was covered with flowers, there came a brief and dashing rainstorm, followed by the appearance in the east of two complete rainbows, the most brilliant ever seen by our citizens. This was followed by the most beautiful sunset behind the western mountains.

In addition to the local Masonic fraternity, including members from other near-by brotherhood lodges, which attended the funeral, in a body, are Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Manassas Chapter of the Confederate States Memorial Association. Members of Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans were also in attendance.

Among the many handsome floral tributes were: A wreath of American beauty and white roses interspersed with sweet peas, and a handsome bouquet of Cala lilies and palm leaves from the family; square and compass of gardenias, American beauty and white roses, with the initial G in the centre, fashioned of violets, from Manasseh Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a member; wreath of carnations and sweet peas from Judge and Mrs. J. B. T. Thornton; wreath of cream roses, lilies and violets from the Davies family; wreath of roses and smilax, with the initials C. S. M. A. formed in azure immortelles, from the Manassas Chapter of the Confederate States Memorial Association; bouquet of carnations, typifying the colors of the Southern Confederacy, from Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy; wreath of cream roses and sweet peas from Mrs. Louise Schultz; bouquet of white carnations and ferns from a friend, and a bouquet of carnations, smilax and ferns from Dr. C. R. C. Johnson.

Judge Lipscomb was a charter member of Manasseh Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., and was also an active member of the Independent Order of Good Templars when, in the eighties, a lodge of that order was in organization in Manassas.

Judge Lipscomb was born in Brentsville, this county, April 4, 1833. He was educated at home and at the tender age of fifteen years entered the county clerk's office, as deputy, under County Clerk Philip D. Lipscomb. While pursuing his duties as deputy clerk, he lost no opportunity of studying and gaining a practical knowledge of the law. In his ambition to gain legal knowledge he was aided by the leading attorneys, not only of the Prince William county bar, but of those throughout the state, who had cases in the prince William county court. "That youth will be one of the leading lawyers of this county," was the well-founded prophesy of a celebrated lawyer, before the young deputy clerk had attained his eighteenth year.

At the outbreak of the Confederate war, Judge Lipscomb, then scarcely twenty-eight years of age, was in full charge of both the county and circuit court offices.

In the spring of 1861, he obeyed the call of his native Southland and enlisted in her service as a private in Company F, 49<sup>th</sup> Virginia infantry and was shortly thereafter promoted to first lieutenant of that company.

In 1862, he resigned from the service and resumed his official duties in the county clerk's office, continuing in such capacity until 1863, when he re-enlisted as a private in Company H, 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia cavalry. In this command he served in the army of Northern Virginia until he was captured in 1864.

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His prison life was spent in Fort Delaware, where his subsistence was both scanty and loathsome. While there he suffered many hardships and indignities at the hands of tyrannical prison officials, the details of which, as he related them, were shocking to the instincts of humanity.

After the close of this trying experience, and the war being over, he returned to his home and until 1870, busied himself in agricultural pursuits. Again reentering the county clerk's office, as deputy, under L. C. Osbourne and the late Capt. L. A. Davis, he served until 1876, when he removed to Manassas and engaged in law and the publication of *The Manassas Gazette*. While thus engaged he also entered the mercantile business which business he successfully conducted for a lengthy period, in the old Manassas Hotel building.

Having been admitted to the Prince William county bar in 1870, he was, in 1884, elected by the Legislature, to the position of judge of the county court upon the expiration of the term of the late Judge John C. Weedon, which position he held by successive elections until the county court system was abolished, under the new constitution, in 1904.

His reputation as an able and fearless jurist during his long service on the bench, is well known throughout the county and state. He presided at the trial of Ben White and Jim Robinson, which was one of the most stormy trials that ever occurred in the county, and it was through Judge Lipscomb's good management in calling for troops to guard the prisoners both in court and to and from the Alexandria jail, where they were placed for safe keeping, that a lynching of the accused was prevented.

Upon the abolishment of the county court system, he was appointed deputy clerk of the court, under Capt. Edwin Nelson, which position he held up to Capt. Nelson's death, when he was appointed to fill out his unexpired term. He was appointed one of the commissioners in chancery for the circuit court, in 1869, and no more comprehensive commentary of the confidence of the bench and bar in him can be made than the fact that nearly all the chancery causes were referred to him. For some time prior to his death, he was bail commissioner which further marked the confidence reposed in his judicial abilities.

When he retired from the bench, as judge of the county court, the Prince William bar spread upon the court records testimonials of the highest character relating to his judicial service.

A singular coincident of the clerk's office of Prince William county, lies in the fact that every clerk since 1870, has died before the expiration of the term for which he was either elected or appointed. Another is that two of whom, bound so closely by the ties of friendship, and serving in like capacities for longer terms than their predecessors, should follow each other, within the short period of a month, to the great beyond.

He served two terms as mayor of Manassas and several successive terms as chairman of the finance committee of the town council. The charter of the town of Manassas, which has successfully withstood a number of vigorous attacks in the courts, is the result of his legal ability and acumen.

With the death of Judge Lipscomb, the last county official, who served in ante-bellum days, has passed into history.

**Lipscomb, William E. (Cont.)**

On September 22, 1869, Judge Lipscomb was married to Henrietta Holland. From this union were born three sons, Messrs. William N., Chas. E. and Phillip Lipscomb, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ella Weedon and Mrs. Nettie Garrison. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1909, Judge Lipscomb celebrated his golden wedding, marking a half century of unalloyed married life. This event marked the first family reunion since the first child left the family circle. Though the infirmities of age betokened an early dissolution by which there would be a vacant chair at the fireside, and the family circle be broken, the summons of death came as a shock to the devoted wife and children, who were brought to the sad realization that a husband's love and a father's care and counsel, were soon to be swallowed up in immortality.

The Journal extends to the sorrowing family its most sincere sympathy in this trying hour of sorrow and affliction, but realizing the fact that only such comfort as can assuage a grief like this must come from a higher than earthly source.

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## **March 31, 1911**

**Fisher, Mary**

### **MRS. FISHER'S SAD DEATH**

#### **Engaged in Cheerful Conversation and Games With Husband When Death Came**

Mrs. Mary Fisher, 64 years old, wife of Mr. Conrad Fisher, died suddenly in her home on "Star Hill" farm, near Token, in Coles district, Tuesday [March 28, 1911] night, of heart failure.

The evening meal had just been finished and Mrs. Fisher was engaged in playing dominoes with her husband when the death summons came. Mr. Fisher had left the game to answer a call at the door and upon his return to his wife he discovered that she was unconscious and breathing heavily. He at once conveyed her to her bed chamber and applied restoratives but she failed to rally and soon breathed her last.

The body was taken to Baltimore yesterday on train No. 10, leaving here at 1:10 p.m. The funeral took place from St. Benedict Catholic church, of which the deceased was a member, and the interment was in Barneybrae cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband and four sons, Messrs. Jno. A., Zeno and Pious A. Fisher, of Baltimore, and Evan A. Fisher, of this county, and by one daughter, Mrs. Mamie Boettinger, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Fisher was a devoted wife, an affectionate and indulgent mother and a kind neighbor, always ready to minister to the afflicted and needy even to the sacrifice of her own convenience and comfort, and she will be sadly missed in the community in which she has resided for over six years since coming to this county from her former home in Baltimore.

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**Senseney, Mrs. E. D.**

**DEATH OF MRS. SENSENEY**

**Christian Woman of Many Excellent Characteristics Dies Suddenly March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Mrs. Senseney, wife of Mr. E. D. Senseney, died suddenly at her home, near Sudley, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, in her 58<sup>th</sup> year. She had been in bad health for several years, but her death was not expected and it came as a shock to her family.

She was born and raised in Shenandoah county, near Mt. Jackson, and was the youngest daughter of the late Frederick Hoffman and Mary Pennywitt, and one of twelve children, all of whom, with the exception of two sisters, have preceded her to that beautiful home, "where no storms ever beat on that glittering strand and the years of eternity role."

She united with the German Reformed church in her early girlhood, the church of her ancestors.

The subject of this sketch was a woman of many excellent qualities and will be greatly missed by her family and those who knew her best.

She leaves her husband, a large family of children and two grandchildren. She was buried at Sudley M. E. Church, March 24, her sons acting as pall bearers, and services being conducted by the Rev. Homer Welch, pastor of the church.

Mr. Senseney moved, with his family, from Capon Roads, Shenandoah county, twelve years ago, to the place where they now live, and have since made many friends in the community.

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**Breedon, Mrs. W. H.**

Mrs. Breedon, 56 years old, wife of Mr. W. H. Breedon, died in her home, near Orlando, Sunday [March 26, 1911] night of pneumonia.

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## **April 7, 1911**

**Knapp, S. A.**

**DEATH OF DR. S. A. KNAPP**

**Demonstrator of Farm Work in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Dies Sunday.**

Dr. S. A. Knapp, who was in charge of the farm demonstration work at the United States Department of Agriculture, and who has lectured at The Farmers' Institute here upon several occasions, died in Washington, Sunday [April 2, 1911] morning.

**Knapp, S. A. (Cont.)**

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at Foundry M. E. Church, and were conducted by Rev. C. E. Wise, pastor of the Iowa Avenue M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. William R. Wedderspoon, pastor of Foundry Church.

The body was sent to Ames, Iowa, for burial in the cemetery of the State College there. The family of Dr. Knapp accompanied the body.

The death of Dr. Knapp was decidedly unexpected. He was a man of exceptionally wide experience and culture, and at the same time was a practical farmer in the fullest sense. The particular work in which he was engaged was that of introducing scientific methods on a practical basis among farmers of the south. The poorer the farmer the more interest Dr. Knapp took in the solution of his problem.

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**Hensley, Lydia**

Mrs. Lydia Hensley, wife of Mr. J. H. Hensley, died of a complication of diseases, at her home at Buckhall, Wednesday. The funeral took place this afternoon Rev. J. W. Brill of the United Brethern church officiating and the interment was in the Buckhall cemetery.

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**Luggenbeam, Mrs.**

Mrs. Luggenbeam, about 70 years of age, died in her home near Centreville, Fairfax county, Tuesday [April 4, 1911] night of heart failure. The body was shipped Wednesday morning to Washington where the interment was made.

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**Cornwell, Mrs. George Thomas**

Mrs. George Thomas Cornwell died, after a brief illness of pneumonia, in her home, near Woodbine church, Wednesday [April 5, 1911] morning, at an advanced age. The funeral took place from Woodbine church yesterday afternoon, Rev. T. T. Noland, pastor of the church, officiating, and the interment was in the family burying ground.

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**Breedon, Eliza**

**DEATH OF MRS. BREEDEN**

Mrs. Eliza Breedon, wife of Mr. Wm. H. Breedon, of Olando; departed this life last Sunday [March 26, 1911] evening, in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Sister Breedon was taken ill one week before her death and suffered much until released by death. She became a christian when twelve years old and lived a consistent christian life for nearly forty-seven years.

She leaves a husband, ten children, a number of grand children and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was preached at Aden U. B. Church by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Brill, and the body was laid to rest in the Hazelwood burying ground.

Our dear Brother Breedon has been much afflicted in years gone by and several times been brought to grief, having buried four children. Last fall he lost his home by fire and through the help of friends had rebuilt, having just moved in a short time since, when came the awful stroke in being bereft of his dear companion. As our dear brother has been so sorely bereft, I am sure that it is befitting that we all extend to him as well as the children and grand children, our most heartfelt sympathy.

The christian hope is such that we may look through our tears to the home of the blessed and know that all is well to those who die trusting in the Lord and if we are faithful to the grace already given, we shall meet in a fairer clime than this, where our dear Lord will wipe all tears from our eyes.

If we could hear our sister speak,  
She thus to us would say,  
Look up dear ones and do not weep,  
But onward press your way.

Oh! Husband dear its not in vain  
To serve the blessed Lord,  
Come on to me and Heaven gain,  
And share the great reward.

Oh! Children you need not be sad,  
For you may come to me,  
And here forever may be glad,  
And from all sorrow free.

W.

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## **April 14, 1911**

**Slack, Sarah W.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. S. L. SLACK**

**A Noble Christian Woman and a Kind, Congenial Neighbor, Gone to Last Reward.**

Mrs. Sarah W. Slack died of paralysis on Saturday [April 1, 1911] last, in the home of Mrs. M. C. Bonner, near Manassas.

The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern College, officiating, and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery. Those who bore the remains to their last resting place, by the side of her husband, who preceded her to the tomb nearly fifteen years ago, were Messrs. Henry Shoemaker, Boston Steele, Grady Shoemaker, Robert Armentrout and Edward and Bermond Wenkhous.

The deceased, who has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church since her early girlhood, was a woman of lovely characteristics, and her many acts of self-denial for the comfort and pleasure of others, will live in the memory of the host of friends who will miss her motherly consolation and her thoughtful care. During the funeral services two of the deceased's favorite hymns, which attests the faith she had cherished through life, "How Firm a Foundation" and "Nearer My God to Thee," were softly rendered.

Mrs. Slack is survived by two sons and one daughter, Mr. Stuart Slack, of Philadelphia, and Mr. L. O. Slack and Mrs. Mary Scheer, of Washington.

Precious ones from us have gone,  
Voices we loved are stilled;  
Places are vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled  
The boon His love had given;  
And though their bodies moulder here,  
Their souls are safe in Heaven.

C. B.

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### **Randall, Infant**

The infant child of Mr. Lucian Randall, of near Nokesville, died, of the mumps, on Tuesday [April 4, 1911].

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**Kelley, William**

William Kelley, colored, died in his home near Neverlet, Fairfax county, last week, in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He came to Manassas from King William county shortly after the war and lived in this county until about two years ago.

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**Lukens, Courtland**

Following an operation Mr. Courtland Lukens, eighty-years old and for many years a resident of Fairfax county, died in an Alexandria hospital late Sunday [April 2, 1911] afternoon. Mr. Lukens is well known throughout Prince William county he having, for a great number of years, been prominently connected with the Independent Fairfax Mutual Fire Association, which carried numerous fire risks in Manassas and throughout this county when Mr. Geo. C. Round was one of the board of directors of that association.

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**Ambler, Shelton**

**MR. AMBLER DEAD.**

Mr. Shelton Ambler, 77 years old, died, after a few hours illness, of a complication of diseases, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. William L. Brown, near Clifton, Friday [April 7, 1911] night.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Evans officiating, and interment was made in the Ambler burying ground, near Conklin, Fairfax county.

The deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters, Mr. Clinton Ambler, of Manassas, and Mr. Clyde Ambler, Mrs. Ella Brown and Miss Mary Ambler, of near Clifton.

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**April 21, 1911**

**Hixson, Harriet**

**DEATH OF MRS. HIXSON**

**An Affectionate Wife, Devoted Mother and Kind Neighbor, Enters Into Rest.**

**Hixson, Harriet (Cont.)**

Death has reaped a numerous harvest in our community the past winter, especially among those advanced in years.

Many familiar forms and faces are seen no more on our streets and in our homes. The places which knew them once, know them no more forever. Among the well known of the number of Capt. Nelson and his wife and Judge Lipscomb; and now closely following is Mr. Harriet Hixson, the wife of Mr. Geo. Hixson, who, last Friday night, April 14<sup>th</sup>, was called to "join the innumerable caravan which moves to the pale realms of shade."

Mrs. Hixson was born in Rappahannock county, Va., in 1844. In her early life, her family, whose name is Hickerson, moved to the upper part of Prince William county, near Greenwich. In 1867 she was married to Mr. Geo. Hixson of Manassas, where she has since resided. Perhaps none of our citizens are better known or more extensively acquainted with the people of this community than Mr. and Mrs. Hixson. Without flattery, we feel to say none are more highly respected for unblemished character and sterling worth.

Mrs. Hixson was a woman whose influence for good in a community is more sensibly felt, than easily described. Without ostentation, unassuming, her life among us was a continued lesson of what the life of a virtuous woman ought to be. Through industry and frugality she proved a "helpmeet" indeed to her husband in that which should be the pride of every woman—a homebuilder, so that husband and children to-day "rise up and call her blessed." Her charity and hospitality for such objects as called them forth were bestowed freely and we believe with a christian spirit.

She was long an active member of the "Daughters of the Confederacy" and of the "Memorial Association," societies which grew out of the laudable desire to keep green the memories of the sacrifices and sufferings called forth by the late war and of those who bore a part therein. But the center of her activities was her home. Her first duty was to those whom God had given in a large measure to her care. She evidently recognized that duty. She was the mother of three daughters, whom she has lived to see grow to noble womanhood, worthy of the example of their mother, viz: Mrs. Mollie Larkin, left a widow in early life; Mrs. Lucy Arrington, wife of Mr. David Arrington, of this place, and Miss Lillie Hixson, the youngest, who, for many months, has had the care of her father's home, and the privilege of ministering to her mother in her dying hours.

Mrs. Hixson made no public profession of religion, neither having identified herself with any church organization. Having known her for many years, we feel assured she is one of that "innumerable company which no man can number," which John saw "surrounding the throne of God and the Lamb." That is, a company which no many can identify whether they be true worshipers or not. God looks at the "hidden man of the heart." His blessing rests upon those who love His word, who "hunger and thirst" for His righteousness, who "worship Him in spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh." These were some of the marks Mrs. Hixson bore. The veil is now removed and she sees as she is seen, not in this polluted dying flesh but in the image, beauty and glory of her Redeemer.

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**Adamson, Ronald John**

**REV. R. J. ADAMSON DEAD**

**After Years of Suffering His Spirit Took Its Flight at a Late Hour Last Night**

Rev. Ronald John Adamson died in his home, Battle and Church streets, in this place, at 11:20 o'clock last night [April 20, 1911], in his fiftieth year.

The funeral will take place from Grace M. E. Church, South, of which the deceased was a member, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Chas. L. DeLong, pastor of the church, officiating, and interment will be made in the Manassas cemetery by the side of his son who so recently preceded him to the better world. Those who will consign the long suffering body to its place of peaceful rest are Messrs. Jno. R. Tillett, A. H. Harrell, W. C. Wagener, Jas. E. Nelson, C. E. Nash and C. M. Larkin.

Besides the widow, who was a daughter of the late Robert B. Merchant, the deceased is survived by one son, Mr. Robt. W. Adamson, and by seven sisters and one brother: Mrs. Emma Asheton, of Silver Springs, Md.; Mrs. Catherine Adams, of California; Mrs. Alice Free, of Nokesville; Mrs. Ethel Lion, Mrs. Winfred Milnes, Mrs. Edith Lipscomb, Mrs. Annie Weir and Mr. W. J. Adamson, of Manassas.

Those who are familiar with the long continued sufferings of the deceased can but rejoice that his oft-repeated desire that his soul be released from its tenement of clay and be with Him whom he has so humbly and faithfully served from his early youth has, at last, been gratified. His noble characteristics and beautiful life of domestic and christian devotion justifies a well founded belief in his soul's salvation. No one could have heard the prayer which fell from his lips, as loved one sat around his bedside while the messenger of death tarried at the threshold of his bedchamber, without realizing the sweet communion that was being held with God by one who felt the blessed assurance of peace and rest beyond this earthly estate.

Racked with pain, such as no one knew except himself and his maker, he bore his sufferings with patience, born of christian fortitude, for the sake of those he loved best on earth.

It was the privilege of the writer to be with the deceased and hold his hand as he "walked through the dark valley" and to close his eyes in death. Never was there a more calm and peaceful dissolution than his.

Wednesday morning, as the gray streaks of dawn were peeping through the windows, while I watched, alone, by his dying couch, I asked if he realized his condition. Though his tongue had lost its power of speech, his affirmative answer came, in full consciousness, with a feeble nod of the head as a tear trickled down his cheek, and which told of the conflict that was going on within between a father's devotion to wife and son and the desire to be at rest with Him who had spoken peace to his soul.

This is the second time, within the space of a few short weeks, that the hand of affliction has fallen heavily upon the devoted wife and mother of this sorrowing family and at a time when she is the least able, through feeble health, and long continued strain and self denial, to bear it.

Mr. Adamson was of that gentle sympathetic and unassuming disposition that won the friendship and admiration of all with whom he came in business or social contact. One cannot but feel a keen satisfaction in the contemplation of a life that has measured up

**Adamson, Ronald John (Cont.)**

to that reasonable fullness that marked the chief characteristics of our dear departed friend. From early manhood to death his walk has been with Him who has supported and comforted him through cloud and sunshine.

If words of sympathy to the sorrowing widow and son could assuage the anguish that overpowers their souls in this dark hour, all tears would be wiped away and their hearts gladdened but only such comfort as God can give will avail in a time like this. Though the burden of grief which overwhelms the remnant of a once happy home is heavy and the future is viewed through a veil of tears, let the sorrowing wife and mother and the affectionate and devoted son take comfort in the thought that God's dispensations are born of wisdom that never fails and though we view His acts through "a glass darkly, we shall sometime understand."

R. W. M.

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**Schooler, Cephas**

Cephas Schooler, formerly of Stafford county, a sailor in the U. S. S. Dolphin, committed suicide while walking the deck of his vessel at the Navy Yard dock, in Washington, Thursday of last week. The refusal of his petition to the court to cancel his marriage, of ten years duration, to Flora Davis, is assigned as the cause of the rash act.

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## **April 28, 1911**

**Adamson, Ronald John**

**THOUGH DEAD HE LIVES**

**A Life of Consecration, Through Devotion and Self-denial Justifies This Thought.**

The funeral of the late Ronald John Adamson took place from Grace M. E. Church, South, Saturday afternoon, Rev. Chas. L. DeLong, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. H. S. Willey, officiating, and interment was made in the Manassas Cemetery, beside the son who preceded the deceased to the grave a little over a month ago. The pall bearers were: Messrs. John R. Tillett, A. H. Harrell, W. C. Wagener, Jas. E. Nelson, C. E. Nash and C. M. Larkin.

The many handsome floral tributes from loved ones and intimate friends, which converted the mound at the close of the obsequies, into a veritable bed of lilies, roses, carnations and ferns, were contributed as follows: A beautiful cross of white lilies by the son and widow; a handsome wreath of tea roses, lilies-of-the-valley, American beauty

**Adamson, Ronald John (Cont.)**

roses and white lilies by Mesdames W. R. Free, Jr., and J. C. Harrell, of Nokesville; wreath of pink and tea roses from Mr. and Mrs. Blair Johnson, of Warrenton; bouquet of white lilies, spirea and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Merchant; bouquet of pink carnations and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. Landon A. Wright, of Richmond; sheaf of white wheat, tea roses, spirea and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merchant; sheaf of white wheat from Mr. L. E. Merchant and Mrs. Mamie Brawner, of Dumfries; bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair ferns from the Milnes family; bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lipscomb; wreath of American beauty roses from Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Lion; bouquet of pink roses and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wagener; bouquet of pink double hyacinths from Mrs. Thos. Holden; cross of pink and white double hyacinths and maiden hair ferns from Mrs. R. C. Wine; handsome wreath of white lilies, tea roses and maiden hair ferns from Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bouffier; bouquet of cream roses and spirea from Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Thompkins, and a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair ferns from Mr. John G. Cowhig, of Washington.

The Rev. C. L. DeLong paid a high tribute to the beautiful christian character and life of domestic devotion of the deceased, and gave assurances, based upon undoubted testimony of the Divine scriptures, that death is merely the open doorway to a brighter and happier life despite the view of skeptics. In his efforts of consolation to the sorrowing family and friends of the deceased he further asserted that as God was present in spirit, with those burdened with grief and sorrow, at all times, the spirits of loved ones gone before were, also, hovering over them with unseen hands to wipe away the tears and soothe the heart.

When the choir rendered, in soft tones, the hymn, "Peace, Sweet Peace," so appropriate to the painful life just ended, many eyes were dimmed by tears and strong hearts gave way to recollections of close relations and feelings of affection for him whose familiar form was shut out from them forever on earth.

The large assembly of relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of love and esteem and who followed the remains to "The silent city," attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held by both white and colored and of which he was so justly deserving. Truly a devoted husband and father and a kind, sympathetic and christian neighbor has entered into an existence that can admit of no doubt of his safety from further sorrow and suffering and a glorious reunion with loved ones gone before, in the presence of Him he so faithfully served and loved.

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Ewell, James B.

**COL. J. B. EWELL DEAD**

**An Old Confederate Veteran of the Famous "Texas Rangers" Answers Last Roll Call.**

Col. James B. Ewell, one of the best known citizens of Prince William county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Carrington in Greenwich, Sunday [April 23, 1911] night after an illness of about four hours, in the eighty-eighth year of his age.

The funeral took place Tuesday, Rev. J. Royal Cook, officiating, and interment was made in the Greenwich cemetery. The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. B. Carrington, with whom he made his home during the last twelve years of his life.

Col. Ewell was born at "Greenville," the old Meredith place in this county which was owned at that time by his father. In his early life he removed with his father to Memphis, Tennessee, and later, at the age of twenty years, he moved to Texas where he engaged in the cotton brokerage business.

Prior to leaving Memphis he married a daughter of General Edmondson, of Nashville, Tenn., and was, in two years, left a widower. He afterwards married Mrs. Lehr, a niece of the late General Sam Houston, the noted war veteran of Texas.

Mrs. A. B. Carrington, of Greenwich, who was the fruit of his first marriage, is his only living child.

During the civil war among the states, Col. Ewell served with distinction in the Confederate service in Texas.

He was a gentleman of scholarly attainments, and a kind and genial neighbor, whose presence in the community will be missed by his many warm friends.

G. W. H.

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Wey, Agnes

**DEATH OF MRS. AGNES WEY**

**Stricken With Paralysis She Passed Away in Tere Haute, Indiana, Saturday.**

Information reached here Tuesday, of the death, Saturday [April 22, 1911] night, in Tere Haute, Indiana, of Mrs. Agnes Wey who, for a great number of years, conducted a confectionary business in this place and who was so well and favorably known throughout this county.

Mrs. Wey came to this county in 1875 and opened a confectionary business in the small building now occupied as a law office by Mr. R. A. Hutchison. Shortly thereafter she built the property now occupied by Mr. S. T. Hall, where she continued her business until 1888, when she sold out to the late R. J. Adamson, retiring from business and occupying a portion of the apartments until the early fall of 1904 when, at the solicitation of her sons, she returned to live with them in Tere Haute.

**Wey, Agnes (Cont.)**

The deceased, who had attained her 88<sup>th</sup> year, was a kind and sympathetic neighbor and gained many warm friends during her long stay in Manassas.

Mrs. Wey was stricken with paralysis Saturday and died a few hours thereafter.

The deceased, who was n aunt of Mr. O. E. Newman, of this place, is survived by two sons, Charlie and Frank Wey, of Tere Haute, the latter a former mayor of that city.

The funeral took place Wednesday, and the interment was in the city cemetery at Tere Haute.

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**Horton, Maurice Brawner**

**MAURICE HORTON DEAD**

**“Death Loves a Shining Mark” Was Exemplified When Summons Came Saturday.**

After a brief illness of pneumonia, Maurice Brawner Horton died in his home, at Quantico, this county, on Saturday [April 22, 1911] afternoon, in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

The funeral was held from the home Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Father Perrig, of the Fredericksburg Catholic church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burial ground near Dumfries. The rites of the church were administered to the deceased, by Father Perrig, shortly before the death summons came. The following

**Horton, Maurice Brawner (Cont.)**

engineers of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway Company, in whose service he was formerly employed as n engineer, served as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. F. Robey, Richard Fox, C. S. Wingfield, B. F. Johnson, J. E. Hudgins and H. P. Mayo.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Florence Leary, the deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. D. Horton, and by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Barton VanDenburg, of Clifton, Fairfax county, and Miss Ethel Horton and James T. Horton, of Quantico.

The large attendance of relatives and friends at the obsequies, and the many handsome floral tributes, attest the affection and high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mr. Horton was a kind and loving husband, father, son and brother, and he will be greatly missed, not only by those nearest and dearest to him, but by a host of both white and colored whom his kind and genial disposition had won as life-long friends.

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**Randall, Louise Virginia**

Louise Virginia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Randall, was burried at Woodlawn church yard on the twelfth inst., Rev. I. A. Miller officiating.

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## **May 5, 1911**

**Lion, Sara Sommerville**

### **MRS. SOMMER LION DEAD**

#### **A True Southern Woman and Devoted Christian Mother Laid to Rest Sunday.**

Mrs. Sarah Sommerville Lion, widow of the late Major Thos. H. Lion, died after a lengthy illness, in her home near Manassas, on last Friday [April 28, 1911] night, in her 74<sup>th</sup> year. The funeral took place from Trinity Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member, on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Kenedy and the Theological Seminary of Alexandria officiating, and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery beside her husband who preceded her to the grave about fifteen years ago.

Mrs. Lion, about a year ago, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis followed shortly thereafter by a severe fall, which, it is thought, hastened her dissolution.

Her kind and sympathetic disposition together with her charming personality made Mrs. Lion a most popular and congenial friend and neighbor.

She was a member of the Ladies' Memorial Association and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and was conspicuous during the civil war for her devotion to the cause of the south.

It was from one of her silk dresses that a Confederate flag was made and presented to the Prince William cavalry to which belonged some of her near relatives.  
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**Conrad, Thomas Nelson, Jr.**

### **T. NELSON CONRAD DEAD**

#### **Well Known Prince William County Man Passes Away in Washington.**

The many friends of Mr. Thos. Nelson Conrad, jr., in this county, will regret to learn of his death, Wednesday [May 3, 1911] night at his home, 644 F street, northwest Washington, D.C., of heart trouble in his 42<sup>nd</sup> year.

He had been ill for about three years. The funeral services will take place from the home at 5 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. Richard Williams, rector of the Trinity Episcopal church, officiating, and interment will be made in the cemetery at Blacksburg.

Mr. Conrad, who was for a number of years a resident of Occoquan district, this county, entered the District of Columbia health department in 1898 and his efficient services rewarded him in 1900 with a promotion to the office of assistant chief inspector. In this position Mr. Conrad had much to do with the crusades conducted against insanity features, showing marked ability in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him. Aside from his valuable services to the District of Columbia, he was noted for his good humor and uniform courtesy throughout his official connection with the health department.

**Conrad, Thomas Nelson, Jr. (Cont.)**

He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Katherine Hammett, and by one brother, J. F. Conrad and by two sisters, Mesdames. Robert Norman and Richard Beall.  
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**Lowe, Sadie**

Mrs. Sadie Lowe, wife of Mr. Archie Lowe, died after a short illness in her home near Independent Hill last week, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of her age. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clifton Storke and the interment was made in the Bellhaven Churchyard. The deceased is survived by her husband and an infant.  
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**Cunningham, Frank**

**FRANK CUNNINGHAM DEAD**

**A Sweet Tenor Voice Which Charmed Human Ear Mingles With Angelic Choir.**

“Frank Cunningham is Dead,” were the four words of a head line in an early morning Richmond paper Saturday, which cut deep into the hearts of a vast majority of Richmond people and cast a pall of gloom over the entire city.

As the whispered announcement spread throughout the State Capital, it was generally conceded that an universally beloved man and a long honored public servant has passed “over the river” and one of the sweetest voices that ever charmed the human ear or gladdened the heart, was silenced forever on earth.

In events of benevolence, in times of distress, where comforting words of song and story were needed, this angel of song was ever present, upon request, to lend his genial presence and soul inspiring voice.

His musical soul took its flight only a few moments after he had lent his voice to the quieting of his little grandson and singing him to sleep. “Into the Valley With My Savior I Will Go” was the last hymn that passed the lips of the sweetest and most widely known tenor singer in the south.

Mr. Cunningham sang his way from the pilot-house of a tug boat to one of the most responsible positions in the municipal government of Richmond, and through ability, popularity and the melody of his wonderful celestial voice, he retained that position for over a score of years.

It is thought that the trying ordeal through which he was passing, in the investigation of his official affairs, hastened his death. When that investigation is concluded, there can be no doubt that Frank Cunningham will be exhonored from any intentional wrong doing.

**Cunningham, Frank (Cont.)**

Those of Manassas and vicinity whose pleasure it was to meet Mr. Cunningham and hear his rich and powerful tenor voice when he delighted a large audience in one of our churches, in the early seventies, will regret to learn of his tragic death.

Mrs. L. Arthur Wright, formerly of this place, now of Richmond, who attended the obsequies of Mr. Cunningham, states that she has been informed, upon good authority, that the attendance upon Mr. Cunningham's funeral was far greater than either that of Fitzhugh Lee or President Davis, all the approaches to Hollywood cemetery being congested, for a number of blocks, by the immense procession.

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**May 12, 1911**

**Buford, A. S.**

**COL. A. S. BUFORD DEAD**

**Former President of the Old Richmond and Danville Railroad Passes Away.**

Col. A. S. Buford died in his home, in Richmond, after a prolonged illness, Saturday [May 6, 1911] night.

Colonel Buford was formerly president of the old Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, now the Southern, and was a candidate for the office of governor of the state in opposition to Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrell. He was at the time of his death, a member of the firm of Leake and Buford, of Richmond, and has been closely connected with the business and political affairs of the state since the civil war, in which he served with distinction and gained his title as Colonel.

Some of the older citizens of this community will probably recall the incident when Col. Buford, soon after the close of the civil war, and when Col. W. S. Fewell was station agent at this place, drove some drunken passengers from the ladies' coach at the point of his revolver when an early morning train, upon which he was riding, arrived in Manassas.

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**Hoskins, Maria**

"Aunt" Maria Hoskins, a respectable colored woman, of near Blooms station, died on Monday [May 8, 1911] from the infirmities of age. Her funeral took place yesterday and interment was in the colored cemetery, near Manassas. She was a kind neighbor and her ministrations in sickness and distress will be greatly missed by both colored and white in the community in which she has lived for nearly a half century.

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**Bryant, Mrs. J. R.**

**MRS. J. R. BRYANT DEAD**

Mrs. J. R. Bryant died in her home near Nokesville, at an early hour Wednesday [May 10, 1911] morning. The funeral took place from the home yesterday afternoon, Rev. H. S. Wiley conducting the obsequies and interment was in the family burial ground. The deceased is survived by her husband and two children for whom much sympathy is felt in the hour of their sore distress. Mrs. Bryant was possessed of many amiable, qualities of mind and heart, and will be greatly missed in the community in which she resided.

An affectionate wife, a devoted mother and a sympathetic kind and congenial friend and neighbor has laid down the burden of life in the midst of vigorous womanhood and now rests from here labors in the presence and enjoyment of the Savior whom she loved and faithfully served.

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**Fairfax, Hattie E.**

**Death of Miss Hattie Fairfax.**

Miss Hattie E. Fairfax, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fairfax, died in the home of her parents in Coles district, after a brief illness, on Wednesday [May 4, 1911] of last week.

She was laid to rest in the family burying ground, Rev. W. H. Edwards of Clifton church, officiating. The deceased, who was a member of the Christian church of Washington, is survived by her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Miss Fairfax was a most loveable and devoted daughter and sister and her place in the home of her childhood and in the community will be sadly missed.

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**May 19, 1911**

**Mathias, Bessie**

**DEATH OF MRS. MATHIAS.**

Mrs. Bessie Mathias, wife of Mr. J. B. Mathias, died, following an operation, in her home in West street, at an early hours Saturday [May 13, 1911] morning, in the twenty-first year of her age.

**Mathias, Bessie** (Cont.)

The body was taken Saturday evening to her former home, near Mill Creek, Rockingham county, where the funeral took place Sunday afternoon from Mill Creek church, the Rev. Mr. Long officiating and interment was made in the Mill Creek cemetery.

The deceased, who was a devoted wife, affectionate and dutiful daughter and sister, is survived by her husband, parents, one sister and four brothers.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gardner, of Penlair, Rockingham county, and had been living in Manassas since December, having moved here from Washington.

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## **May 26, 1911**

**(No death reports found.)**

## **June 2, 1911**

**Lee, James W.**

Mr. James W. Lee, 66 years old, died at his home near Kopp, on Friday [*May 26, 1911*] of a complication of diseases. Funeral was held from Bellhaven church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Clifton Starke officiating and interment was made in Bellhaven church yard.

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## **June 9, 1911**

**Kerns, Aggie**

### **AGGIE KERNS A SUICIDE**

**After Pertaking of Evening Meal He Goes Deliberately to His Death Sunday Evening.**

**Kerns, Aggie (Cont.)**

Discouraged through financial embarrassments, intensified by losses sustained in a business venture for the recent reunion, Aggie Kerns, 21 years old, of Fairfax Courthouse, while almost in view of several members of his family, sent a bullet crashing through his brain in his home, Sunday [June 4, 1911] night.

Mr. Kerns, who is a carpenter, threatened, earlier in the day, to take his life but his family did not regard the threat seriously.

At the Confederate memorial exercises Saturday, Kerns kept a refreshment stand and it is known that he lost considerable money in the project.

During Sunday, in brooding over his misfortunes, he remarked to a friend "I believe I will shoot myself," but his friend treated the matter lightly and paid no serious heed to the warning of the impending tragedy.

The suicide had just finished his supper and had gone to his room when the report of a revolver brought the parents to a realization of their son's sad ending. They found him unconscious upon the floor of the bed chamber, death ensuing a few moments later.

Mr. Kerns, who was unmarried, lived with his parents and several brothers and sisters and was well and favorably known throughout Fairfax county, where, by his trade, he had built up a good business. His brother, Barney, once worked upon the railway track at Manassas under section foreman Cowhig.

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**Schmitt, Wilhelmina**

Information has just reached here of the death, on May 17 [1911], in San Jose, Cal., of Mrs. Wilhelmina Schmitt, formerly of this county, in the 85<sup>th</sup> year of her age. The interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery, San Jose. Mrs. Schmitt was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and came to this county to live on "Bunker Hill" farm, near Nokesville, in 1866, where she lived until two years ago when she went to live with her grandchildren in San Jose.

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## **June 16, 1911**

**Mantiplay, M. F.**

**DEATH OF M. F. MANTIPLY**

**Prominent Citizen, of Clifton, Dies in Georgetown Hospital, of Appendicitis.**

Mr. M. F. Mantiplay, a highly esteemed citizen of Clifton, died in the Georgetown Hospital last Friday [June 9, 1911] morning, of appendicitis.

**Mantiplay, M. F. (Cont.)**

The body was taken to Clifton Friday afternoon and conveyed to the home of Mr. W. Elmer Merchant, on Main street. The funeral took place on Sunday, Rev. T. D. D. Clarke officiating, and interment was made in the cemetery at Fairfax Courthouse.

The funeral obsequies were under the auspices of Acacia Lodge of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Mantiplay is survived by his widow and little daughter, Olive, who have the deepest sympathy of a host of friends in their sad bereavement.  
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**Warren, Bessie**

**DEATH OF MRS. WARREN**

**Prince William Lady Dies, After Brief Illness, in North Dakota Home May 16.**

We regret to learn of the death, on May 16 [1911], in Melville, North Dakota, of Mrs. Arthur Warren, daughter of Mr. J. T. C. Hundley, formerly of this county.

Mrs. Warren, who was Miss Bessie Hundley, left her about five years ago to visit her sister, Mrs. Kyle, in North Dakota, where she met and was married, two years ago, to Mr. Arthur Warren, in Melville, where she resided up to the time of her death.

The deceased is survived by her husband, infant son, father, brother, John, and sister, Mrs. Kyle, of North Dakota; and by George and Harry Hundley, of this county.

Mrs. Warren was that type of womanhood which won for her many warm friends who mourn her tragic death. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband and aged father in the hour of their sore distress by their host of friends in the far West and in this county.

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**June 23, 1911**

**Bell, John S.**

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN S. BELL**

**Dissolution Came After Lengthy Illness in His Home at Sinclair's Mill, Friday**

Mr. John S. Bell, 45 years old, died at the old Bell homestead, at Sinclair's Mill, Friday [June 16, 1911] night, after an illness of several months' duration, of cancer of the stomach. The funeral took place from Bradley M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. E. Slick conducting the obsequies and interment was made in the Bradley church cemetery beside his wife who preceded him to the grave six years ago. The pall bearers

**Bell, John S. (Cont.)**

were: Messrs. Roy and E. E. Molair, James Cooper, Chas. Rorabaugh, L. P. Maphis and W. D. Green.

The deceased is survived by five small children, three boys and two girls, and by three brothers, Messrs. Geo. W., Jesse M. and D. P. Bell and by two sisters, Miss Callie Bell and Mrs. Howard Young.

Mr. Bell was of that quiet, unassuming and courteous disposition that won for him many warm friends. Much sympathy is expressed for the five orphans left without a mother's love and a father's support but their interest will be well taken care of by their uncles and aunts upon whose affections they have a firm endurance.

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**Hulfish, James**

As we go to press, we learn that Mr. James Hulfish died in his home in Haymarket, at 10 o'clock this morning [*June 23, 1911*].

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**Larkin, Lulu**

Miss Lulu Larkin died in the home of her cousin, Mr. C. M. Larkin, in this place, at 10:30 o'clock this morning [*June 23, 1911*]. Funeral will take place from Trinity Episcopal church, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment will be made in the Manassas cemetery. A more extended account of Miss Larkin's death will appear in the next issue of THE JOURNAL.

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**Rollins, Mary**

Mrs. Mary Rollins, 74 years old, died in her home near Wellington Monday [*June 19, 1911*], of cancer. The funeral took place from the home Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the burial ground upon the premises of Mr. James Rollins, near Gainesville. Mrs. Rollins is survived by two daughters and two sons by her first husband, viz: Misses Donie and Emma Larkin and Messrs. C. M. and J. S. Larkin and by one daughter and one son by her second husband, viz: Miss Annie Rollins and Mr. Henry Rollins.

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**Thurman, Ella Gaines**

**Death of Mrs. Ella Gaines Thurman.**

Information has just reached here of the death, in Long Island, New York, on Monday [June 19, 1911], of Mrs. Ella Gaines Thurman, aged 57 years, sister of the late E. P. and A. A. Gaines, and sister-in-law of Mr. R. H. Davis, of Bristow, this county. Interment was made in the cemetery at Lynchburg, Wednesday.

The deceased was born and reared at Bristow and was married to Robert G. Thurman, of Lynchburg, about thirty years ago. She was a most estimable lady, of the old Virginia type, possessing all those charming characteristics which make as loveable and faultless nature as humanity is capable of.

Her husband, two sons, and numerous relatives in this county survive her.  
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## **June 30, 1911**

**Hillebrand, Henry**

### **DEATH OF H. HILLEBRAND**

#### **The Victim of Accident at Cherry Hill Dies Suddenly, in Baltimore, on June 13.**

Henry Hillebrand who, on June 26, 1910, was seriously injured in an accident which occurred at the incinerating plant of the Washington Fertilizer Company, at Cherry Hill, this county, and who was awarded \$2,750 damages by the circuit court of Alexandria City in his suit against said company, in March last, died suddenly in Baltimore, on June 13<sup>th</sup>, under very suspicious circumstances.

When Mr. Hillebrand was able to leave the hospital where he was confined for some length of time on account of the injuries he sustained in Cherry Hill plant, he went to live with Mr. L. B. Oertley, near Dumfries, with whom he had lived for a period of several years prior to his death.

He left the Oertley home, a few days ago, and went to Alexandria where he called on his attorney, Judge C. E. Nicol, on business, and afterwards called at the Alexandria National Bank in which he had substantial deposits. From Alexandria he went to Baltimore for the purpose of settling some business in connection with a recent inheritance from a friend in that city.

It is said, upon good authority, that Mr. Hillebrand was in the habit of carrying a large sum of money upon his person and when he died the only money found upon him was fifty cents.

Before his funeral took place letters of administration were taken out, in Baltimore, by a party unknown to his friends in Virginia, and a week later checks were presented to the Alexandria National Bank covering the entire sum of Mr. Hillebrand's balance on deposit. Judge Nicol, president of the bank, instructed the cashier to refuse

**Hillebrand, Henry (Cont.)**

payment on the checks on the ground that the law permits banks to pay checks drawn by the deceased if presented within two weeks after his death.

Mr. Oertley, who has, for some time, been closely associated with Mr. Hillebrand, stoutly asserts that the deceased had no relatives or other persons in Baltimore rightfully entitled to any portion of the deceased's estate.

An investigation of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Hillebrand's death is being made which may result in startling disclosures.

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**Pitts, Caroline**

Mrs. Caroline Pitts, widow of the late Henry S. Pitts, for a number of years one of the most efficient and courteous conductors of the Southern Railway Company, died in her home 1000 Prince street, Alexandria, Saturday [June 24, 1911] night. Less than a month ago her husband died and a few minutes after his death Mrs. Pitts was paralyzed.

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**Keys, Robert**

Mr. Robert Keys, 75 years old, died in his home near Independent Hill, last Friday [June 23, 1911] night, of paralysis. Funeral took place from the home Monday afternoon and interment was made in the Independent Hill church yard. The deceased is survived by three sons, Messrs. Richard, Granville and Bud. Keys. His wife preceded him to the grave about one year ago.

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**Pierce, W. L.**

Mr. W. L. Pierce, better known as Button Pierce, who was formerly assistant superintendent of the Manassas division of the Southern Railway Company and who, for some time, has been superintendent of the Richmond division of the road, dropped dead in his home in Richmond yesterday [June 29, 1911] morning. Mr. Pierce is well known in Manassas, where he had many warm friends.

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**Larkin, Lula Norvell**

**FUNERAL OF MISS LARKIN**

**Local Chapters of Ladies Memorial Association and U. D. C. Attend in a Body.**

The funeral of Miss Lula Norvell, daughter of the late Lucien and Sallie Larkin, whose death occurred at the home of her cousin, Mr. C. M. Larkin, in this place, on Friday [June 23, 1911] morning, last, took place from Trinity Episcopal church Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery.

The obsequies were conducted by Rev. P. A. Arthur, rector of the church. The pallbearers were Drs. W. Fewell Merchant and J. Marye Lewis and Messrs. Welby Rice, Samuel T. Weir, John A. Nicol and C. A. Sinclair. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome and included offerings from the Manassas Ladies Memorial Association and the United Daughters of the Confederacy of which organizations the deceased was a member. These organizations attended the funeral in a body in token of the high esteem in which Miss Larken was held and of her devoted services in the cause which they espouse. The concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends which followed the remains of this noble young woman, cut down in the prime of life, to their last resting place, attested the high esteem and affection in which Miss Larkin was held by all who knew and loved her for her kind and gentle manner and her care for the comfort and pleasure of others.

Miss Larkin was born in Alexandria but the greater portion of her life was spent in Lynchburg to which place she was taken in her infancy. The past fifteen years of her life was spent in this county where a number of her relatives now reside.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Larkin and Mrs. J. T. Ashford, and by four brothers, Messrs. Norvell Larkin, of Washington; J. R. Larkin, of Clarendon, Fairfax county, and W. P. and Rozier Larkin, of this county.

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**Dane, Clarence**

**DEATH OF CLARENCE DANE**

**Dissolution Came After Brief Illness in Home in Minnieville Saturday Morning.**

Clarence, the 11-year-old son of W. A. and Jane Dane, died at his home at Minnieville, this county, on Saturday [June 24, 1911] morning. The death of this bright and attractive little boy, following only a few days illness, came as a great shock to his parents and numerous friends.

During his short illness he bore his sufferings with that patience borne of divine strength and consolation, and the sweet smile that death left upon his face attested a calm and peaceful dissolution.

It was hard to give up this dear little boy so full of promise and so dear to all who knew and loved him for his many amiable qualities of mind and heart, but his memory will live in the hearts of all and loving hands will keep green the grave which shuts out his dear little form from those who mourn his untimely death.

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## **July 7, 1911**

**Crosen, E. Filmore**

### **MR. FILMORE CROSEN DEAD**

**Succumbs to Dropsy of the Heart in Home, in Fairfax County, Last Monday Morning.**

Mr. E. Filmore Crosen died in his home, near Bull Run Postoffice, at an early hour Monday [*July 3, 1911*] morning, of dropsy of the heart, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. The funeral took place at the home, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Kline officiating, and interment was in the family burying ground.

Besides a widow, the deceased is survived by three children by his first wife, viz: Miss Lucy Crosen, and Messrs. J. B. Crossen, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Charles Crosen, of Fairfax county, and by four daughters and two sons by his last wife. He is also survived by three brothers: Messrs. Henry Crosen, of Balston, Fairfax county; Peyton Crosen, of Wellington, Kansas, and Thos. Crosen, of Joy, Illinois, and by one sister, Miss Annie Crosen, of near Conklin, Fairfax county.

Mr. Crosen was a good citizen, a kind and affectionate husband and father and a true friend and neighbor. He will be sadly missed in the community in which he has spent the greater portion of his life.

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**Hibbs, Infant**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hibbs, of this place, died last Sunday [*June 25, 1911*] morning. Interment was made in the Manassas cemetery.

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## **July 14, 1911**

**Lightner, Virginia Lee**

### **DEATH OF MISS LIGHTNER**

**In the Bloom of Youth She Answers the Last Summons on Last Wednesday**

Miss Virginia Lee Lightner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Lightner, died in the home of her parents, "Maple Spring" near Haymarket, of meningitis on Wednesday [*June 28, 1911*] of last week in her thirteenth year.

**Lightner**, Virginia Lee (Cont.)

The funeral took place from St. Pauls' Episcopal church Thursday afternoon, Rev. Grinnan, rector of the church, assisted by Rev. See, of the Presbyterian church, conducting the obsequies and interment was made in St. Pauls' church-yard. The youthful pall-bearers who bore the remains of this amiable young girl to their last resting place within the shadow of the church in which they had worshiped and studied in sabbath school together were: Marion Hutchison, Don Rector, Albert Utterback, Ross Bragg, Edward Carter and Thurston Brown.

The numerous floral tributes together with the large concourse of relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of love and esteem, bore evidence of the firm hold which this lovely associate and companion had upon the affections of the community.

When the angel of death enters a home and removes therefrom one whose earthly race has covered more than the allotted span the grief is great but when the family chain is broken by removing a link just budding into womanhood with every promise to swell the parents' heart with joy and pride, no consolation save that emanating from a divine Providence can fully assuage the grief and heal the wound of bereavement. This hitherto happy home is saddened, the circle broken and a heavy pall of gloom hangs over the community in which the deceased has lived since her early childhood.

Let those who mourn take comfort in the scriptural text: "What I do now you know not, but ye shall know hereafter."

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**Woodyard**, Newton

**DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT**

**Mr. Newton Woodyard Succumbs to Fatal Disease in His Home, Friday Night.**

After a lengthy illness of cancer of the liver, Mr. Newton Woodyard died in his home in this place, Friday [July 7, 1911] night, in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his age. The funeral took place from the home, Monday afternoon, Rev. T. D. D. Clark, of the Baptist Church officiating, and interment was in the Manassas cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Geo. E. Maddox, H. D. Wenrich, R. W. Merchant, Jas. E. Nelson, W. J. Adamson and E. R. Conner.

The deceased is survived by his widow, three daughters: Mrs. W. C. Wagner, Mrs. D. F. Bowman and Miss Flora Woodyard, of this place; one son, John, of Chase City, this state, and by one sister, Mrs. Francis Molair, of Brentsville, this county.

Though tortured by the ravage of an incurable disease for a great length of time, the deceased bore his sufferings with patience and gentle submission to the will of an all-wise Providence.

In bidding the writer good-by, a short time prior to his death, he made known his assurance of an early dissolution and expressed his willingness to be freed from the ills of

**Woodyard, Newton (Cont.)**

life and expressed hope in his soul's salvation. Much sympathy is expressed for the widow and sorrowing children in the hour of their sad bereavement.

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**Hamner, J. Garland**

**DEATH OF DR. J. G. HAMNER**

**His Long Service in the Ministry Brought to a Close in His Home in Baltimore.**

After a lingering illness of several months, Rev. J. Garland Hamner, 75 years old, died in his home, 712 Lenox street, Baltimore, Md., yesterday [July 13, 1911]. The funeral will take place Saturday and interment will be made in the family lot in Loudoun Park cemetery beside his wife who preceded him to the grave a few years ago.

Dr. Hamner, who was the only son of Rev. J. G. and Jane McEldery Hamner, was a native of New Jersey. He entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church early in life, continuing in the service up to last October, when his health broke down, compelling him to resign the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in this place, and removed to his former home in New Jersey, where, a few weeks later, he was stricken with paralysis from which he suffered up to the time of his death.

During Dr. Hamner's twelve years' church service here he cooperated with the church membership in adding many needed improvements to the church building and grounds, contributing liberally from his own purse for that purpose.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Rev. J. Garland Hamner, Jr., of New Jersey, and Charles Hamner, of New York, and by three daughters, misses Jennie and Emma Hamner, of Baltimore, Md., and a married daughter in Saracuse, New York.

The many friends of the Misses Hamner, in this place, extend to them their deepest sympathy in this hour of their sorrow and bereavement.

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**Powell, Mrs.**

We regret to learn of the death on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant [July 3, 1911], of Mrs. Powell, of Occoquan. This grand old christian lady, devoted mother and kind and sympathetic neighbor will be greatly missed in the community in which she has lived and ministered to the wants and afflictions of a host of friends for a number of years. She is survived by one daughter in Occoquan, Mrs. Wade Hammill, and two daughters residing in New York, whose names we were unable to learn. The interment was in Washington on July 4.

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**Barbee, Martha E.**

Mrs. Martha E. Barbee, 76 years old, widow of the late J. M. Barbee, died in the home of her step-son, C. A. Barbee, near Token, this county, of paralysis, Wednesday [July 12, 1911] night. The interment will be made in the family burying ground at Effingham, near Aden, this afternoon. Mrs. Barbee is survived by one brother, Mr. M. B. Weedon, of Fort Scott, Kans. She has been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church for a period of thirty years and was beloved by all with whom she came in social contact. Truly a good woman, who will be missed in the community in which she has lived so long, has gone to her reward.

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## **July 21, 1911**

**Meetze, Christopher**

Christopher, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meetze, died in the home of his parents, at Milford, Wednesday [July 19, 1911] night, of blood poison. The funeral will take place from the Presbyterian church, to-day, and interment will be made in the Manassas cemetery. About two weeks ago the little boy ran a small tack in his foot to which little attention was paid at the time as the child complained of no pain. Thursday, of last week, symptoms of tetanus developed and in spite of medical assistance the child continued to grow worse until death relieved him of his sufferings.

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**Dodge, Garfield Arthur**

### **GARFIELD A. DODGE DEAD**

#### **After a Long-continued Illness He Succumbs to the "White Plague" Monday Night.**

Tuesday morning, Postmaster H. P. Dodge received a telegram announcing the death of his son, Garfield Arthur Dodge, at Denver, Colorado, on Monday [July 17, 1911] night at 8 o'clock. He was in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of his age, having been born at Unionville, Ohio, September 9, 1879.

He was reared in Manassas, and received his preparatory education at the Manassas Institute conducted at that time by the Misses Osbourn. In 1897, he entered the sophomore class at the college of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Virginia, spending three years in the collegiate and one year in the post-graduate courses at that institution, graduating with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He then entered John Hopkins University at Baltimore, Md., where he made a special study of the languages of Latin, Greek and

**Dodge, Garfield Arthur (Cont.)**

Sanscrit, graduating from the University with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in 1905.

That fall, he accepted the chair of Greek in King's College, Bristol, Tenn. Here he was stricken with tuberculosis in December of that year, since which time he has made a heroic but vain fight for the regaining of his health at various sanitariums and health resorts—at Saranac Lake, N.Y., California, Arizonia, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, spending the last two years in sanitariums and hospitals in Denver, Colorado.

Doctor Dodge was a member of the Manassas Presbyterian church.

The body is expected to arrive here Saturday night, and the funeral will take place from the Presbyterian church, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dr. H. U. Roop officiating, and interment will be made in the Manassas cemetery beside those of his brother, Robert Percival Dodge, who died five years ago last June.

The deceased is survived by his father, Mr. Howard P. Dodge; two sisters, Mrs. Charles W. Harday, of Spencer, Idaho, and Miss Esther E. Dodge, of Denver, Col., and by two brothers, Messrs. Harris B. Dodge, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and Joseph B. Dodge, of Manassas.

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## **July 28, 1911**

**Spicher, Milan H.**

**REV. M. H. SPICHER DEAD**

**Summons Comes to Former Resident of This County, in His Home in Maryland.**

Rev. Milan H. Spicher, 47 years old, died of tuberculosis in his home in Denton, Md., on Thursday [July 20, 1911] of last week. The funeral took place on Saturday from the church of the Brethren, in Denton, and interment was made in the Denton cemetery.

Mr. Spicher was a native of Indiana county, Penn., where he resided until 1900, when he came to this county and spent several years, near Independent Hill, in agricultural pursuits. He then removed to Caroline county, Md., where he engaged in farming up to the beginning of his last illness when he retired to the place where he died.

Mr. Spicher was a member of the Church of the Brethren for twenty years and a minister of that church for a period of nineteen years.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Murray A. Spicher, of Denton, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel M. Smith, of Herndon, Fairfax county, and by several brothers and sisters.

Mr. Spicher was possessed of many amiable qualities of mind and heart, and made many warm friends in this county who will deplore his death in the prime of his usefulness.

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**Foley, George Kenton**

Mr. George Kenton Foley, died in his home in Greenville, Miss., Tuesday [July 25, 1911] night. Mr. Foley is a brother of Mrs. Martha Mathew, of near the Stone House, in this county. The body is expected to arrive here, to-day, and interment will be made in the Sudley cemetery, tomorrow.

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**Meetze, Christopher**

The funeral of Christopher, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meetze, who died in his home in Milford, from blood poisoning, last Wednesday [July 19, 1911], took place from the Presbyterian church in this place on Friday, Revs. Wiley, Welch and Efid officiating and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Dodge, Garfield Arthur**

The funeral of the late Garfield Arthur Dodge took place from the Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon, Dr. H. U. Roop, president of Eastern College, officiating, and the interment was in the Manassas cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. D. H. Prescott, A. B. Davis, William Foote, Geo. Muddiman, W. I. Steere and E. L. Hornbaker. Dr. Roop paid a high tribute to the christian character of the deceased and expressed much sympathy for the bereaved family, especially for the father who had resorted to all possible means to aid his son in his great battle against the "white plague."

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**Hulfish, James P.**

**Death of Mr. Jas. P. Hulfish.**

Mr. Jas. P. Hulfish, a life-long resident of Haymarket, died at his home here on the morning of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, aged sixty-eight years.

He had been a great sufferer for the last twelve years with a peculiar nervous affection. Often racked with pain such as no one knew except himself and his Maker. Long and weary were the nights and the morning brought no relief. Only those who were familiar with his suffering can know that death to him was a welcome messenger and felt that his oft repeated desire that his soul be released from this tenement of clay had indeed been granted and he was with Him he had humbly and truly served from his early youth.

**Hulfish, James P. (Cont.)**

The funeral services was held in the Baptist church, just opposite his residence, of which church he was a consistent member, Rev. T. D. D. Clarke, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was at Antioch by the side of a beloved daughter, who preceded him to the better land some years ago, in the morning of her life.

Mr. Hulfish was one of the first to respond to his country's call when the clarion note of war was sounded. He joined the Prince William cavalry, a company conspicuous for gallantry and daring, and served throughout the war.

Although nearly half a century has passed away since those stirring times, and few of his old comrades are left to answer the roll call, yet it was the men who wore the gray who bore him to his last resting place. The pall bearers were Dr. H. M. Clarkson, Capt. J. E. Herrell and Messrs. Jno. W. Hall, Henry F. Lynn, J. P. Smith and Jas. W. Bell.

Mr. Hulfish is survived by his widow, who was Miss Mary Virginia Smith; three sons and one daughter, namely, Mr. Randolph Hulfish, of Latrobe, Pa.; Messrs. James A. and Lawrence A. Hulfish, of Alexandria; miss Ruth Hulfish, who resides with her mother, and one grand-daughter, Miss Irene Demory.

A large concourse of relatives and friends followed his remains to the quiet cemetery, beneath the shadow of the mountains, and beautiful floral tributes bore testimony to the love and sympathy of his many friends.

S. F. B.

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**White, Charles M.**

**DEATH OF JUDGE WHITE**

**Summons Came Suddenly While Boat-riding on Coast of Maine, Last Friday.**

Judge Chas. M. White, of Warrenton, died at Maranacook, Me., on Friday [July 21, 1911] last, in his 57<sup>th</sup> year. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church in Warrenton, on Monday, Rev. Chinn, pastor of the church, officiating, and interment was made in the Warrenton cemetery.

Besides the widow, the deceased is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Judge White was an able jurist and was judge of the Fauquier County Court at the time the county court system was abolished. He was also president of the Fauquier National Bank. He was one of the most popular lawyers of the Warrenton bar and enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he came in social or business contact. Judge White was at Maranacook, on the coast of Maine, for the purpose of regaining his health when he was stricken with heart failure and died while out boatriing.

The large concourse of friends and relatives and the many handsome floral tributes attested the love and high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Among those from a distance who attended the obsequies are: Judge James Keith, president of the Court of Appeals; Mr. Eppa Hunton, of the Richmond bar, Judge

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Thornton, of the sixteenth Virginia Judicial circuit; Commonwealth attorney H. Thornton Davies and judge C. E. Nicol.  
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## **August 4, 1911**

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## **August 11, 1911**

**Gordon, George W.**

### **GENERAL GORDON DEAD**

**Grand Commander of United Confederate Veterans Passes Away Wednesday.**

General George W. Gordon, member of Congress from the Memphis, Tenn., District, and Grand Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, died on Wednesday [August 9, 1911], at 4 p.m.

One of the last communications of his life must have been the telegram sent, July 20<sup>th</sup>, to the Jubilee committee, which we have already in type in another column, expressing his regret that he could not attend the proceedings at the Henry House on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Lieutenant Round informs us that he called on General Gordon at his hotel, in Washington, with Major D. R. Lowell, to extend him a formal invitation to be present and speak at the Jubilee. The commander received the committee in his sick room and sitting on the edge of his bed, from which he had evidently just risen, he expressed his gratification at the proposed reunion of the Blue and the Gray, and said nothing but illness would prevent his attendance.

Lieutenant Round read the telegram at the Camp Fire on the courthouse lawn on the evening of Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**Ambler, Mary S.**

**MISS MARY AMBLER DEAD**

**Dies in Her Home, Near Conklin, of Tuberculosis, Last Saturday Night.**

Miss Mary S. Ambler, 27 years old, died of tuberculosis, in the a Ambler home near Conklin, Loudoun county, Saturday [August 5, 1911] night, after an illness of four months.

The funeral took place from the home, Monday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Evans, of the Ridge M. E. Church, south, officiating and interment was made in the Ambler burying ground.

The pall-bearers were Mesrs. Harry Hawley, Burwin Orrison, Harry Polen, John Fairfax, Frank Synder, and Chris. Ephart.

The deceased is survived by two brothers, Messrs Clinton Ambler, of Manassas, Clyde Ambler, of Pleasant Valley, Fairfax county, and by one sister, Mrs. W. L. Brown, of Clifton.

Miss Ambler was a kind, sympathetic young lady whose many acts of self denial for the good of others will live in the memory of those who knew and loved her for her many amiable characteristics. It was on one of her missions of kindly ministrations that she contracted pneumonia which developed into the disease that terminated her life in the prime of womanhood, and robbed the community of one who will be greatly missed by her sorrowing relatives and by a host of friends.

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**Foley, Mrs. E. C.**

**DEATH OF MRS. FOLEY.**

Mrs. E. C. Foley, widow of the late Enoch Foley, died in her home in Waterfall, on the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo [July 31, 1911], of the infirmities of age.

The funeral took place from Antioch Baptist church, Rev. T. D. D. Clark, officiating and interment was made in the Antioch Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by four daughters, Mesdames Emma C. Dorsey, of Pittsburg, Pa.; J. P. Smith and Josie Owens, of Waterfall; J. E. Yeatman, of Washington; E. B. Rector, of Cherrydale, Fairfax county, and by three sons, Messrs. W. W. and John Cuthbert Foley, of Waterfall, and Robt. E. Foley, of Warrenton, all of whom were with her in her last moments.

Mrs. Foley was a consistent member of the Antioch church for a great number of years and was beloved by all who knew her.

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## **August 18, 1911**

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## **August 25, 1911**

**Royer, J. Curtis**

### **CURTIS ROYER DROWNED**

**Meets Death While Bathing With Companion in Huron River, Ohio, August 13.**

J. Curtis Royer, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. J. D. Royer, of Bellevue, Ohio, was drowned in the Huron river while in swimming with a friend on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> instant [August 13, 1911].

Young Royer came with his father to Manassas in the spring of 1904, from his native home in Sterling, Kans., remaining here until the fall of 1906, when he went with his father to Bellevue, Ohio, where he was employed by the Wise Soda Apparatus Company, as silver plater.

He was a young man of exemplary habits and a consistent member of the Reformed church, and his last act of benevolence was a liberal contribution for the benefit of this church.

They had been in the water but a very short time when young Royer was seized with cramps and sank to the bottom of the river. His friend made a desperate effort to rescue his drowning companion and in his futile attempt was drawn under the water twice and narrowly escaped drowning.

The body of young Royer was in the water nearly two hours before it was recovered by means of grappling hooks and placed on a steam launch and taken to Huron from which place it was conveyed to his late home in Bellevue. His funeral took place the following Tuesday afternoon from St. Paul's Reformed church in Bellevue, Rev. D. W. Loucks officiating, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and sympathizing friends, and interment was made in Bellevue cemetery.

Young Royer had been invited to a special dinner given by the Y. M. C. A. at their camp near Milan, Ohio. After dinner, young Armitage, an intimate friend of Mr. Royer, proposed a walk down the banks of the Huron. When about a mile and a half from the camp, the young men decided to go in bathing. At this point the water is seven feet or more deep but as both young men were good swimmers no danger was apprehended.

Young Royer was a nephew, by marriage, of Mr. F. R. Saunders who, until recently, conducted a meat market in the Masonic building in this place.

Though quite a small boy during his residence here, young Royer's genial nature soon won the admiration and friendship of his numerous companions in Manassas who will regret to learn of the young man's tragic death.

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**McCuin, Carrol**

Carrol, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCuin, died in the home of its parents in Zebedee street, Wednesday [August 23, 1911] afternoon, after a lingering illness of ielo colitis. The body was taken to Warrenton for burial, yesterday morning. *The Manassas Journal*, August 25, 1911 p-4

## **September 1, 1911**

**Slingerland, Alma**

### **DEATH COMES SUDDENLY**

#### **While Bride of Only Three Months is Chatting Pleasantly with Sisters.**

Having just finished her evening meal and while chatting gaily with her sister and sister-in-law and without warning, Mrs. Alma Slingerland fell from her chair and expired in her home, near Dumfries, last Wednesday [August 23, 1911].

The funeral took place the next afternoon, Rev. Mr. Adkin, of the Occoquan M. E. church, South, officiating and interment was made in the Episcopal cemetery at Dumfries.

The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Amidon, of Dumfries, and was beloved by all who knew her. Her gently, kind and affectionate nature won for her many friends and her sudden death has cast a gloom over the community in which she first saw the light of day. Three short months ago she became the bride of Willie Slingerland when scarcely 18 years of age and in her cosy home at Cabin Branch mines she was supremely happy. Much sympathy is felt for her afflicted mother upon whom the hand of sorrow has been so heavily laid within the past year and who is so overcome with grief by the tragic death of a daughter to whom she was so devotedly attached.

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**Allen, Kitty**

### **“AUNT” KITTY ALLEN DEAD**

#### **At the Age of Nearly a Century She Passes Away in Her Home in Occoquan.**

Mrs. Kitty Allen, 93 years old, of Occoquan, died Tuesday [August 29, 1911] of the infirmities of age. Her funeral took place from the home to-day, Rev. Mr. Smoot, of the Primitive Baptist church, officiating, and interment was in the cemetery at Occoquan. The deceased is survived by two sons, Messrs. John and Richard Allen, of Occoquan, and by numerous grandchildren. “Aunt Kitty,” as she was familiarly known in Occoquan, was a lady of the old Virginia type; kind and sympathetic and possessed of that charming

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personality and hospitality that won for her the friendship of all who knew her. Her vivid recollection of interesting ancient history in connection with her native county, Prince William, which made her a most delightful entertainer. One peculiarity of "Aunt Kitty" was her personal custody of a small bag of gold which she carried upon a concealed belt around her waist. Some of these coins dated as far back as the seventeenth century.

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**Taylor, Infant**

The unnamed infant of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor, died at the home of its parents near Manassas, Sunday [August 27, 1911] morning, and was interred in the Manassas cemetery, Monday afternoon.

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**Love, Pheneas**

Mrs. Pheneas Love dropped dead in her home in Dumfries one day last week. Mrs. Love had been in ill health for some time but she appeared to be no worse the morning she died and was conversing with her friends when the end came without warning.

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## **September 8, 1911**

**Whitlock, J. E.**

**UNMINDFUL OF SCHEDULE**

**J. E. Whitlock Steps in Front of Incoming Passenger Train and is Fatally Injured.**

J. E. Whitlock, a brakeman on a Southern Railway freight train, was struck and fatally injured by passenger train No. 29, opposite the Hotel Main, in this place, at 5 o'clock Tuesday [August 29, 1911] evening.

The injured man was placed in the caboose of local shifter No. 711 and hurried to the Alexandria hospital where he died without regaining consciousness, at 7 o'clock, just before reaching the institution. The body was taken to his former home at Elkwood, near Culpeper, Wednesday morning for interment.

**Whitlock, J. E. (Cont.)**

Mr. Whitlock had just climbed down the ladder from a car of his train and stepped upon the south-bound track to signal the engineer when he was struck in the back by the **Whitlock, J. E. (Cont.)**

pilot beam of the engine of the south-bound passenger train and hurled to the opposite tracks, his head striking against the end of a tie, fracturing his skull and breaking an arm and a leg.

The deceased, who is a native of near Elkwood, where his parents now reside, was 25 years old and unmarried. He had been living, for the past six months, in South Fayette street, Alexandria.

He was quite popular with the railway employes and considered an efficient and careful trainman. Why he exercised such carelessness at the time he must have known the incoming passenger train was due is only a matter of conjecture.

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**Curry, Patrick**

**Mr. Patrick Curry Dead.**

Mr. Patrick Curry, 72 years old, died in his home, near Manassas, Saturday [September 2, 1911], of heart failure. The funeral took place at the home, Monday morning and interment was in the Manassas cemetery.

Mr. Curry suffered a stroke of paralysis some time since and although he has been ill for over a year, he was able to attend to his work around home up to two days prior to his death.

He is survived by two brothers, Messrs. James and Peter Curry, and by one sister, Miss Kate Curry, the last two being residents of Manassas District.

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**Beavers, Lola**

Little Lola, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beavers, and little Lola, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ledman, died about the same hour on last Friday [September 1, 1911] and were buried on Saturday afternoon at the same hour in Bradley Cemetery. The parents of the deceased were neighbors residing near Sinclair's Mill.

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**Ledman, Lola**

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## **September 15, 1911**

**Baggarly, Carroll M.**

**DR. C. M. BAGGARLY DEAD**

**Noted Specialist Dies of Typhoid Fever in Virginia hospital, Richmond, Last Week.**

Dr. Carroll M. Baggarly, prominent eye, ear and throat specialist, associated with Dr. Joseph A. White, at 200 East Franklin street, Richmond, died in Virginia hospital in that city, of typhoid fever, last week, following an illness of several weeks.

Interment was made in the Methodist church yard at Flint Hill, Rappahannock county, under the auspices of Washington lodge No. 78, A. F. and A. M., of which the deceased was a member. The pall-bearers were: W. C. Armstrong, Bartrow Brown, Dr. E. W. Brown, C. H. Dear, R. M. Harris, J. T. Jones, C. H. Keyser, H. J. Miller, Dr. H. T. Miller, H. G. Moffett, W. M. Stuart and W. G. Wood.

In addition to looking after the duties in his special line of work, Dr. Baggarly spent a portion of his time in biological laboratory work in Richmond College. He was also associated professor of ophthalmology in the University College of Medicine and was a former teacher in the Woman's College in Richmond. He was also medical director of the public schools of Richmond.

Dr. Baggarly was a near relative of the late Mrs. W. B. Kincheloe, of Manassas, and is well known here.

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**Chamblin, John**

Major John Chamblin died Monday [September 11, 1911] night, in his home in Philomount, Loudoun county, in his 77<sup>th</sup> year. He is survived by his widow, two sons, R. L. and O. A. Chamblin, of Herndon and six daughters. He served throughout the Civil war in the Confederate service. Mr. R. L. Chamblin, a son of the deceased, was for several months a resident of Manassas.

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**Norman, Thomas Tomson**

**DIES AN AGED BACHELOR**

**One of the Eldest Merchants of Charlottesville Passes Away Thursday of Last Week.**

Mr. T. T. Norman, one of Charlottesville's oldest and best known merchants, died Thursday [September 7, 1911] night of last week, at the Manilla Jefferson hospital, where he had been under treatment for the past six weeks.

The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. George L. Petrie, D. D. The interment was in Riverview cemetery.

Thomas Tomson Norman was born at "Edge Hill," in Stafford county, in 1841. At the outbreak of the civil war, he entered the service of the Confederacy and served four years as a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> cavalry. He went to Charlottesville shortly after the war and in a short time became a member of the firm of Smith & Norman. Mr. Norman was modest and unassuming and few men enjoyed greater confidence and esteem among his fellow men.

Mr. Norman was never married. He is survived by an invalid brother, Mr. W. M. Norman, of Stafford county. The next nearest relatives are: Mrs. Howard Edwards, of Rhode Island; Mrs. Emma Marsteller, of Clarendon; Mrs. Davis, of Bethel; Miss Pauline Marsteller, of Clarendon, and Mr. A. D. Smith, Jr., of West Virginia to whom he left his entire estate.

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## **September 22, 1911**

**Jackson, J. W.**

**DEATH OF J. W. JACKSON**

**Dread Summons Comes Suddenly in His Home in Manassas, Friday Night.**

Mr. J. W. Jackson, 33 years old, lineman for the Postal Telegraph Company at this place, died in his home in South Main street on last Friday [September 15, 1911] night, of heart failure, after a ten days' illness from a severe carbuncle on the arm.

The funeral took place at Culpeper, Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of Pheonix Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F. in the presence of a large concourse of friends, and interment was made in the Citizens' cemetery, near Culpeper. Prince William Lodge, No. 271, I. O. O. F., of Manassas, of which the deceased was a member, escorted the body to the railway station here and a committee of the lodge consisting of Messrs. J. I. Randall, Jas. E. Nelson and G. G. Allen, accompanied it to Culpeper.

The deceased is survived by his widow and two small children, besides three devoted sisters for whom the deepest sympathy is felt by a host of friends of the family.

**Jackson, J. W. (Cont.)**

The death of Mr. Jackson came as a great shock to his numerous friends and associates in Manassas, many of whom were not aware of his critical condition. His kind, sympathetic and unobtrusive disposition found an abiding place in the hearts of all with whom he came in social or business relations and his sudden dissolution has cast a gloom over the entire community.

The intimacy of the writer with Mr. Jackson did not extend to his fire-side. That was our neglect and no fault of his hospitality, but there is no need to draw aside the curtain and peer into the sanctity of the saddened home to tell that he was a devoted and affectionate husband and father.

"I want to put on my shoes and go see daddy" was the plea made Sunday morning by the little four-year-old daughter who had been kept in ignorance, for her own welfare, that her father's lifeless form lay in a casket in the parlor and that no more would she greet him with a kiss upon the threshold of her hither-to happy home. How such plea intensified the crushing blow to the mother's heart, only mothers can fully appreciate. Words of consolation can but feebly lessen a sorrow such as the devoted wife and mother now feels in this sudden and sad bereavement. Only Him who has promised to be "a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow" can dry the tears and heal the bleeding heart in a time like this.

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**Shirley, Mrs. George W.**

**MRS. G. W. SHIRLEY DEAD**

**After a Life of Usefulness She is Laid to Rest in Antioch Cemetery Tuesday.**

Mrs. Geo. W. Shirley, 60 years old, died of heart failure, after a brief illness, in her home near Haymarket, Monday [September 18, 1911] morning.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, Rev. T. D. D. Clarke, pastor of the Antioch Baptist church, officiating, and interment was made in the Antioch cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband and two sons, Messrs. Herman and Carroll Shirley, and by three daughters, Misses Amelia, Maggie and Rosa Shirley.

Mrs. Shirley was a kind and sympathetic neighbor and an affectionate and devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed by the large circle of friends in the community in which she has so long resided.

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**Robinson, Mary**

**DEATH OF MRS. ROBINSON**

**Dies Suddenly of Heart Failure, in Her Home in Manassas Last Week**

Mrs. Mary Robinson, relict of the late David Robinson, died suddenly in her home in North Main street, last Friday [*September 15, 1911*] afternoon, in her 68<sup>th</sup> year.

The funeral took place from Bradley M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. E. Slick, officiating, and interment was made in the Bradley church cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Westwood Hutchison, D. J. Arrington, Charles Fately, Luther Sullivan, Ira C. Reid and T. A. Hall.

The deceased is survived by seven sons, Messrs. Anthony, Henry, Maurice, Thomas, Nathaniel, Willie and Nelson Robinson, and by two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Chappell and Mrs. Rosa Colbert.

The large concourse of friends and relatives who followed the remains to their last resting place, attested the high esteem in which Mrs. Robinson was held. Her devotion to her family and the kindly interest she took in the affairs of the sorrowing and needy endeared her to the hearts of every community in which she has resided. Truly a good woman has gone to her reward.

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**Kincheloe, Annie**

Mrs. Annie Kincheloe, wife of B. G. Kincheloe, died in her home at Cherry Hill, yesterday [*September 21, 1911*].

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## **September 29, 1911**

**Florence, Ruth**

**ANOTHER SAD DEATH**

**Miss Ruth Florence Succumbs to Typhoid Fever After a Long And Painful Illness.**

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of Miss Ruth Florance, whose critical illness was mentioned last week, which occurred at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ella V. Florance, in this town, on Wednesday [*September 27, 1911*] afternoon, after a long illness of typhoid fever, in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Death is always sad, but it is particularly so when the young and budding flowers of the home are touched and are caused to wither and fade away. Miss Ruth was a sweet and lovable young girl whose amiable disposition had endeared her to a host of admiring

**Florence, Ruth (Cont.)**

friends. She had followed the scriptural precept by remembering her Creator in the days of he youth, and was a faithful little member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother and one sister, Miss Viola Florance, who have the deepest sympathy of the town in their dark hour of bereavement.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. H. L. Quarles. The interment will be in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Kincheloe, Annie**

**DEATH OF MRS. KINCHELOE**

**Well Known Lady of Dumfries Dies of Fever in a Georgetown Hospital.**

Mrs. Annie Kincheloe, wife of Mr. V. B. Kincheloe, of Dumfries, died after a ten days' illness of typhoid fever at Georgetown University Hospital at an early hour on Friday [*September 21, 1911*] morning last, aged about 23 years.

Mrs. Kincheloe was a lady who possessed a very sweet and amiable disposition, which had gained for her a host of friends, who deeply deplore her sudden death. Cut down in the prime of womanhood by an illness of such short duration, the news of he death came as a profound shock to the community. Sincere sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family in the hour of their sore distress.

She is survived by her husband and three small children. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lynn; two brothers, Messrs. Andrew and Aldwin Lynn, of Cherry Hill, and two sisters, Misses Lillie and Elsie Lynn, of Washington, also survive.

The funeral took place from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Dumfries, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Adkins officiating. The interment was in the old Colonial church yard at that place.

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**Berry, John H.**

**JOHN H. BERRY DEAD**

Mr. John H. Berry, a widely known traveling salesman, died of paralysis at his home in Harrisonburg on Friday [*September 22, 1911*] night last, aged 49 years.

Mr. Berry, who represented a Richmond hardware firm, was stricken while at Orange about two weeks ago. He was subsequently moved to his home, where a second and a third stroke followed in rapid succession, quickly resulting in death.

Barring about two years when he conducted a hardware store at Leesburg, Mr. Berry had been traveling in Virginia for over twenty years and was universally popular.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Misses Eugenia and Natalie Berry.

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**Stringfellow, A. H.**

**Death of Mr. Stringfellow.**

Mr. A. H. Stringfellow, a native of Culpeper county, but for the past 20 years a well known citizen of Charlottesville, died of pneumonia, at the university Hospital, in that city, last week, aged 58 years.

Mr. Stringfellow was a member of an old family, prominent in Culpeper and Fauquier counties. He is survived by three children—two daughters and one son.

His remains were taken to Marshall, Fauquier county, for interment.

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**Renoe, Jennie L.**

Miss Jennie L. Renoe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Renoe, of near Canova, this county, died in Alexandria yesterday of a complication of diseases, in the 46<sup>th</sup> year of her age. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Fair, 213 South Lee street and burial will be made in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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**Nevitt, Napoleon B.**

**DEATH OF DOCTOR NEVITT**

Dr. Napoleon B. Nevitt, the venerable physician of lower Fairfax, where he practiced for over half a century, died Monday [*September 25, 1911*] night at his home in Accotink after a short illness. He had attained the age of eighty years and had been in failing health for some time, though able to get around and see his friends. He had a large practice and was for years "the doctor" of lower Fairfax in succession to his father who held the same position in his day.

He married Mrs. Annie T. Mellin, who was Miss Henderson, of Leesburg, who died in the winter of 1894. They had no children. The funeral of Doctor Nevitt took place yesterday at old Pohick church at 2 o'clock and his remains were laid by those of his wife in the churchyard that surrounds its sacred and historic walls.

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**Blackstone, J. W. G.**

Former Judge J. W. G. Blackstone died at his home, Accomac Court House, Sunday [September 24, 1911] night, aged 53 years. He served several terms in the State Senate and was Circuit Judge for 12 years.  
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**Mountjoy, Sumter**

**Miss Sumter Mountjoy Dead.**

News was received here by relatives on Tuesday of the death of Miss Sumter Mountjoy, which occurred from an organic affection of the heart, at the home of her parents in Warrenton, in about the 20<sup>th</sup> year of her age. While she had been in rather delicate health for several years, she was to all appearances as well as usual up to within a few hours of her death.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mountjoy; three brothers and six sisters. She was a niece of Mrs. Sarah keys and Mrs. O. E. Newman, of this town.

Her funeral was held at her late home yesterday at 1 o'clock. The burial was in Warrenton.

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**Shirley, Mrs. G. W.**

**Death of Mrs. G. W. Shirley.**

CROSSING THE SEA.

A CALL FOR ME  
Across the sea;  
Come home! thy work is done;  
The sky is clear,  
But night draws near,  
Embark at set of sun.

Into the night  
With spirit flight,  
Leaving my cares behind.  
Hoping for day,  
I'll waft away  
The other shore to find.

It is not far,  
The evening star  
Marks where that land begins,  
Whose every height

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In endless light  
With hallelujah rings.

My home is there,  
His love to share  
Who gave himself for me.  
I hear the word,  
I come, dear Lord,  
'Tis heaven to be with Thee.  
Noah K. Davis

How very appropriate the above beautiful lines seem in connection with the death of Mrs. G. W. Shirley, which occurred at her home, Oak Shade, near Waterfall, this county, in the early morning of September 18, 1911.

Mrs. Shirley had been in failing health for some months, but her death came as a shock to the entire community. She gently breathed her last, upon the same farm and only a short distance from the old homestead where she was born 60 years ago. It was there she grew from infancy and childhood into attractive young womanhood, with such charming personality that none knew her but to love her.

She was united in marriage to Mr. G. W. Shirley October 7, 1875, and lived a beautiful simple christian life. True in every relation was wife, mother and friend, ever ready to lend the helping hand in sickness or distress, her three score years have not been lived in vain, and we feel that a void has been created that can not be filled.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband and children, who in their grief and desolation, feel the truth of Whittier's lines:

"How strange it seems, with so much gone  
Of life and love, to still live on."

The funeral services were at Antioch on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. T. D. D. Clark. The solemnity of the crowded church as they listened to the pathos of the service from these words from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me," can not be described.

She was laid to rest in the cemetery beside a darling son, who preceded her several years ago, just in the dawn of young manhood.

Many beautiful floral tributes attested to the affection of living kindred and friends, and many saddened hearts left the flower decked mound in the sweet September sunshine.

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**Howard, James**

**Worthy Colored Man Dead.**

James Howard, a very worthy colored man, died at his home, near Joplin, this county, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, aged 80 years, 4 months and 22 days. Funeral services were held

**Howard, James (Cont.)**

at the old homestead and were conducted by the Rev. O. A. Donal, pastor of mount Zion church, of which the deceased had been a consistent member for forty-five years. He was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the home place. A large concourse of sympathizing friends, both white and colored, followed him to the grave. He leaves a wife and 7 children and 28 grand children. Uncle Jim, as he was more familiarly know, had been confined to the house for the past nine months. He bore his suffering with patience, meekness and humility, leaning upon the promise of the future state.

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## **October 6, 1911**

**Sullivan, James R.**

**MR. J. R. SULLIVAN DEAD**

**Prominent Citizen of Canova Succumbs to Attack of Paralysis.**

Mr. Jas. R. Sullivan, for many years postmaster at Canova, died of paralysis at his home on Sunday [*October 1, 1911*] night. Mr. Sullivan had been in his accustomed health up to the hour that he was stricken, and his death was, therefore, a painful surprise to his family and friends.

Mr. Sullivan was among those who defended the cause of the Southland during the struggle of the Sixties, serving throughout the war in the company commanded by Captain Herrell, in Gen. Longstreet's famous division. He was true to the cause and did not surrender his arms until after Gen. Lee had passed his sword to Gen. Grant at Appomattox.

He married Miss Salome Wilkins, who died about ten years ago. Of the union two children were born—an afflicted son, who died a few years ago, and a daughter, Mrs. T. M. Russell, of Canova, who survives. He is also survived by two brothers, Messrs. L. T. and John G. Sullivan, and two sisters, Mrs. L. L. Bell and Miss Anna Sullivan, both of Washington.

Funeral services were conducted in Woodbine Baptist church, of which the deceased was a faithful and devoted member, on Wednesday. The burial was in the cemetery in the church yard.

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Schley, Winfield Scott

**W. S. SCHLEY DROPS DEAD**

**Famous Admiral, Unrecognized, Falls Lifeless On New York Street.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, who had earned through 50 years of service in the United States Navy the fame and distinction of being one of the greatest naval officers of his time, dropped dead at exactly 1 o'clock to-day [*October 2, 1911*] in West Forty-fourth street, in front of the Berkeley Lyceum.

For a few minutes the man whose name is known wherever civilization has spread lay unknown upon the sidewalk, cared for by chauffeurs and chance passers-by. His death was for the moment that of an unknown man in a strange crowd.

The Admiral's sudden death is attributed to cerebral hemorrhage, which attacked him shortly after he, with Mrs. Schley, reached New York. He had fallen almost directly in front of the New York yacht Club, of which he was an honored member, and only a few yards from the Hotel Algonquin, in which he resided while in New York, and where Mrs. Schley at the time awaited his coming.

Admiral Schley arrived in New York this morning from Mount Kisco, where he and Mrs. Schley had been spending the last two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. R. M. Stuart Wortly, after having spent the summer at Lake George. Mrs. Schley had gone directly to the Hotel Algonquin, Mrs. Wortly had gone to her home at 135 East Sixty-first street, and Admiral Schley had stopped at the New York Yacht Club.

There he called for his mail and, receiving two letters, read them leisurely, meanwhile exchanging greetings with a score or more of friends he had not seen since early in the summer.

He then procured change for a \$50 bill from the clerk and left the club, stating that he was going to call upon his son, Dr. W. S. Schley, a physician practicing at 24 West Forty-fifth street. That was the last time he was seen alive by anyone who knew him.

Admiral Schley walked a few yards toward Fifth avenue and then in front of the Berkeley lyceum was seen to stagger for a moment and then fall tottering to the sidewalk.

Herman Schneider, who was standing in the doorway of the Berkeley Lyceum, sprang across the sidewalk and raised the head of the prostrate man from the ground, but he was dead by that time. He had fallen just at the edge of the sidewalk and had struck his face upon the curb, cutting open a small gash in his forehead just over the right eye.

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**Collins, Walter F.**

Walter F. Collins, a native of this county, but who had resided in Washington since a child, died at his home in that city on Saturday [*September 30, 1911*] last, aged 55 years.

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**Renoe, Jennie**

The remains of Mrs. Jennie Renoe, whose death, at her home in Alenandria, was mentioned last week, were brought here for burial on Saturday. Funeral services were conducted at her late home at 8 o'clock on Friday evening Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

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**Kincheloe, Annie**

KINCHELOE.—On Friday, September 22, 1911, God called to Himself the spirit of Annie, beloved wife of Vincent Kincheloe, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lynn, in her 26<sup>th</sup> year.

After a short illness she was taken to Martha Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, where she died.

She leaves a father and mother, two brothers, messrs. Andrew and Aedwin Lynn, of Cherry hill; three sisters, Mrs. Soutler, and Misses Elsie and Lucy Lynn, of Washington; besides a devoted husband, three little boys and many relatives and friends to miss her ever bright face and cheerful disposition.

Hers was a short life, but full of kind and loving deeds, and the patience with which she bore every trial of life is worthy of imitation. She sleeps in the family burying ground. Dumfries, Va., within sight of writer, is the quiet home on the hill, where but a few days past was mirth, fun and frolic for the little ones, and love, sympathy and congeniality between those whose two lives were but as one. But the Hand, which has stricken, has the healing balm of His spirit to pour into every bleeding and crushed heart, and will give strength in time of need.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber;  
Peaceful in thy grave so low.  
Thou no more will join our number,  
Thou no more our sorrows know.  
Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled,  
And in Heaven with joy to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

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## **October 13, 1911**

**Inloes, A. J.**

### **A MOSBY VETERAN DIES**

**Member of Famous Command Expires at Binghamton, N.Y.—Was Coming to Manassas.**

Mr. John R. Tillett, chairman of the committee of arrangements for the reunion tomorrow, is in the receipt of the sad news that Dr. A. J. Inloes, of Binghamton, N. Y., who served in Company B of Col Mosby's Battalion, had died, following an illness of only a few days.

Dr. Inloes was a native of Maryland, and first enlisted in Company A, First Maryland Cavalry, but was mustered out at the end of a year and united with Col. Mosby's Rangers. He drifted North after the war, and at the time of his death was secretary of the Board of Education of his city. He conducted a drug store in Binghamton and was a regular licensed physician. It was his purpose to attend the Manassas Reunion of his comrades in arms.

So popular was he that all of the G. A. R. encampments of his section attended his funeral in a body—a just tribute to a faithful man.

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**Bryant, Virginia Minerva**

### **Virginia Minerva Bryant.**

Died, at the residence of her grandfather, Mr. L. A. Mooney, on Thursday morning, October 5, 1911, Virginia Minerva Bryant, infant daughter of John Robert and Minerva Adeline Bryant, aged 5 months and 26 days.

Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

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## **October 20, 1911**

**Carter, Arthur**

### **HORRIBLE FATAL ACCIDENT**

#### **Young Arthur Carter Cut in Twain by Revolving Saw at Joplin.**

Arthur Carter, aged about 20 years, met a tragic death at Yates' saw mill, near Joplin on Saturday [October 14, 1911] afternoon by falling on a large circular saw. His body was literally repped in twain and then tossed by the ruthless, revolving machinery a distance of several feet.

Eye-witnesses to the horrible accident state that the young man, who was employed at the mill, was taking some lumber from the carriage of the mill and loading it on a truck, when he lost his balance and one of his limbs was caught by the saw and instantly severed. He then fell backward on the saw which plowed a wound through his body fully eighteen inches in length along the spinal column. The body was tossed as though a mere shaving for a distance of some feet. He died almost instantly.

Mr. Carter was a son of Mr. William Carter, a well-known citizen of that section, and was highly esteemed as a worthy, industrious and promising young man. His parents and several brothers and sisters survive.

His funeral was held on Monday, Rev. Mr. Atkins, of Occoquan, officiating.  
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**Shannon, Thomas**

### **REV. THOS. SHANNON DEAD**

#### **Well Known Presbyterian Minister Succumbs to Pneumonia at Newark, N. J.**

News was received here on Saturday of the death of Rev. Thomas Shannon, which occurred at his home that day [October 14, 1911] in Newark, N. J., following a brief illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Shannon was a native of Bealton, Fauquier County, and was about 35 years of age. He was well and favorably known in Manassas, where his mother, Mrs. Richard Shannon, and his only sister, Miss Emma Shannon, now reside. For a number of years his surviving brother, Dr. Walter Shannon, conducted a pharmacy here. He was of a firm, stalwart religious character from his youth up, and was generally recognized as an able representative of his church. His untimely death will be a source of sincere and profound regret to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Funeral services were conducted in the church of which he was the pastor, on Tuesday. The burial was at Newark.

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**Rosis, Shirley**

Mr. Shirley Rosis, of this county, died of typhoid fever at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore last week, aged about 20 years. His remains were brought to Haymarket for burial on Monday.

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**Hurxthall, Jennie M.**

Mrs. Jennie M. Hurxthall, only daughter of the late Samuel Chilton, a famous attorney of Washington and Virginia—a member of congress and a counsel for the defense in the John Brown trial, died at her home in Warrenton on Sunday [*October 15, 1911*], aged 68 years.

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## **October 27, 1911**

**Murry, Sterling**

Judge Sterling Murry, one of the most widely known citizens of Loudoun, died this week.

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**Leroy, Jesse**

We regret to learn of the death of jesse Leroy, the infant son of Mr. H. P. and Mrs. Bertha Young, which occurred yesterday [*October 26, 1911*]. The little fellow was just a little less than one year of age. His remains will be buried at Buckhall today. The bereaved parents have the tender sympathy of their friends.

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**Chewning, William**

News was received here the latter part of last week of the sudden death of Mr. William Chewning, which occurred from heart failure at his home in Washington on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, aged 50 years. He was a relative of Judge J. B. T. Thornton and Mrs. Ada

**Chewning, William (Cont.)**

Davis, and was well and favorably known here. The burial was at Bowling Green, Va., on Saturday.

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**Washington, Fannie Hunton**

**IN MEMORIAM.**

Departed this life, in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of her age, on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Fannie Hunton Washington, beloved wife of Malcolm B. Washington, of Greenwich, Va., and youngest daughter of the late Chas. Hunton, of Buckland. During the early years of her married life she was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in Warrenton, was a consistent member all her life, a lovely christian character, and a devoted wife and mother. Her death was not unexpected, though sudden at the last and she has left with her loved ones the memory of a self-sacrificing and noble life. Her remains were interred Monday afternoon, October 9<sup>th</sup> in the churchyard of the Presbyterian church at Greenwich, in sight of the home where she has spent so many years of her married life. The services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Grinnan, of Haymarket, assisted by the Rev. J. Royall Cooke, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Greenwich. She is survived by her husband and three children, Malcolm McNeale, Mrs. Wm. F. Davidge, of Washington and Hunton Washington.

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**Carter, Arthur W.**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

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Of Arthur W. Carter, who died Oct. 14, 1911, aged 19 years, 6 months.

Father, mother, brothers, sisters, relatives and many friends and the fellow members of the J. O. U. A. M., followed him to his last resting place near his home.

The first born of the household called so suddenly away in the early years of a promising manhood, his cheery voice and smile will long be missed, not only in his home, but by his associates in his daily work and by the young people of the community with whom he was a favorite.

One comforting thought is with us, we believe he went with Jesus and was not afraid.

True they tell us wreathes of glory  
Evermore will deck his brow,  
But this soothes the anguish only  
Sweeping o'er our heart strings now.

**Carter, Arthur W. (Cont.)**

Sleep today, oh, early fallen  
In thy green and narrow bed,  
Dirge from the pine and cypress  
Mingle with the tears we shed.  
By his friends, K. L. E. K. V.  
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## **November 3, 1911**

**Shirley, Annie A.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. SHIRLEY**

#### **Bride of Three Months Victim of Apoplexy on Monday and Expires Suddenly.**

We are pained to note the sudden and particularly sad death of Mrs. Annie A., wife of Mr. Ernest Shirley, which occurred at her home in this town on Monday [*October 30, 1911*] evening about 6:30 o'clock, in the 37<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Mrs. Shirley was especially bright and happy on Sunday. She attended church in the morning and spent the afternoon and evening with friends, retiring, to all appearances, in perfect health. Just before the dawn of morning she told her husband that she was feeling ill, and in a few minutes thereafter she lapsed into unconsciousness, from which all efforts failed to arouse her. Physicians were summoned, but nothing that science or the loving administrations of tearful friends could do brought any relief, and as the evening shades appeared the silken cord was severed and her soul was wafted back to the God who gave it. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Shirley was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Muddiman and was an accomplished and popular lady. She had been married to Mr. Shirley only since the 9<sup>th</sup> of last August and the couple were just completing their honeymoon and preparing to go into the country and establish their happy home. The sad ending to their cherished hopes and ambitions can only be contemplated, but not fully realized by anyone but the grief-stricken husband.

Mrs. Shirley was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, at which funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday, her pastor being assisted by the Rev. Mr. DeLong, of the Methodist church, in performing the last sad rites. The burial was in the Manassas cemetery.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Shirley is survived by her parents, two sisters and a brother, all of whom have the tender sympathy of the community.

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**Lynn, Ezekiel**

The Journal is pained to learn of the death of Mr. Ezekiel Lynn, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of the Independent Hill section, which occurred from paralysis on Monday [October 30, 1911]. He was 79 years of age and had been a life-long resident of his community. His wife, two daughters and four sons survive.

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**Bragg, Fannie**

Miss Fannie Bragg, who for the past ten years has been the very efficient and obliging telephone operator at Haymarket, died of tuberculosis at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, at Strasburg, on Sunday [October 22, 1911] afternoon last. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bragg, and was a lady of most sweet and amiable traits of character. Her death will be sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

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## **November 10, 1911**

**Thomas, Mrs. William H.**

**COAL STOVE KILLS WIFE**

**Prominent Loudoun Couple Victims of Poisonous Gasses While in Bed Chamber.**

Leesburg, Va., Nov. 9.—When Mr. and Mrs. William H. Thomas did not appear as usual about their home this morning, friends forced an entrance to the house and found Mrs. Thomas dead in bed and Mr. Thomas in an unconscious condition from gas, which had escaped through the register in their bedroom from a coal stove.

Mr. Thomas had not regained consciousness at a late hour this evening. He is in his 84<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs. Thomas was 75 years of age.

Mr. Thomas is the oldest Odd Fellow, in point of service in the order, in Virginia. For a number of years he has been prominently engaged in the stove and tin business in Leesburg. He is also widely known in the circles of the Southern Methodist church.

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## **November 17, 1911**

**(No death reports found.)**

## **November 24, 1911**

**Compton, Eppa**

### **MR. EPPA COMPTON DEAD**

**Succumbs Suddenly to Acute Indigestion on Sunday Night—Funeral on Tuesday.**

Mr. Eppa Compton, a prominent citizen of Neverlet, Fairfax county, died suddenly of acute indigestion at his home on Sunday [November 19, 1911] night, in about the 38<sup>th</sup> year of his age. As soon as Mr. Compton was stricken, Dr. Meredith, of this town, was summoned to his bedside, but he found him beyond medical relief.

His death is particularly sad, inasmuch that he leaves a young fond wife and two children—a little son and a daughter.

He was a gentleman who had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him and his untimely death is a source of real sorrow to his friends.

His funeral took place on Tuesday and was largely attended, a tribute which exemplified the esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. The burial was in the family lot at Clifton.

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**Beattie, Jr., Henry Clay**

### **BEATTIE DIED TODAY.**

This is the date [November 24, 1911] when Henry Clay Beattie, jr., dies in the electric chair for the murder of his young and trusting wife.

While he has been convicted under circumstantial evidence and will go as a condemned convict to the electric chair, there is still in the minds of some people a question of his guilt. With us there has been little doubt since a chosen twelve of Chesterfield passed upon the evidence.

The crime was one of the most revolting and dastardly in the history of this or any other state, and while it makes us shudder to think of taking life for life in this christian dispensation, still what are we to do? Such miserably merciless microbes should not be allowed to menace or prey upon society.

We know nothing of his guilt or innocence, but should he be guilty, it is entirely beyond us to conceive of such a crime. A man who would take the trusting little woman, whom he had sworn to love and protect—carry he into a darkened woodland and there shoot her—the mother of his infant child—is past comprehension. Rather than think that the man was guilty we would prefer to think that the state had held another mistrial and that a life had been ruthlessly sacrificed—but it doesn't seem so from all the testimony in the case.

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## **December 1, 1911**

**Holland, Henry**

### **CROSSES OVER THE RIVER**

**Aged Confederate Veteran Expires at Soldiers' Home in Richmond—Funeral Here.**

Mr. Henry Holland, aged 78 years, died of heart trouble and the infirmities of years, at the Soldiers' Home in Richmond, at about 4 o'clock last Monday [*November 20, 1911*] morning. His nephew, Mr. W. N. Lipscomb, of this town, was summoned to his bedside on Sunday and remained with him until the end and accompanied the remains to Manassas.

Mr. Holland was a Confederate veteran, serving through the entire war in the Prince William Cavalry, first commanded by Captain Thornton. He was a brave and gallant soldier, and a gentleman of strong, firm, upright and honorable character. The news of his death will be received with sorrow by surviving comrades in arms.

He was a brother of Mrs. Hugh G. Payne, Mrs. William E. Lipscomb, Miss Sepina Holland and Mr. R. W. Holland.

His funeral services were conducted at Trinity Episcopal church on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large number of the members of Ewell Camp, C. V., attended, and the pall bearers were all Confederate veterans, as follows: Messrs. George W. Donaldson, R. S. Smith, A. W. Sinclair, James M. Gulick, Capt. Westwood Hutchison and Prof. B. T. H. Hodge. His shroud was the Confederate uniform. The burial was in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Fitzwater, Mrs. C.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. FITZWATER**

**Well-Known Nokesville Lady Dies of Asthma at Her Home—Large Family Connection.**

We learn with regret of the death of Mrs. C. Fitzwater, which occurred from chronic asthma, at her home at Nokesville, on Sunday [*November 19, 1911*] last, in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

She had been a sufferer for a number of years, but being a lady of extreme patience and christian fortitude, she bore her afflictions with greatest humility and perfect submission. She was a devoted member of the Church of the Brethren, and was of pronounced christian character. She was universally esteemed by all who knew her, and her death is generally regretted.

In addition to her devoted husband, she is survived by six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: Messrs. S. W. and Elmer S. Fitzwater, of Nokesville; Elder P.

**Fitzwater, Mrs. C. (Cont.)**

B. Fitzwater, D. D., of Princeton, N. J.; Mr. P. C. Fitzwater, of Broadwater, Va.; Mrs. Samuel Baker and Miss Viola Fitzwater, of Nokesville.

Her funeral took place on Monday, Elders Samuel Flory and Isaac Miller conducting the last sad rites. The burial was in Valley View Cemetery, at Nokesville.  
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## **December 8, 1911**

**Weir, Edgar V.**

### **EDGAR V. WEIR EXPIRES**

#### **Member of Prominent Prince William Family Passes Away in Baltimore.**

This community was quite painfully surprised and grieved on Monday to learn of the death of Mr. Edward V. Weir, which occurred at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Norman, in Baltimore on Sunday [December 3, 1911] afternoon.

Mr. Weir was about 72 years of age and was born in the "Old Brick House," made famous as the headquarters of General Beauregard in the second battle of Manassas, and which was the birthplace of many, of the Weir family, a large and influential generation of people.

He was a son of the late Wm. J. Weir, widely-known in Prince William, and was an ex-Confederate veteran, having served throughout the war in Company A, of the famous Black Horse Cavalry, and his old comrades refer to him as a brave, daring soldier, who offered his life on the field of battle for a cause in which he believed and to which he was sincerely wedded.

A man of very strong personal character, he endeared himself to those with whom he met, and the grief that has been expressed has been only the tearful outpouring of fond friends who loved him for himself alone.

His wife, who was Miss Eugenie Alexandria, of Fairfax county, died several years ago. After her death he gave up his landed estates and went to the home of his daughter in Baltimore.

Of his immediate family he is survived by seven children, three sons and four daughters, as follows: Messrs. Walter D. and James W. Weir, of Washington, (the latter connected with the business department of the Washington Herald); Mr. Robert M. Weir, who has been selected as sergeant of this town; Mrs. James R. Birkett, of Alexandria; Mrs. A. A. Wilhelm, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Norman and Miss Norwood E. Weir, of Baltimore.

The remains were brought to this town for burial on Monday and the services were conducted by Rev. John Arthur, rector of Trinity Episcopal church. The last sad rites and the funeral cortege, as a whole, were very impressive.

The burial was in the Manassas Cemetery. The following members of Ewell Camp, who fought with him on the field, followed his body to its last resting place: Mr.

**Weir, Edgar V. (Cont.)**

Geo. W. Johnson, Capt. Westwood Hutchison, Mr. John R. Tillett, Messrs. Thomas Smith, John W. Hall, Capt. Jas. E. Herrell, Messrs. Jos. Johnson, Jas. F. Gulick, Selden Smith, L. A. Marsteller, Prof. B. T. H. Hodge and Capt. J. R. Rust.

Among those who came from a distance to attend the sad ceremonies were: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Norman, Miss Norwood E. Weir, and Mr. Thomas Brawner, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weir and Mr. James Weir, of Washington; Misses Ida and Lila Lee, of Chevy Chase; Mrs. Jas. Birkett and James Birkett, jr., of Alexandria; Mr. L. A. C. Marsteller, of Warrenton, and Mr. Steller Marsteller and family, of Bristow.

Peace to the ashes of a good and noble man.

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**Hutchison, Clara**

Mrs. Clara Hutchison died of tuberculosis at her home at Ballston on Sunday [December 3, 1911] night, aged about 60 years. She was the widow of Mr. Wilmer Hutchison and the only daughter of the late H. Karner, of Loudoun county. She was a very sweet and lovable lady. Her remains were interred at old Sudley Church, in this county, of which she was a member, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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**Pierson, George W.**

Mr. George W. Pierson, who for a number of years was Commissioner of the Revenue for Broad Run and Mercer Districts, in Loudoun county and later an official at the state penitentiary, died last week at the home of his son, Mr. James Pierson, at Lunette, on the border of Loudoun and Prince William counties. He was 66 years of age and was a Confederate soldier. He was an uncle of Mr. W. F. Hibbs of this town.

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**McGrath, Laura**

**Mrs. Laura McGrath Dead.**

Mrs. Laura McGrath, wife of Mr. James C. McGrath, died at her home, near Bradley, yesterday [December 7, 1911] morning, aged about 50 years.

Mrs. McGrath had been in delicate health from liver affection for some years, and her death was not wholly unexpected. She was a lady highly esteemed in her section and her death is generally regretted.

**McGrath, Laura (Cont.)**

Mrs. McGrath, who was Miss Laura Fair, had been twice married, her first husband being the late Wesley Leadman. Of this union several children survive. She had been re-married to Mr. McGrath only two or three years, and of this unity there was no issue.

We have been unable to learn of the funeral arrangements, further than the burial will be in Bradley churchyard of the United Brethren, of which religious society she was a sincere member.

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**December 15, 1911**

**Campbell, John**

**DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION**

**Mr. John Campbell, of Thoroughfare, Dies in a Washington Hotel.**

Mr. John Campbell, a well-known citizen of Thoroughfare, this county, met with sudden death in a Washington hotel on Sunday [December 3, 1911] night last.

Mr. Campbell had gone to Washington to market some live stock, and after transacting his business went to a hotel. The following morning his dead body was discovered in his room. Death was due to asphyxiation, as the gas jet was found to be turned on in his room. It is presumed that in extinguishing the gas he accidentally turned on the lever again.

There is no hint at suicide, inasmuch as he was a gentleman to all appearances in perfect frame of mind and was not given to despondency.

His remains were brought to Prince William and interred at Haymarket on Tuesday. The funeral took place in St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was largely attended.

He is survived by a wife and several children.

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## **December 22, 1911**

**Fately, Joseph**

### **A PROMISING BOY EXPIRES**

**Joseph Fately Dies After a Lingering Illness From Complication of Diseases.**

Joseph Fately, aged 12 years, a son of Mr. C. D. Fately, foreman of the stove factory at this place, died of a complication of diseases at the home of his parents in this town at about five o'clock Wednesday [*December 20, 1911*] morning. He had been ill for about six weeks, and from the information which we have received he must have suffered intensely. When death occurred, one limb, we are told, had contracted until it was several inches shorter than the other, and even several of his teeth had fallen from their sockets, which would seem to indicate a most unusual case.

The lad was an intelligent and industrious boy—one who gave promise to develop into a man of usefulness. He was bright in his studies, being in the fifth grade at school.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters—Mrs. Edward Longbeam, of The Plains, and Miss Anna Fately, of Manassas—and two brothers—David and Thomas Fately, of this town.

His funeral took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The burial was in the family lot in Manassas cemetery.

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**Meade, D. G.**

Capt. D. G. Meade, a well-known Confederate veteran, died at his home at The Plains on the 10<sup>th</sup> [*December 10, 1911*] instant, aged 81 years.

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**Milton, Joseph Vandevanter**

Dr. Joseph Vandevanter Milton died of pneumonia at Lacey Springs, at an early hour last Saturday [*December 16, 1911*] morning, aged 35 years. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Anne Page Maury, of New York, but no children. His remains were taken to Hamilton, Loudoun county, his old birthplace, on Wednesday for interment in Lakeview Cemetery.

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**Costello, Elvira Hurst**

**MRS. COSTELLO DEAD.**

Died, near Token, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Elvira Hurst Costello, in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of her age. The deceased was the second daughter of John Wm. And Mary Hurst, of antebellum days. At a matured age she became the wife of V. B. Costello, on January 13, 1866. Eleven children were the result of the marriage, nine of whom survive her, besides her devoted husband:--Mr. J. S. Costello, of Bluemont; Mrs. L. D. Shaven and Mrs. H. M. Jeffries, of Manassas; Miss Ella Costello, of Frederick City, Md.; Mr. J. W. Costello, of Alexandria; Mrs. J. P. Chinn, of Airmont; Miss Agnew W. Costello, of San Mateo, Cal., and Misses Clara and Fanny Costello, who were constant attendants of their mother. Besides these she leaves four brothers to mourn the loss of a loving sister—Mr. Edward Hurst, of Chantilly, and Messrs. J. W. and Albert Hurst, of Indianola, Iowa.

Although having been in failing health for some months, death came as a shock to her devoted family, relatives and friends. None knew her but to appreciate her. A loving wife, devoted mother and true friend passed away calmly and peacefully December 2, 1911, to Him who gave her.

S. M. H.

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## **December 29, 1911**

**Sprigg, Susan E.**

Mr. Westwood Hutchison received notice yesterday of the death of a relative, Mrs. Susan E. Sprigg, which occurred at the residence of Miss Mary C. Sowers, in Loudoun county, on Wednesday [*December 27, 1911*], in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She was a member of an old and widely known family, and leaves many friends. Her remains will be buried in the family burying ground near Little River Church today.

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## **January 5, 1912**

**Thomasson, Marion L.**

### **MR. M. L. THOMASSON DIES**

#### **Underwent Operation for Rupture of Digestive Organs—His Wife Ill With Typhoid.**

News was received here Tuesday evening of the sudden death of Mr. Marion L. Thomasson, a member of the Washington police force and a son of Mr. T. A. Thomasson, of near Manassas, which occurred at an early hour in the morning [*January 2, 1912*] at Providence Hospital, in that city.

Mr. Thomasson was strong and apparently in the best of health when he went off duty at 3 o'clock Monday morning. About 9 o'clock he complained of severe pains in his abdomen, and he was visited by police surgeon, Dr. Edmund Barry, who found that he was suffering from a rupture of one of the digestive organs and advised an immediate operation. To this Mr. Thomasson objected, but at 5 o'clock when the police surgeon returned and found his condition more critical, he consented to go to Providence Hospital.

The operation was performed by Dr. Lawson at 9 o'clock who found that the patient had lost so much blood that there was but little hope of saving his life. Six hours later he died.

Mr. Thomasson was well known and highly esteemed in this section. His father, who resides near Buckhall, had gone to Washington several days ago and was spending the Christmas holidays with him, when the sad event occurred.

He was 27 years old, and is survived by his wife, both parents, six brothers and five sisters, several of whom reside in this section.

Mrs. Thomasson is ill with typhoid fever and several times during the past two weeks her death has been expected. When told of her husband's death she remarked:

"I know I'll not be many days behind him."

His remains, escorted to the grave by 24 patrolmen from Precinct No. 4, was interred in the Congressional cemetery in Washington.

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**Evans, Robley D.**

### **Rear Admiral Evans Dead.**

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," died suddenly of acute indigestion at his home in Washington late Wednesday [*January 3, 1912*] afternoon, aged 65 years. He was ill less than two hours.

Admiral Evans was a native of Floyd county, Virginia. After the death of his father, his mother moved to lower Fairfax, in order to give her boy better school advantages. He rapidly went to the front, and became one of the most popular officers in the Navy.

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**Payne, Melvin M.**

**MR. MELVIN M. PAYNE DEAD**

**Prominent Lumber Dealer of Clifton Expires Suddenly While in Chair.**

Mr. Melvin M. Payne, a prominent lumber dealer and one of the most widely known business men of Clifton, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in that town about 8 o'clock on Monday [*January 1, 1912*] evening, in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

While Mr. Payne had been slightly indisposed at times for several months, on Monday he appeared in his usual health, and after eating supper, walked over to Buckley Bros. store, returning a few minutes before 8 o'clock. He picked up a pen to do some writing, but noticing a plate of candy he took a piece and began eating. Before he had finished it, he expired.

For many years he was engaged in the merchantile business at Clifton, but about 12 years ago sold out to Buckley Bros. to enter the lumber business, in which he was eminently successful. He was popular with all whom he met and will be greatly missed. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Payne had been twice married. He is survived by his wife and one son, Mr. Hilliary N. Payne, by his first union. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. Robert C. Payne, of this county, and five sisters, as follows: Mrs. Luther D. Payne, of this town; Mrs. Annie Ford, Mrs. Allen Payne and Misses Edmonia and Josephine Payne, of Clifton.

His remains were buried in Clifton cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.  
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**Hunt, Lillian**

Mrs. Lillian Hunt died at her home at Catharpin on Saturday [*December 30, 1911*] last, and her remains were interred at Sudley on Monday. She was the wife of Mr. J. G. Hunt and was highly esteemed by many friends.

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## **January 12, 1912**

**Marsteller, Stella**

**MISS MARSTELLER DEAD**

**Popular Young Nokesville Lady Expires Suddenly on Monday—Funereal Wednesday.**

Miss Stella Marsteller, eldest daughter of Mr. Steller Marsteller, died at her home at Nokesville on Monday [*January 8, 1912*], in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of her age. The news came as a sad surprise to her many friends in this and other sections of the county. While she had been in rather delicate health for several months, her indisposition had given her

**Marsteller, Stella (Cont.)**

family and friends no real serious concern, therefore her death came as a sudden shock to the community.

Miss Marsteller was a young lady of sweet and amiable christian character and possessed unusual intelligence. She had stored her mind with useful knowledge, which added to her natural graces, had endeared her to all who knew her. She was a member of the Roman Catholic church, and her funeral was held from the Catholic institute, where she had been educated, on Wednesday. The burial was in the Manassas Cemetery.

She is survived by her father, two sisters, Mrs. Coleman Cockrell, of Washington, and Miss Hattie Marsteller, of Nokesville, and by two brothers, Messrs. Eugene and Claire Marsteller, of Nokesville.

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**Madison, Angleus**

**KILLED BY TRAIN.**

We understand that Angleus Madison, a section hand employed on the Southern railway, was struck and killed by train No. 35 at Burke's Station last Monday [January 1, 1912] morning. The unfortunate man was retreating from No. 31, and reached the other track just in time to be struck by No. 35. We have been unable to obtain further particulars concerning the sad accident.

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**Note: The microfilm copy of the January 12, 1912, The Manassas Journal is missing pages 3 through 6.**

**January 19, 1912**

**Bartenstein, John C.**

**WARRENTON MAN KILLED**

**Prominent Fauquier Man Slain at Memphis—Self-Defense is Claimed.**

Dispatches to the daily press state that Mr. John C. Bartenstein, aged 29 years, a son of Mr. A. R. Bartenstein, deputy clerk of the circuit court of Fauquier county, was shot and instantly killed by W. T. Avery, at Memphis, Tenn., on Tuesday [January 16, 1912] morning. The shooting occurred in Bartenstein's bedroom at the Avery residence, where he boarded.

From a statement of the Avery family, the shooting was in self-defense, it being claimed that Bartenstein fired at Avery before he was shot down. A Colt's 41-calibre revolver was found by his side with one shell exploded and a bullet was found imbedded in the wall of the hall. Avery went to Bartenstein's room, it is alleged, to collect a board bill. The men quarrelled and blows were struck, when, it is charged, Bartenstein siezed a revolver from his dresser and fired.

**Bartenstein, John C. (Cont.)**

It was then that Avery shot, the large 44-calibre striking Bartenstein in the temple, causing instant death.

Avery is a member of one of Memphis' most prominent families, while Mr. Bartenstein was highly connected in Fauquier.

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**Richards, Dick**

**FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH**

**Colored Citizen, Who Lived Alone, Succumbed to Cold on Saturday Night.**

Dick Richards, an old and respected colored citizen of the Buck Hall section, was found in his house frozen to death on Sunday [January 7, 1912] morning last. Richards lived alone in a little cabin on the Adam Young farm, and when he was not seen out about his usual chores on Sunday morning some of the neighbors made an investigation and discovered the frozen remains of the old man in bed. He was about 54 years of age, and a quiet, inoffensive citizen.

Dr. Meredith, county coroner, was summoned from this town to view the body and gave a certificate of death from cold. He had evidently been dead several hours when found.

The burial was on Monday.

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**Weather, Mary**

Mary Weather, a respected colored woman, of the Buckhall neighborhood, died of asthma at her home on Friday [January 12, 1912] last, and was buried on Sunday.

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**Thomasson, Geneva**

Mrs. Geneva Thomasson, wife of Mr. Marion L. Thomasson, whose sudden death occurred on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, died at her home in Washington on Saturday [January 13, 1912] last. Her remains were interred in the grave of her husband in the Congressional cemetery on Monday.

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**Randolph, John**

John Randolph, one of the oldest and most highly respected colored citizens of this town, died on Friday [*January 12, 1912*] last, aged about 80 years. "Uncle" John was born a slave, as was also his wife, who belonged to the Weir family. He was a type of the old Southern plantation negro, honest and faithful in his walk through life. His remains were buried on Sunday.

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**Robertson, Billy**

Uncle Billy Robertson, a well-known colored man of our neighborhood, died at the home of his son. Uncle Billy, for the past year, had lived with Mr. M. B. Washington. He was about 90 years of age at his death.

*The Manassas Journal, January 19, 1912 p-6 ITEMS FROM GREENWICH*

## **January 26, 1912**

**Metz, Fannie Osbourne**

**MRS. FANNIE O. METZ DEAD**

**Prominent and Popular Lady Expires on Sunday—Beautiful Tribute to her Memory.**

I bring today a white wreath of admiration, affection and love for the life, services and personality of Fannie Osbourne Metz.

As I think of her now, and as in my mind the history of our town passes in review before me, I can think of no one person who has set in motion so commanding and lasting an influence for good upon the minds and hearts of our people. Thousands and ten of thousands of brave men have met in conflict and know what meant the glory of victory and the gloom of defeat, but no whiter, purer soul ever sent up to its Maker from our battle-scarred plains. Her mission was not the work of destruction but the work of construction. As I look back at what Manassas was four decades ago, I can see, I think, definitely and clearly how great a factor in our growth and prosperity has been the work of over a quarter of a century, by this truly remarkable woman. The most striking feature of her success has been the small resources at her command in proportion to the results of her labors.

Miss Fannie Osbourn was the daughter of a prominent physician of Prince George's county, Maryland, Dr. Richard Keene Osbourn. Her mother was Miss Eugenia Hilleary. When she died last Sunday [*January 21, 1912*] in Washington, she was 55 years of age.

**Metz, Fannie Osbourne (Cont.)**

She received her preparatory training in private schools of Washington and studied several years in the Berlitz School of Modern Languages and the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. She graduated with honor at the Maryland State Normal in Baltimore and taught for a time with success in Towsontown, Md., but her health made it desirable to seek a change of situation and climate. How she was providentially called to her life's work in Manassas is interesting to recall. It shows how God works his plans among the children of men.

In August, 1878, the first Summer Normal School ever held in this commonwealth was carried on in the Methodist church on West street, under the direction of Hon. M. A. Newell, the State Superintendent of Schools in Maryland. Mr. John C. Weems, the owner of what is now part of the Portner estate, applied through his wife to Superintendent Newell, asking him to recommend a private teacher in his family. He recommended Miss Osbourn to Mr. and Mrs. Weems and he recommended Manassas as a good location to miss Osbourn. She came here and gradually enlarged the number of her pupils at different locations until in 1890, her sister Eugenia having joined her, she opened a private seminary for boys and girls in the Baldwin House, now the center of the Eastern College group of buildings.

In 1896, the patrons and friends of the two sisters built the Manassas Institute on Grant avenue where they maintained a secondary school of the highest character, preparing students for the Woman's College of Baltimore, Washington and Lee University and other institutions of similar grades throughout the State.

In 1898, she was married to Mr. Murray G. Metz, but, with her sister, still carried on the institute with growing success.

In 1906, with the approval of the Department of public Instruction, the Manassas School Board incorporated the institute into the public school system as a public high school and it became so well recognized as to its ideals and standards that in 1908, the Virginia State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. J. D. Eggleston, selected the Manassas High School as the Agricultural High School to be located in the Eighth Congressional District, on condition that the necessary land be secured and the proper buildings erected. The high school pupils, which usually numbered about thirty during the institute period, have now more than doubled in numbers.

I wish to say as a public school official that I know of no one to whom the public schools of the county owe more than to the work of Mrs. Metz and her sister, in preparing teachers for our village and rural schools. As a school trustee, I have for over twenty years, been in constant communication with them and the suggestions I have received have been invaluable. This is particularly true since the Agricultural High School has been established and their assistance has been required in the modification of the curriculum.

Mrs. Metz was a woman of the highest and truest culture. It is safe to say that during her life work in Manassas she has left the impress of her character directly on a thousand youthful minds and indirectly she has aided in the uplifting of our entire community and county. This is all the more to be appreciated because it has been done without noise or parade, as silently as the dropping of the dew, but as forceful in the moral and social world, as the law of gravitation is in the world of matter.

**Metz, Fannie Osbourne (Cont.)**

Mrs. Metz is survived by her husband, her sister Eugenia and her brother, George Hilleary Osbourne, of Washington, D. C.

Black as is the storm cloud which has risen on our horizon and is covering the heavens, I think I see a silver lining. Sorrowful as is the separation from so knightly and cultured a soul, I am not sure but we have more occasion for joy than sorrow; joy that she has entered into rest; joy that she was permitted to round out her life work; joy that her beautiful, earnest life has been transferred into the lives of others; yes into the life of the entire community.

Manassas is not what it would have been had it not been for the departed one. That education is prized, that the cause of temperance is in the ascendant, that virtue is valued, that justice usually prevails against wrong, that our churches have a mellow soil in the hearts of the growing generations wherein to sow the seeds of righteousness; all these conditions existent among our people are causes of great thankfulness.

The workmen die, the work goes on.

George C. Round.

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**Cornwell, Nimrod**

**PARALYSIS ENDS IN DEATH**

**Mr. Nimrod Cornwell Succumbs to Dread Disease on Monday Morning.**

Mr. Nimrod Cornwell, a prominent and widely known citizen of this county, was stricken with paralysis at his home, near Token, shortly after retiring on Sunday evening, which resulted in his death at about 11 o'clock on Monday [January 22, 1912] morning.

Mr. Cornwell retired at a rather early hour on Sunday evening, in apparently the best of health and spirits, jocularly remarking to the members of his household that he would expect them to rise early on Monday, inasmuch as he had planned a heavy day's work for them. Between 8 and 9 o'clock the fatal stroke seized him and he gradually sank until the death summons came. He was 68 years of age.

The deceased was a man of good business qualifications, strong determination and force of character. For a number of years he had conducted a general store and a large lumber business in his section, and was known as a sympathetic neighbor, who was ever a friend to the needy and distressed, and who wielded an influence for good over the community, where he leaves many sincere friends who have been saddened by his death. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church at Woodbine.

He is survived by his wife, five brothers and two sisters, all of Prince William.

His funeral took place at his late residence at 1:30 o'clock on Wednesday, Rev. T. W. T. Noland officiating. The burial was in the family burying ground on the old home place.

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**Payne, Luther N.**

Mr. Luther N. Payne, father of Mrs. Donation Libeau, of this town, died at his home at Orleans, Fauquier county, on Friday [*January 19, 1912*] last, aged 55 years. He was a prominent and influential citizen in his community and his death is generally regretted.

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**Davis, James**

Mr. James Davis, a native of this county, but who had been a well known resident of Alexandria for the past thirty years, died at his home in that city on Thursday [*January 18, 1912*] night of last week, aged 58 years.

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*Lee, John*

***Negro Shot In Loudoun.***

John Lee, a colored man of Loudoun county, was shot and instantly killed by Lincoln Gray, a colored boy 13 years old, in defense of his mother and sister on Friday [*January 19, 1912*] night last. Lee had driven his wife out of their home on Thursday night, threatening to kill her. She took refuge with her mother and on Friday night Lee followed her up and renewed the attack, when the Gray boy appeared on the scene and shot him.

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## **February 2, 1912**

**Royer, Myra A.**

**MISS MYRA ROYER DEAD**

**Young Lady, Well Known Here, Dies of Peritonitis at Bellevue, Ohio**

News was received by The Journal this week of the death of Miss Myra A. Royer, which occurred at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Royer, at Bellevue, Ohio, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Death was due to peritonitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Royer with their family, were at one time residents of this town and have a number of friends here who will be pained to learn of their sad bereavement.

This is the second affliction that has visited them in less than a year, their only son, Curtis, having been drowned in the Huron river last August.

**Royer, Myra A. (Cont.)**

Miss Myra was a member of the Reformed Church and was just budding into sweet Christian womanhood. She leaves many friends.

Funeral services were held on January 25<sup>th</sup>.  
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**Cornwell, Mary**

**Death of Mrs. Cornwell**

Minnieville, Va., Jan. 30—Mrs. Mary Cornwell, of Alexandria, died of pneumonia on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of her age. She leaves six children to mourn her loss: Mrs. Rosa Warren and Nannie Well, of Alexandria; William Cornwell, of Joplin; John Cornwell, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Alice Bland, of Neabsco, and Miss Mary Cornwell, of Minnieville; also a brother, Mr. Thomas Syncox, of this place, and a sister, Mrs. Nancy Martin, of Richmond. The bereaved family have our most heartfelt sympathy.

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**Lewis, Louise Travers**

**To Bring Body From Rome.**

Arrangements have been made to bring the remains of Miss Louise Travers Lewis from Rome to her home place, Berryville, Clarke county, for burial in the cemetery where many of her ancestors are interred.

She died in Rome last week of typhoid fever, having contracted the disease about Christmas while on a pleasure trip. Her sister, Mrs. Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken, N. J., was with her at the time.

Miss Lewis, who was 45 years old, was a daughter of Major George Washington Lewis, of the Confederate Army, and her grandmother, Eleanor Parke Custis, was a niece of George Washington.

She was a second cousin of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and her mother was formerly Miss Emily Contee Johnson, of Baltimore. She leaves three sisters and four brothers.

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## **February 9, 1912**

**Counts, Victoria**

### **DEATH OF MRS. COUNTS**

#### **Prince William Lady Succumbs to Pneumonia at Sibley Hospital on Monday.**

Mrs. J. B. R. Counts, of near Lucasville, two and a half miles South of Manassas, died after a short illness of pneumonia at Sibley Hospital in Washington at 11 o'clock on Monday [*February 5, 1912*] morning last, aged about 35 years.

Mrs. Counts was a native of Russell county, the family moving to Prince William about two years ago. During her residence here she made many friends in the county, all of whom regret to learn of her death.

She is survived by her husband and five small children.

Her remains were taken to Russell county on train No. 41, Monday night for interment.

Friends here deeply sympathize with the afflicted husband.

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**Quinn, Lewis**

**Quinn, Susan**

### **TWO ARE KILLED BY TRAIN**

#### **Respectable Colored Man and Wife Meet Instant Death Near Nokesville.**

Lewis Quinn, a respectable colored man of the Nokesville neighborhood, and his wife, Susan, were struck and instantly killed by southbound passenger train No. 43, about three miles south of Nokesville, on Saturday afternoon last. The couple were walking on the northbound track, and in stepping aside to avoid an approaching freight, were struck by the fast passenger train, which they evidently did not see, and their horribly mutilated bodies were thrown a number of feet from where they stood. The crew of No. 43 knew nothing of the distressing accident and it remained for a passing freight to discover the bodies.

Dr. J. C. Meredith, county coroner, learning of the fatality, started to the scene, but he found that the dead did not come within his jurisdiction. The accident, it seems, occurred practically on the boundary line between Prince William and Fauquier counties and while it took place in this county, the bodies were thrown into Fauquier.

Quinn and his wife were known as honest, industrious citizens and were generally respected in the community. They were buried at Nokesville on Monday.

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**Cockrell, Viola Maria**

**MRS. VIOLA COCKRELL DEAD**

**The Wife of a Former Prince William Citizen Dies at Her Montana Home.**

News reached here Monday, of the death, on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in Deer Lodge, Montana, of Mrs. Viola Maria Cockrell, wife of George Cockrell, a former resident of Dumfries, this county.

Mr. Cockrell left here nearly a half century ago and established himself in business in Oregon Springs, Utah, where he was married, in 1875, to Miss Viola Maria Lish. In 1880, he removed to Deer Lodge where he occupies an important position of public trust, and is one of the most prominent business men of Deer Lodge.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Cockrell is survived by one son, State Senator Moncure Cockrell, and by one daughter, Mrs. George Norton, of Deer Lodge.

The oldest residents of this county, especially those "below the run," will remember George Cockrell as a man of noble characteristics and who will regret to learn of his recent bereavement.

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**Mulholland, Nancy**

**Death of Miss Mulholland.**

Miss Nancy Mulholland died of a complication of diseases at the residence of her brother, near Centreville on Thursday [*February 1, 1912*] night of last week, aged about 65 years. She had been in declining health for some time and her death was not wholly unexpected.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret German, and three brothers, Mr. Patrick Mulholland, of this town, and Messrs. John and William Mulholland, of Fairfax.

Her funeral took place on Saturday, the interment being at Fairfax station.

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**Johnson, Peyton**

**Death of a Nonagenarian.**

Peyton Johnson, one of the most highly respected colored men of the county, died of dropsy and old age at his home, near Blooms, on Friday [*February 2, 1912*] night last, aged nearly 90 years.

"Uncle" Peyton was born on February 22, 1823, and belonged to the Lynn family of Prince William until freed by the war. He was a rather remarkable character, retaining all his faculties until after last Christmas. He was always quiet and respectful—a

**Johnson, Peyton (Cont.)**

splendid type of his race that is fast disappearing. By his industry he had bought himself a home a number of years ago, but this he sold last fall and had since lived with one of his daughters.

His remains were interred at Manassas on Sunday.  
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## **February 16, 1912**

**Jelinecke, John**

Mr. John Jelinecke, well known in Prince William, where he was identified with a number of real estate operations, died recently at his home at Braddock, Pa. His son was in town yesterday in consultation with Mr. H. Thornton Davies with reference to the settlement of his father's Virginia estate.

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## **February 23, 1912**

**Leache, C. Lytton**

**FORMER COUNTY MAN DEAD**

**C. Lytton Leache Dies Suddenly of Acute Indigestion at His Austin, Texas, Home.**

The many friends of his youth in this county will be pained to learn of the sudden death of Mr. C. Lytton Leache, in Austin, Texas, the state of his adoption since leaving Prince William county twenty eight years ago.

He seemed in his usual health on Wednesday of last week, ate a hearty supper, and had gone into the sitting room when the attack, which the attending physicians pronounced acute indigestion, came swiftly and fatally [*February 14, 1912*].

For a number of years he was foreman of the composing room of *The Statesman*. The only visit back to his boyhood home, was in the summer of 1903, when he came as a delegate to the Typographical Union Convention which was held in Washington. He spent several weeks here with his sister, Mrs. A. W. Sinclair. He left with an expressed desire and intention to some day return to his native state and county to spend the remaining days of his life.

He leaves a devoted wife whose grief is accentuated by her having been away from home in a distant town visiting her parents, at the time of his death, and seven

**Leache, C. Lytton (Cont.)**

children, three of whom are about grown, to mourn the sudden loss of a kind husband and father.

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**Warring, Cyrus**

Mr. Cyrus Warring, a well known citizen of the Bradley neighborhood, died of general debility at his home on Saturday [February 17, 1912] last, at the ripe old age of 84 years. He was unmarried. His funeral took place on Monday.

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**Hundley, Maria A.**

The remains of Mrs. Maria A. Hundley, who died in Washington on Thursday [February 15, 1912] of last week, were brought to this county and interred at Buckhall on Saturday. She was 84 years of age and left Manassas some years ago to reside with her nephew, Mr. Sidney Peace. She leaves a number of friends in this community.

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**Dent, Nancy**

**DEATH OF OCTOGENARIAN**

**Mrs. Nancy Dent Dies of General Debility on Sunday Last at Ripe Old Age.**

Mrs. Nancy Dent died of general debility at the residence of Mrs. Annie Down, near Belle Haven church, this county on Sunday [February 18, 1912], aged about 80 years.

Mrs. Dent leaves no immediate family but she was a lady highly esteemed in her community and her death is generally regretted. While not a member of any church, her life had been of a sublime and beautiful character, and she leaves scores of friends all of whom fondly treasure her memory.

Prior to her marriage she was a Miss Godfrey, of Prince William.

Her funeral took place on Wednesday.

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## **March 1, 1912**

**Baldwin, Isaac P.**

### **ISAAC P. BALDWIN DEAD**

**Former Manassas Citizen Expires at Michigan Home at Ripe Old Age.**

Isaac P. Baldwin died at Battle Creek, Mich., February 25, 1912. He was 90 years of age last October. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

Mr. Baldwin was born in Connecticut. He was one of seven brothers, all of whom became prominent in business at their homes. All have gone from us except Lewis, now aged 93, who resides in Chicago.

Mr. Baldwin, before the war, was connected for a time with the Navy Department in Washington where he married Miss Harriet Sexsmith, of Prince William county. During the war he carried on business in and near Washington and after the war built a residence on the Sexsmith land, near Brentsville, and subsequently removed to Manassas where he acquired considerable property and built the house now occupied by the president of Eastern College. For many years he was an active citizen of our town and contributed in various ways to advancing its interests. For several years he acted as special United States Commissioner in taking evidence in connection with Government claims. He also served several years as postmaster. For over 20 years he was county chairman of the republican party.

After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Wilma E. Robinson and for some time their home has been in Battle Creek, Mich., where she still resides. He was a pleasant, agreeable and polished gentleman, with an active mind and an inventive genius and he was the author of several patents granted by the Government. He was very fond of music and good literature and active in religious duties and benevolent to the poor and toward many good causes. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Baldwin had a severe fall 20 or more years ago from the upper story of one of his houses in Manassas and it was thought for a time he could not survive. But for this fall it is probable that his great natural vigor would have carried him to his 100<sup>th</sup> year.

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**Hundley, Virginia**

Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles received a telegram yesterday morning announcing the death, from paralysis, of his sister, Mrs. Virginia Hundley, wife of Rev. J. W. Hundley, of Pocomoke City, Md. She is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters. The interment will take place at Covington, Va., today.

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## **March 8, 1912**

**Blume, Charles W.**

### **MR. CHARLES BLUME DIES**

**Prominent Citizen Expires After Brief Illness on Tuesday—Was a Union Veteran.**

This community was painfully shocked on Tuesday evening to learn of the death of Mr. Charles W. Blume, of the firm of Bennett & Blume, of this town, which occurred at his country residence, near Buckhall at about 6 o'clock on that day [*March 5, 1912*], in about the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of his age.

Mr. Blume had been in declining health for some years, but, while frail, he had neglected none of his business, church or social affairs and was regarded as a man of more than ordinary intelligence and business energy. His death, therefore, came as a surprise to the town.

We do not know the cause of death, but from what we can gather it was due to a clot of blood forming on the brain as the result of an injury some time ago. It seems that while rising from a crouching position in his stable his head came in contact with a protruding nail. Subsequently, in leading a horse he slipped and fell, the animal trampling over his body. While these injuries appeared to be of a local nature at the time of their infliction, they doubtless were contributory to his death. He was confined to his bed only a few days.

Mr. Blume was a man of character and force and will be generally missed. He was a devoted member of the M. E. Church and his death will be regarded as a distinct loss to that branch of religious denominations.

He was a native of Luray, Virginia, but had been connected with business enterprises here for a number of years. During the Civil War he served gallantly in the Union army, but he was a gentleman charitably inclined and when the war was over he settled down as an American citizen, forgetting all of the bitter feuds of that unfortunate epoch in our country's history. He had the esteem of all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Mr. George Blume, who is studying for the Baptist ministry at Fork Union Academy, near Richmond.

His funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, his pastor, Rev. J. E. Slick, assisted by Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles, and Rev. T. D. D. Clark, officiating. The burial was in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Harris, Richard**

Richard Harris, one of the most highly respected and useful colored citizens of Haymarket, died on Saturday [*February 24, 1912*] last at an advanced age. He had conducted a blacksmith shop for nearly a half century and was widely known as a quiet, industrious and peaceable citizen.

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## **March 15, 1912**

**Flaherty, A.**

### **APOPLEXY PROVES FATAL**

#### **Mr. A. Flaherty, Stricken With Disease, Falls on Stove and Is Almost Cremated.**

This town was shocked on Sunday last [*March 3, 1912*] to note the sudden death, almost by cremation, of Mr. A. Flaherty, for many years a prominent hotel man here, and well and widely known as an upright, honorable citizen.

Mr. Flaherty had been in declining health for some years and since his retirement from the hotel business had been connected with the hardware store of Mr. Barney Bryant. He had shown no alarming symptoms of illness on Saturday, but to all appearances was in his accustomed health. He had rooms over the store, and as was Mr. Bryant's custom, when he came for his morning paper, about nine o'clock, he entered the store, and was horrified to see Mr. Flaherty leaning upon the heated stove, his clothing just starting into flames. He rushed to him and smothered the fire, but the unfortunate gentleman was unconscious and could say anything as to how he came to be in that condition.

Drs. Meredith, Iden and Newman were summoned and everything within the power of these physicians was done to resuscitate him, but he remained in a stupor until death came to his relief at about 9:30 o'clock that evening.

While nothing is positively known as to his movements prior to his fatality, it is thought that just after stirring up the fire he was seized with apoplexy and fell across the fast heating stove. Had Mr. Bryant not happened in at the opportune moment, he would have been cremated.

Mr. Flaherty was about 52 years of age, and, while a quiet, unassuming gentleman, was esteemed as a straightforward, honorable and valuable citizen—one whose modest counsel and general courtesy will be missed by many friends. For a number of years he conducted a hotel business here, being the proprietor of both the Curry House and the Manassas Hotel, and the travelling public will recall him as a splendid caterer and a most hospitable host.

His wife, who was Miss Lucy Tillett, a sister of Mr. John R. Tillett, died two years ago. The surviving children of the union are Mr. Walter Flaherty, of Manassas, and Mrs. Bernard Cleveland, of Maryland. He also leaves an aged father, Mr. James Flaherty; three brothers—J. E., Robert and Levi Flaherty, and one sister, Miss Janie Flaherty.

His funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Chas. L. DeLong officiating. The burial was in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Bundy, Clarence**

**DIED FROM HIS INJURIES**

**Clarence Bundy, Who Fell From Train Here Sunday Dies at Alexandria Hospital.**

Clarence Bundy, (colored) an employee of the Southern Railway Company, sustained injuries here on Sunday which resulted in his death on Tuesday [*March 12, 1912*] at the Alexandria Hospital to which he was carried immediately after the singular accident.

The rather remarkable fatality occurred just opposite the residence of Mr. W. R. Myers, who resides in the eastern suburbs of our town, and was witnessed by an employee of that gentleman.

At first it was thought that Bundy was a hobo, stealing a ride, and that he jumped from the train, but this is exploded by the fact that he was, or had been a trusted employee of the company. It is still not known however, whether he attempted to jump or whether, from exposure, fell from the freight train. He was seen to lift his body and try to spring from beneath the moving wheels, but he was too late, being caught by both limbs, which were literally crushed.

Physicians were summoned and the wounded man was hurried to a hospital on No. 16, and died on Tuesday.

He was a man of middle age and of splendid physique.  
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**March 22, 1912**

**Davis, Mary F.**

Mrs. Mary F. Davis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Woodyard, at Clifton on Friday [*March 15, 1912*] night last aged 70 years. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Fairfax C. H.

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**March 29, 1912**

**Crosen, Eppa H.**

Eppa H. Crosen, son of Henry L. Crosen, died at the home of his uncle, Peyton W. Crosen, at Wellington, Kan., on Sunday, March 24. All his boyhood was spent in Prince William county and his many friends will be grieved to hear of his sudden death.

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**Gold, Bernard Lee**

**BERNARD LEE GOLD DEAD.**

Mr. W. N. Wenrich was summoned to Hagerstown this week to attend the funeral of his wife's brother, Mr. Bernard Lee Gold, which occurred from an affliction of the spine in that city on Monday [March 25, 1912] morning. He was only 29 years of age.

Mr. Gold had been an intense sufferer for some weeks, still his death came as a sudden dispensation and was a great shock to his family and friends.

He was a building contractor and was regarded as a most proficient one.

He is survived by his parents, his sister, Mrs. Wenrich, and one brother.

His funeral took place on Wednesday.

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**April 26, 1912**

**Selecman, George**

**FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED**

**Mr. George Selecman Succumbs to Heart Disease—Third Death in Family in Two Weeks.**

Mr. George Selecman, a prominent and well known citizen of the Occoquan section, was found dead in bed on Thursday [April 18, 1912] morning of last week. Mr. Selecman had been in rather delicate health for the past year or more, suffering from a

**Selecman, George (Cont.)**

valvular affection of the heart, still his condition was not considered serious by his relatives and associate friends. On Wednesday evening he evidenced no symptoms of being otherwise than in his usual health. He retired about 9 o'clock—his lifeless form was discovered about 5 o'clock the following morning. He was in the 76<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Mr. Selecman was a gentleman of quiet, unostentatious disposition, yet he took an active interest in all that pertained to the good of his state and community. He was a man of good judgment, and possessed an analytical sense in handling public questions that was valuable, not only to himself, but to his friends. He had many admirers, all of whom will deeply deplore his sudden death. He was unmarried, but leaves a number of relatives in the county.

This is the third death to occur in the family within two weeks. The first was that of Mrs. Redmond Selecman, the second that of Mrs. Margaret Selecman, and now this sudden visitation of the Death Angel.

His remains were interred in the Roland Burying Ground on Friday.  
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**Lee, Ernest G.**

Mr. Ernest G. Lee, a machinist, aged 39 years, died at his home in Alexandria last Friday [April 19, 1912] morning. Mr. Lee was born at Delaplane, Fauquier county, and is remembered by many friends in that section. He is survived by his wife.  
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**May, Sallie Margaret**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mrs. Sallie Margaret May was born February 14, 1856, died April 9, 1912, aged 56 years, 1 month and 26 days.

She was the daughter of A. H. Fulk, of Rockingham county, Va. December 25, 1879, she was married to Mr. William May, of the same county, and lived in the said county until 1909, when they moved to this county.

Five children were born to them, four daughters and one son—Mrs. Lillian A. Bare and Mrs. Ollie B. Runion, of Rockingham county; Mrs. Clinton Hively and Mrs. J. P. Smith, of this county, and Grover T. May, of Washington, D. C. She had three sister and one brother—Mrs. Silas Runion, Mrs. Amanda V. Turner and Mrs. L. B. Custer, of Rockingham county, Va., and Mr. J. C. Fulk, of Russell, Ky.

Sister May was well informed, having made good use of her days in the public school as well as having attended Bridge Water College.

**May, Sallie Margaret (Cont.)**

She taught several terms of the public school with good satisfaction. She was a good Sunday School teacher and was much loved by her class. She joined the U. B. Church with her husband at Mt. Carmel some years ago and in 1911 moved her membership to Aden U. B. Church, of this county.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a faithful christian.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Brill, assisted by Rev. S. H. Flory, of the Brethren church. Song and prayer at the house, after which the body was taken to the Aden U. B. Church, where the funeral was preached and the many friends took a last look at the face of the one so much loved, after which the very large procession moved to Valley cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest.

All the children attended the funeral. We mourn but not as those who have no hope.

A faithful wife has kept her vow,  
Until released by death,  
While husband doth in sorrow bow,  
And is so sore bereft.

The years they passed so swiftly by,  
Her stay on earth so brief,  
And now we can but weep and sigh  
In our distress and grief.

A loving mother's race is run,  
The children so bereft,  
But each may follow in their turn,  
To dwell among the blessed.

Oh! Glorious hope oh! Bliss of Heaven,  
That we shall meet again,  
For Jesus hath a promise given,  
That with him we shall reign.

And in that land so fair and bright,  
So free from death and pain,  
We soon shall dwell in holy light  
And never part again.

Ah! Husband, only faithful be,  
And children live for God,  
And onward walk the narrow way,  
The way that mother trod.

**May**, Sallie Margaret (Cont.)

For she hath reached the blissful end,  
The home by Jesus given,  
And those who do on him depend,  
Shall have a home in Heaven.

B. W. J.

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## **May 3, 1912**

**Curry**, Thomas

### **MR. THOMAS CURRY DEAD**

#### **Well Known Citizen Victim of Bright's Disease at His Home, Near Buckhall.**

Mr. Thomas Curry, a highly esteemed citizen of the Buckhall neighborhood, died of Bright's disease on Sunday [April 21, 1912] last, in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Mr. Curry had been ill for about a year, but it was only within the past few months that he had suffered intensely from an incurable malady.

Mr. Curry was a native of Ireland, but immigrated to America in his youth, and most of his life was spent in Baltimore, Md., where for many years he was connected with the Carrollton Hotel. About eight years ago he moved to Prince William, where he made many friends who will learn of his death with sincere regret.

Mr. Curry married a Maryland lady, who died nearly a quarter of a century ago. No children were born to the union. Of his immediate family he is survived by one sister, Miss Kate Curry, and two brothers, Messrs. Peter and James Curry.

He was a member of the Catholic Church. The funeral took place from his late residence on Monday, Rev. Father Donovan officiating. The interment was in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Smith**, Pertie

### **TUMOR RESULTS IN DEATH**

#### **Mrs. Pertie Smith Dies Following an Operation at a Washington City Hospital.**

Mrs. Pertie Smith, of near Herndon, died following an operation for tumor of the stomach, at a Washington hospital on Thursday [April 25, 1912] of last week, aged about 60 years. She had been in delicate health for some years and as a last resort surgical treatment was recommended.

**Smith, Pertie (Cont.)**

Mrs. Smith was a lady, highly esteemed by her neighbors and friends and her death is generally regretted in her community. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Church and lived a sincere Christian life.

She is survived by her husband and one son, Mr. Raymond Smith.

Her remains were brought to Manassas on Saturday and taken in charge by undertaker Baker. The burial was in the cemetery at Belle Haven Church, near Independent Hill.

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**Woody, O. S.**

The body of Mr. O. S. Woody, who lost his life when the Titanic sank, was recovered by the crew of the Macky-Bennet, but was buried at sea.

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## **May 10, 1912**

**Thomas, Mary**

Mrs. Mary Thomas died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis, in Bealeton, on Monday *April 29, 1912*] last. Mrs. Thomas was well known in Manassas, having lived here several years ago when her son, Mr. Bolling Thomas, was agent. Her many friends in this community will be sorry to learn of her death.

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**Liggan, S. J.**

The Rev. S. J. Liggan, Virginia's "Preaching Printer," died in Rensseus, last Sunday *April 28, 1912*] night.. For over fifty years, he had worked at the case on week days and preached on Sunday. Strange to say, his work as a printer was a labor of love, as he received little or no financial compensation. Mr. Liggan was very popular as a marrying parson, and often his printing office in Lynchburg was the scene of a wedding. He had, also, the distinction of being the oldest member of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

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## May 17, 1912

**Bryant, Minerva A.**

### **IN MEMORIAM.**

In memory of Mrs. Minerva A. Bryant, who died May 9, 1911.

Minerva Adeline was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mooney and was born near Remington, Fauquier county, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1877.

At an early age she was placed in school where she showed a fondness for books and was regarded by her teachers as an exceedingly studious and intelligent child.

After completing some of her studies in the public schools and under private instruction, she entered, as a student, Fauquier Female Institute, Warrenton, Va.

Concluding some more of her studies there, she next attended an institution for higher education, located at Reliance, Va.

Returning home from school with a strong and bright mind, well stored with useful knowledge, she was splendidly equipped for the profession she selected—a teacher in the public schools of Prince William county—teaching several of the schools very successfully for several terms. She resigned as a teacher and was on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1905, united in marriage to John Robert Bryant, of Nokesville, Va.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1911, very unexpectedly and suddenly this splendid woman, faithful wife and devoted mother was called away from this life to that beautiful home above that is prepared for all who place their faith in their Creator and remain faithful until the end.

“Until we meet again before His throne,  
Clothed in the spotless robe He give His own,  
Until we know even as we are known—Good night.”

Mrs. Bryant was connected by membership with the Methodist Episcopal church and was the mother of four children—three boys and one daughter. Only one child, the eldest son, Harry Tucker Bryant, and her husband survive the deceased. J. R. B.

Nokesville, Va., May 12, 1912

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**Timmous, Irvin W.**

**IN MEMORIAM.**

In loving memory of our dear son, Irvin W. Timmous, who departed this life May 4, 1912, aged 20 years and 10 days.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home,  
That never can be filled.

Dearest Irvin thou hast left us,  
And thy loss we deeply feel;  
It is God that hast bereft us,  
He can all our sorrow heal.

By His Mother

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**Herndon, George W.**

**DEATH OF MR. HERNDON.**

Mr. George W. Herndon, one of the best known citizens of the Fayman neighborhood, passed away at his home, near the above mentioned place, on Thursday morning, April 4, 1912, at 4 o'clock. He was buried in the old family burying ground on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, his funeral services, short by request, being conducted by Rev. J. W. Brill, of Aden, whose words were very appropriate and sad. His favorite hymns, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "There Are Lonely Hearts to Cherish" were sung sweetly and with much feeling by those present.

The deceased was born in this county December 25, 1836, and all through his life was an upright, honest and industrious man. A farmer from his boyhood, great success had followed him in his chosen calling. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, two years ago, he contracted a deep cold and was in bed for three months, but with the aid of Dr. Night and Dr. wine and the devoted attention of his ever faithful wife, he got out again, but seemed to take little interest in anything, often saying: "My strength is no more and I am near my journey's end, but I thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon me."

During the great conflict between the States, Mr. Herndon fought in the Confederate army as a member of Company A, Fourth Regiment, Prince William Cavalry. After the war he came back to his wrecked home, with wounds that gave him much pain in his last days. All that he had planned for a bright future when only twenty years of age, had been demolished, and without a chair to sit on or a bed to lie on, in a rented house, he began again and worked his way up, at the time of his death owning four fine farms, all

**Herndon, George W. (Cont.)**

with buildings, stock, farming implements of every kind, two good teams and a driving horse which, only two hours before his death, he requested to have fed as they would be needed.

Mr. Herndon was a great man to save relics and gifts. Among the many war relics he collected, are the McClellan saddle he rode, the old canteen he carried and the pistol he called his six-shooter. These he kept with care through all these long years.

On December 28, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Diada Bridwell and from this union four children were born: Mrs. Lillie Belle Heflin, of Catlett; Mr. Chas. Lee Herndon, of Fayman, and two single sons, Messrs. Poter Royal and George Turner Herndon. Mrs. Herndon died April 14, 1888, and December 17, 1890, he was married to Miss Annie Maria Rhine, daughter of the late William H. Rhine, of this county. To this union there are nine children: Messrs. Elmer H., William Jackson, Van Rhine, Cecil Richard and Henry David, and Misses Olive, Christine, Beatrice and Virginia E. Herndon. Besides the above mentioned widow and children, the deceased is survived by four brothers—Messrs. Francis M., Thomas A., Haywood and Summer F. Herndon.

The deceased was a good neighbor, a kind and affectionate husband and a devoted father, who was ever faithful to his family. All that loving hands and tender care could do was of no avail, and he said on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to his weeping wife, “Ah, child, you have done all you can. Take care of my three little girls I must go-good-bye—children. Papa can’t forget you,” and he slumbered peacefully until the end.

One of his last requests was, “Bury me in a suit of Confederate gray; let me good neighbor take charge of my body, and let my horses bear my casket to my resting place.” While he had considerable property and a large family, he made no will saying to his children, “I have planned for each of you what I want you to have and I shall die with the confidence that my people will do what I say and there is no use in writing when it is not necessary.”

Mr. Herndon’s word has been his bond all though life and he died without owing a penny. He gave lots to the poor and needy and was always generous in a cause that was just. He was a great lover of children and always made the little folks glad with gifts such as pennies from his purse.

The writer’s heart goes out in sympathy to the bereaved widow and his loving children. We trust that death may not destroy their comfort and that angels may guard them through the glom.

A Neighbor.

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**Russell, Infant**

**CANOVA CRISPS**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Russell was buried at Woodbine church on Sunday, May 12, 1912.

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## **May 24, 1912**

### **Ayres, Henry**

Mr. Henry Ayres died at 4 o'clock this morning [*May 24, 1912*] at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Wheeler, Wellington. The funeral will be at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Sudley church.

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### **Cooper, Ulysses Grant**

Ulysses Grant Cooper, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cooper, of Aden, died last Sunday [*May 12, 1912*] afternoon at one o'clock, after a brief illness of pneumonia. On Monday at three o'clock a short funeral service was held in the Aden United Brethren church of which he was a member, and the body was laid to rest in the Valley View cemetery. He is survived by his parents, four sisters and three brothers. We extend sympathy to the grieved parents who are still in distress on account of the illness of their daughter, Esther.

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## **May 31, 1912**

**(No death reports found.)**

## **June 7, 1912**

### **Bridwell, Maurice**

Little Maurice Bridwell, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bridwell, died Tuesday [*June 4, 1912*] morning after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Bridwell live in the Prescott property on Quarry Road.

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**Metherell, J. W.**

Mr. J. W. Metherell, aged 84 years, died last Sunday at his home near Hoadley after an illness of three weeks. The funeral was held at the house Tuesday afternoon, and he was buried on the old home place.

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**Maloney, John**

Mr. John Maloney, of Swetnam, died Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. The community extends sincerest sympathy to his young daughters, Misses Julia and Louise Maloney, who attended school n Manassas.

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**Davis, Hortense**

**MRS. DAVIS PASSES AWAY.**

Mrs. Hortense Davis, of Hoadley, died in Washington last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. A. Davis. She had been in ill health for some time, but bore her suffering with christian fortitude, growing steadily worse since March, while visiting her children in Washington.

Her body was carried to her old home, Elder W. M. Smoot preaching a comforting sermon, and she was buried in the cemetery at Oak Grove Church. A large congregation of friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Davis was the wife of the late Wilson Davis, of Hoadley, where the esteemed couple lived over fifty years. She was a faithful friend and a devoted wife and mother, loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by nine children: Mrs. J. T. Marshall, of Swetnam, Mrs. Wm. B. Reid, of Lorton, Mrs. Tilman Carter, of Occoquan, Mrs. Chas. A. Davis, of Washington, Mr. E. P. Davis, of Hoadley, Mr. Maurice Davis, of Clifton, and Messrs. E. F., Thad, and Wade H. Davis, of Washington.

The quiet and peaceful close of her mortal pilgrimage reminds us of the beautiful words,

“The hour of my departure’s come,  
I hear the voice that calls me home,  
And through my Saviour’s blood alone  
I look for mercy at thy throne.”  
A Friend.

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**Davis, Jane S.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear grandmother, Mrs. Jane S. Davis, who departed this life May 23<sup>rd</sup> on her eightieth birthday. She was the wife of Mr. George Davis, who died nine years ago. Her funeral took place at the M. E. Church at Oak Grove and she was buried beside her husband, near Occoquan.

She leaves eight children and many dear friends to mourn her loss. A good christian woman, loved by all who knew her, we shall never forget her kind words and dear sweet face; she was always ready and willing to help those who were in need, and, oh, how we all shall miss her. There will always be a vacant place in our home, which never can be filled.

How long she struggled against disease,  
That baffled skill and care;  
How long she lingered, racked with pain  
And suffering hard to bear.

And though at times she smiled  
A smile of heavenly birth,  
And when the angels said come home,  
She smiled farewell to earth.

What grief and pain she suffered here  
We will never know,  
For Jesus took her home with him,  
Where no tears ill ever flow.

Her busy hands are folded,  
Her toil on earth is done,  
Her troubles are all ended,  
Her heavenly crown is won.

No fear of death did she betray,  
But with a radiant face  
Gave up all things here below,  
And was locked in God's embrace.  
By Her Granddaughter,  
Amanda Ellis

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**Herndon, Earl**

**IN MEMORIAM.**

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear nephew, Earl Herndon, who died at his home on May 4, 1912. God, in his all-wise providence, has chosen from our midst one of life's most precious jewels to adorn his heavenly crown, in our esteemed friend. He was a favorite among his friends, none knew him but to love him and they will keep sacred in memory's fond recollection a friendship from which parting was a real sorrow.

If we could hear him speak,  
He thus to us would say,  
Look up dear ones and do not weep,  
But onward press your way.

Death has robbed us of a friend,  
Set a seal upon his brow,  
In the arms of our dear Savior  
He is resting now.

How often we wish and wonder  
That we knew the reason why,  
That God in all his mercy,  
Took him so early on high.

Though the grave is dark and dreary,  
There only his body doth rest,  
For his spirit is gone to heaven,  
And he lives among the blest.

Dear friends we shall miss him,  
And seek his silent grave,  
Where over his sleeping body  
Fair flowers shall gently wave.

We shall sleep but not forever,  
There shall be a glorious dawn,  
We shall meet to part, no never,  
On the resurrection morn.

By His Aunt, Viola.

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## **June 14, 1912**

### **Reid, John L.**

Mr. John L. Reid died Monday [*June 10, 1912*] at his home in Richmond. He leaves a widow, a son, Mr. Samuel Reid, and a daughter, Miss Florence Reid. Mr. Reid was born in Prince William and lived near Haymarket until a few years ago he moved to Alexandria, and thence to Richmond. He was a gallant soldier, serving in Co. H 15<sup>th</sup>, Va. Cavalry, under command of Capt. J. C. Kincheloe; was a brother of Mr. Jos. Reid, who once represented Prince William county in the Legislature; and married a Miss Goodwin, whose relatives live in Manassas. His many friends in the county will be sorry to learn of his death.

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### **Merchant, W. Hampton**

Mr. W. Hampton Merchant, aged 45 years, died last Sunday [*June 2, 1912*] afternoon in Fredericksburg at the home of his mother, Mrs. Rufus B. Merchant. Mr. Merchant, who was a well known journalist, once editor of the Prince William Times, was of a genial disposition, warm-hearted and generous and had many friends who will regret to hear of his demise.

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## **June 21, 1912**

**Janney, Eli H.**

### **DEATH OF MAJOR JANNEY**

**Former Citizen of the County and Well-Known Inventor Passes Away.**

After an illness of three years Major Eli H. Janney, 80 years old, died of infirmities of age at 6:30 o'clock Sunday [June 16, 1912] evening at his home, 607 Cameron street, Alexandria, Va.

A native of Loudoun county, Virginia, Major Janney was a prominent inventor, having devised the automatic coupler for cars which revolutionized railroading.

Entering the Confederate Army at the outbreak of hostilities, he was early promoted to the position of field quarter-master on the staff of Gen. R. E. Lee. Later he was promoted to the rank of major. At the close of the war he engaged in the dry goods business.

Later he resided at Haymarket, where he owned the fine farm that is now the property of Mr. N. T. DePauw.

Surviving him are two sons, Dr. Charles Janney and Robert E. Janney, and one daughter, Miss Nannie H. Janney.

The funeral took place at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from his home.  
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**Ritenour, Mrs. Isaac**

Mrs. Isaac Ritenour died at her home, near Neverlet, Fairfax county, yesterday [June 20, 1912] of acute indigestion after an illness of four days. The family formerly resided in this county.

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**Davis, Elinore**

Little Elinore Davis, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Davis, died in Washington on Tuesday night of cholera infantum at the age of ten months. Her remains were brought here yesterday at noon and taken to Brentsville for interment. Mr. Davis formerly resided here and his friends sympathize with him in his loss.

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**Sinclair, Jennie**

**Death of Mrs. John Sinclair.**

Mrs. Jennie Sinclair, widow of the late John Sinclair, and a sister to Mrs. Barbour, of this place, died on Sunday last, at Occoquan, of a complication of diseases, in her eightieth year.

She was buried at Brentsville on Wednesday.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Hunter, of Occoquan, Mrs. John Thornton, of Newport, Ky., and Mr. John Sinclair, of Washington.

The deceased was a member of the Baptist church and was widely known and esteemed, as shown by the large attendance at the funeral.

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**Clarkson, Jr., Hugh Thompson**

**Death in Dr. Clarkson's Family**

Little Hugh Thompson Clarkson, jr., aged eighteen months the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thompson Clarkson, and grandson of Dr. H. M. Clarkson, died after a brief illness on Tuesday afternoon, the eighteenth instant.

The funeral took place at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday morning, the service being conducted by Rev. E. S. Hinks, and the little body was laid to rest in the sweet old church yard. The young parents have the heart felt sympathy of their many friends, in their great sorrow.

“OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.”

As the sweet flower that scents the morn,

But withers in the rising day;

Thus lovely was this infant's dawn,

Thus swiftly fled his life away.

He died ere his expanding soul  
Had ever burnt with wrong desires,

Had ever spurn'd at heaven's control,  
Or ever quench'd its sacred fires.

He died to sin, he died to cares,  
But for a moment felt the rod:

O mourner, such, the Lord declares,  
Such are the children of our God.

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**Baker, Lottie**

**Death of Mrs. Filmore Baker.**

Mrs. Lottie Baker, wife of Mr. Filmore Baker, died at her home at Grand Rapids, Mich., on Friday [June 14, 1912] last in about her 65<sup>th</sup> year.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker came to this county a quarter of a century ago, where they resided, until about five years ago, and where they are both kindly remembered.

Besides the husband four sons, Messrs. W. B. Baker, of this place, and Grover, Warren and Roy, and four daughters, Vernie, Nettie, Ella and Fay, survive.

Mrs. Baker was a member of the church of Progressive Dunkards and was widely known for her amiable and generous character.

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## **June 28, 1912**

**Baker, Lottie**

**Mrs. Fillmore E. Baker Dead.**

Died at her home, near Coopersville, Mich., of acute indigestion, caused by a complication of other diseases, which had been stealthily doing their work for some time, although she had been able to go around and attend to her home duties cheerfully.

Her sudden death was a shock to her many friends. She was ill only a few hours, and seemed to realize from the first attack that she was to be called home.

Lottie Miller was born near Buffalo Mills, Pa., August 2, 1853, being the second daughter of Jacob Studebaker Miller and Eleanor Arnold Miller. Her father died a few months before she was born. Her mother, afterwards Mrs. Daniel Earnest, lived until January, 1902.

After attending common and select school at Buffalo Mills and Mann's Choice she attended the Bedford Normal school, which, at that time, was a large central school.

After teaching in various parts of the county for a number of years she was married to Fillmore E. Baker, of Millegan's Cove, Bedford county, Pa., where they lived until the spring of 1888, when they moved and located near Manassas, Va., purchasing the property which had formerly belonged to Edgar V. Weir, near Milford Mills, Va. She will be remembered by the people of that neighborhood, who lived there prior to 1902.

During the autumn of that year they sold their property and located in Ottawa county, Mich., where the family now reside.

She is survived by her husband, Fillmore E. Baker, and eleven children—William, of Manassas, Va.; Eleanor (Mrs. Thomas Barton), of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Alvernah (Mrs. Otis Vaniman), of McPherson, Kan.; Roy, of Fort Benton, Mont.; Jeannette (Mrs. Delbert Wolverton), of Conklin, Mich.; Grover, of Sullivan, Mich., and Frank, Walter, Myrtle and Faye at home, also seven grand children.

**Baker, Lottie (Cont.)**

She was laid to rest in a beautiful little cemetery under the pleasant skies, amidst the green fields and beautiful orchards of Michigan, there to remain in place free from the cares and sorrows of this life, until the joyful resurrection morn when all who have lived and walked with God shall arise and go to that home not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Her funeral was preached to a large and sympathetic audience from the words, "She hath done what she could." She was borne to her last resting place by her six grown sons. May her spirit rest in peace.

B.

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## **July 5, 1912**

**Bowman, D. F.**

### **DEATH OF D. F. BOWMAN**

**After Long Illness of Tuberculosis Mr. Bowman Passed Away Wednesday.**

Mr. D. F. Bowman died at his home near town last Wednesday [*June 26, 1912*] evening, in his forty-third year.

About three years ago Mr. Bowman suffered from an attack of pneumonia, after which he was never really well again and in a short while he realized that tuberculosis was developing. He took a long rest, but the disease made steady progress until the end.

Mr. Bowman came to this county from Lebanon, Va., in 1895, and took charge of the stave factory of Messrs. Borden Bros. & Co., and made it a success.

He was a useful citizen, public spirited and generous. During his stay here he made many friends. He was an active member of Bull Run Council, No. 115, O. F. A., and of Prince William Lodge, No. 271, I. O. O. F., and in both orders he had held the highest honors.

Messrs. J. I. Randall, B. C. Cornwell and R. S. Ayrie, of Bull Run Council, and James E. Nelson, John H. Burke and Geo. C. Hixson, of Prince William Lodge, acted as pallbearers at the funeral today. Rev. J. K. Efird, his former pastor here, is expected to conduct the funeral services. Mr. Bowman was a member of the Lutheran church here and was, for several years, superintendent of the Sunday School.

His remains are to be taken on No. 49 passenger train today for burial at his old home at Lebanon, Va.

Mr. Bowman was twice married. His last wife was the widow of the late W. I. Florence, of this town. She and one daughter by his first marriage survive.

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**Norman, Annie Lee**

Little Annie Lee Norman, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. William Norman, of Baltimore, died on Sunday last after an illness of three days, at the age of four years. Her remains were brought here Monday and interred in the cemetery, near town. She was the granddaughter of the late Edgar V. Weir and a niece of Mr. T. M. Brawner.

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**Harrell, Eliza**

**DEATH OF MRS. HARRELL**

**Mrs. John A. Harrell Passes Away After Long Illness of Cancer**

Mrs. Eliza Harrell, wife of Mr. John A. Harrell, died on Sunday [June 23, 1912] last, after a long illness with cancer, in her seventy-fifth year.

Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near town, Rev. Mr. DeLong conducting the services, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harrell, whose maiden name was Harrell, was a native of Fauquier county but has been a resident in Prince William for many years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and had a wide circle of friends.

The deceased is survived by her husband, two sons, Messrs. Egbert and A. H., and one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

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**Carter, Mrs. Robert**

**DEATH OF MRS. CARTER**

**Mrs. Robert Carter Died on Sunday Night After a Long Illness.**

Mrs. Robert Carter died at her home, about three miles south of town, on Sunday [June 23, 1912] night last after a long illness of chronic bronchitis and neuralgia.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Hixson bury-ground, near Buckhall Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased was a Miss Wolfe of Pennsylvania, coming to this county, when a small girl. She was a sister to Messrs. Charles and Forest Wolfe, who were killed by a train at Clifton about a year ago.

The bereaved husband has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

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**Beavers, J. Morgan**

**AN OLD SOLDIER DEAD**

**Another Confederate Passes Over the River to Rest Under the Trees.**

Mr. J. Morgan Beavers, an old Confederate soldier, died at his home near Token, on Sunday [June 23, 1912] last, at the age of seventy-six.

Mr. Beavers is survived by his wife, five sons, Jno. T., Samuel, James, Sampson and Will, and three daughters, all of whom are married, one living in Baltimore and Mrs. Delilah Posey and Mrs. Lenah Keys, both of this county. Two daughters are dead.

The deceased was a good soldier and carried three wounds from battle.

His remains were laid to rest in the family bury-ground, near his home, on Monday evening.

One by one the old soldiers are passing away and the real meaning of that terrible conflict, in a large measure, passes away with them. Surely all men realize that no matter what was or what might have been, it was a terrible price to pay in human suffering and death.

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**Chrisman, Arthur**

Mr. Arthur Chrisman, a cousin to Messrs. J. P. and C. C. Leachman, died on Wednesday [June 26, 1912] last at his home near the White Post.

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## **July 12, 1912**

**Beach, Thomas C.**

**KILLED IN THE WRECK**

**Engineer Thomas C. Beach Dies From Injuries Received in Collision on Southern.**

Engineer Thomas C. Beach, of Alexandria, received injuries from which he died Saturday [July 6, 1912] night and 40 or more passengers were cut and bruised when the Southern Railway limited train No. 36, Atlanta to Washington, collided head-on with a freight engine in the Pomona yards near Greensboro, N.C., at 3:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The wrecked train carried between 350 and 400 passengers, and was running at high speed. Engineer Beach applied the emergency brake 150 yards before the crash and jumped from his cab. Fireman Clinksdale jumped and escaped with slight injuries.

**Beach, Thomas C. (Cont.)**

The wreck was caused by the engine of train 36 taking an open cross-over switch, throwing it from the northbound track onto the southbound. Less than 200 yards from the open switch the freight engine stood.

The operator declares that Engineer Beach disregarded a danger signal. Officials state that the accident was due to an open switch, the responsibility for which has not been determined.

Engineer Beach had been in the service 32 years and Saturday's was his first wreck.

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**Dyer, Julia**

**DEATH OF MRS. N. C. DYER**

**Mrs. Julia Dyer Dies Unexpectedly After an Illness of Three Days at age of 64 years.**

Mrs. Julia Dyer, wife of Mr. Nathaniel C. Dyer, died at her home at Bacon Race, near Hoadley, last Wednesday [July 3, 1912] morning, presumably from apoplexy, after an illness of only three days.

She was buried today in the cemetery at Bacon Race.

She is survived by her husband, one son and five daughters.

Mrs. Dyer was a Miss Ashford and was born and lived on the farm where she died.

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**Mock, Minor**

Mr. Minor Mock, an employee of Mr. Mahlon Taylor, dropped dead this morning from an attack of acute indigestion. He was thirty-four years of age.

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**Merchant, Marion**

Little Marion Merchant, daughter of Tilden and Marion Merchant, died in Washington June 29<sup>th</sup>, of pneumonia and whooping cough, at the age of one year and three months. Her remains were taken to North Fork, Va., for burial.

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**Bridwell, Maurice Willard**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear little nephew, Maurice Willard, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bridwell, I pen the following: He peacefully fell asleep in Jesus about six o'clock on the morning of June 4, 1912, one month ago today.

He was born December 12, 1909, making his stay on earth 2 years, 5 months and 22 days. His life was so short, yet he had endeared himself to many who sadly miss him.

Besides a loving father and mother, he leaves two grandmothers, four uncles and one aunt who feel their loss deeply. Little Maurice was sick but a short time and his death was a great shock to his relatives and friends.

Darling Maurice, how brief thy stay,  
Short and hasty was thy day,  
Ending soon thy sojourn here,  
Pain or grief no more to bear.

The little bed is empty now,  
The little clothes laid by;  
A mother's hope, a father's joy  
In death's cold arm doth lie.

Our little darling has gone to that beautiful land  
Of peach and joy and rest.  
He's singing the songs of the heavenly band  
In the home of the happy and blest.

Hard it is from thee to part,  
Yea, it rends my aching heart!  
Since an heir to glory's gone,  
Let the will of God be done.

Written by his aunt,  
July 4, 1912                      L. V. H.  
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## **July 19, 1912**

**Portner, Anna**

### **DEATH OF MRS. PORTNER**

#### **Mrs. Robert Portner Passes Peacefully Away at her Home, Annaburg, Near Town.**

Mrs. Anna Portner, widow of the late Robert Portner, died at her home, Annaburg, near town, last Friday [July 12, 1912] afternoon, at the age of sixty-four.

Mrs. Portner's death came as the result of an illness extending over several months, and culminating in a stroke of paralysis about ten days ago. From this seizure she failed to rally.

Mrs. Portner was born in Switzerland, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johann Jacob van Valaer, coming to this country when only a child, her home being at Alexandria. In 1872 she was married to Robert Portner, founder of the Portner Brewing Company of Alexandria, and for several years the family resided in the Virginia city, later removing to Washington.

Mrs. Portner was actively interested in various charitable works in Washington, being a member of the boards of governors of George Washington University Hospital, the German Orphan Asylum and the Washington Home for Foundlings, contributing largely to the support of the last two charities. She was also prominent in the social life of the city and for many years was one of Washington's most lavish and hospitable entertainers. Her home at 1104 Vermont avenue was, until two years ago, the center of many of the city's most attractive social events. At that time she leased the residence to the Chilean minister, the house now being used as the legation.

Since surrendering the Vermont avenue house Mrs. Portner has occupied the house at 1523 new Hampshire avenue as a winter residence, her summers being spent at Annaburg.

Her husband, Mr. Robert Portner, died in 1906, and left a valuable estate. Among his benefactions were \$5,000, in trust for the poor of Manassas, \$5,000 for Manassas street improvements and \$5,000 towards the erection of a temple for Manasseh Lodge, No. 52, A. F & A. M., of which fraternity he was a member.

Ten children survive, these being Edward G., Alvin O., Paul V., Oscar C. and Herman Portner, and Mrs. Jules H. Koehler, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. William Payne Meredith, of Manassas, and Mrs. Larimer C. Graham and Misses Anna and Hilda Portner.

The funeral took place from the residence at 7 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, of All Souls' Unitarian church, Washington, officiating. The interment was in the family lot in which Mr. Portner is buried in the Manassas Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Mrs. Portner's five sons and son-in-law William Payne Meredith.

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**Loveless, Mabel**

Mrs. Mabel loveless died at her home in Washington last Tuesday [July 9, 1912] of tuberculosis in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Her remains were brought here and taken to Brentsville, her former home, for interment.

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**Kopp, Julia**

Mrs. Julia Kopp, wife of Mr. D. E. Kopp, died at her home, west of town, early this morning [July 19, 1912] from a complication of diseases. Her remains will be taken to the cemetery of the Dunkard church at Valley Pike Sunday for interment. She is survived by her husband and three daughters.

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## **July 26, 1912**

**Flory, Lillie**

**DEATH OF MRS. J. T. FLORY**

**Mrs. Flory Passes Peacefully Away Last Monday After Short Illness.**

Mrs. Lillie Flory, wife of Rev. Jas. T. Flory, both former residents of Rockingham county, died at 9 o'clock Monday [July 22, 1912] morning at her home near Nokesville, her death resulting from a complication of diseases. While she had been in bad health for some time her real illness lasted but a few weeks.

The deceased, who was formerly Miss Lillie Reherd, was born near Beaver Crook on Dry River 40 years ago. Her father, the late Lewis H. Reherd, a brother of D. C., James E. and P. W. Reherd, of Harrisonburg, died when she was three years old. After his death her mother, who, before her marriage was Miss Margaret Shaver, moved to Mill Creek, near Goods Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Flory were married in October, 1901, and since their marriage have resided in this county.

Mrs. Flory had been a member of the Church of the Brethren since girlhood and her funeral was held from the Valley Church of the Brethren near Nokesville, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Henry C. Early, of Washington, a former pastor of the Goods Mill congregation, and the pastor who baptized Mrs. Flory into the Brethren faith and who later officiated at her wedding. Mr. Early was on a visit to friends in Goods Mill when he received the telegram informing him of her death and requesting him to conduct the funeral.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Flory leaves four children, the youngest being but sixteen months old. One sister, Mrs. Ella Flory, of Bridgewater, survives.

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**Leake, Bertie**

**DEATH OF MRS. W. S. LEAKE**

**Funeral Services of Well Known Baptist Worker Held on Last Tuesday.**

Known by fame to every Baptist in the State and personally to a host of church people, one of the most active workers of that denomination in Virginia passed away Monday [July 22, 1912] in the person of Mrs. W. S. Leake, who died at 8 o'clock in the morning at the home of R. L. Barnes on Brook road, near Richmond. She was the wife of Rev. W. S. Leake and had worked by his side since their marriage.

For the past five years Mrs. Leake had been leader of the Young Woman's missionary work of the State. Before that she was corresponding secretary of the missionary Union of Virginia. She was prominent in Sunday School and Philathea work, and for years had taught a class of young women in Grove Avenue Baptist church.

Mr. Leake is well known over the state. For eight years he was State evangelist of the State Mission board, later taking the Richmond college endowment fund, which he has charge of now.

Mr. Leake was pastor at one time of Fulton Baptist church, Richmond, and of West End church, Petersburg, and market Memorial church, Danville.

Mrs. Leake was Miss Bertie French, and when a girl lived at Pearisburg.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Leake are well known here to the Baptist congregation.

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**Powell, Albert**

Albert Powell, a young colored man of this place, died Tuesday of tuberculosis.  
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**Meetze, Christopher**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of dear little Christopher Meetze, who departed this life July 19, 1911.

Oh dear Christopher, thy gentle voice is hushed;  
Thy warm true heart is still,  
And on thy pale and peaceful face  
Is resting death's cold chill.

**Meetze, Christopher (Cont.)**

Dearest Christopher, thou has left us  
For thy peaceful home above,  
And we cannot see thy heavenly form,  
But our hearts are swelled with love.

Christopher, though was mild and loving,  
Gentle as the flowers of spring.  
He is now our guardian angel,  
With a swift and snowy wing.  
A Friend, A. F. S.

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## **August 2, 1912**

**Maxwell, Robert W.**

### **DEATH OF R. W. MAXWELL**

**Mr. Robert W. Maxwell Dies Near Independent Hill After Lingering Illness.**

Mr. Robert Maxwell died near Independent Hill last Monday [July 22, 1912] night of a complication of diseases.

He had been in bad health for a long time and his death was not unexpected.

He was buried at the Woodbine Baptist Church on Tuesday, Rev. Dr. Quarles, of this place, conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Maxwell was a Scotch Canadian but had been a resident of this county for many years, and for a long time lived near Buckhall and was in the employ of the Southern Railway.

He was a good citizen and neighbor and a man of genial and kindly disposition.

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**Dyer, Julia F.**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of Mrs. Julia F. Dyer, who departed this life July 10, 1912 in her 57<sup>th</sup> year. Her funeral took place at Oak Grove Baptist Church, and she was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

She had been in bad health for a number of years, but was critically ill only a few days before her death.

She leaves surviving her, her husband, Mr. N. C. Dyer, and six children, five girls and one boy. She was a devoted wife and mother and loved by all who knew her.

**Dyer, Julia F. (Cont.)**

Jesus while our hearts are bleeding,  
O'er the spoils that death has won,  
We would at this solemn meeting  
Calmly say—Thy will be done.

Though cast down, we are not forsaken;  
Though afflicted not alone  
Thou didst give, and Thou has taken  
Blessed Lord, Thy will be done.  
A Friend.

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## **August 9, 1912**

**Latimer, Charles M. N.**

### **DEATH OF DR. LATIMER**

**A Former Resident of This County Dies at His Home in Washington.**

Dr. Charles M. N. Latimer, aged fifty-five years and one of Washington's best known dentists, died at his home, 1322 L street, northwest, that city, after a brief illness. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Stella A. Waters before her marriage, a sister to Mr. R. M. Waters, of this town; two sons, Edwin and Robert, and one daughter, Stella.

He was a graduate of the Baltimore Dental College and began the practice of his profession in Washington when but twenty-two years old.

Dr. Latimer was a sportsman. He loved good horses and always kept one.

He spent much time in the winter hunting, and during his spare time in the summer he would go fishing.

The funeral was held from St. Patrick's Catholic church Friday morning, conducted by Father McNamara. The interment will be held in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Dr. Latimer was a native of Prince William and had many friends and relatives here.

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**Robertson, George**

Mr. George Robertson, a well known citizen of the county, died at his home, near Nokesville, on Thursday [August 1, 1912] last from paralysis. He will be buried in the family bury ground to-day.

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**Keys, Infant Daughter**

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Keys died Monday [August 5, 1912] morning. Its funeral was preached by Rev. Clifton Starke at the hall. Its remains were laid to rest in the church yard. The pallbearers were four little girls—Misses Kincheloe, Miss Florence and Miss Greenwood.

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**Bishop, Linwood**

**LINWOOD BISHOP DIES.**

Master Linwood Bishop, of Warrenton, died in Providence Hospital, Washington, at an early hour Monday morning, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from the effects of a bullet through the head fired just six days before. Previous to his death he had regained consciousness and spoken to his mother and others, showing possession of his faculties, and at times his friends were hopeful of his recovery.

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**August 16, 1912**

**Fitzwater, S. W.**

**SUICIDE OF MR. FITZWATER**

**A Well Known Real Estate Man of the County Ends His Life in Washington.**

Mr. S. W. Fitzwater, of Nokesville, this county, a member of the real estate firm of Fitzwater, Earhart & Co., was found dead in a room in the Lawrence hotel on Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, Friday [August 9, 1912] afternoon. It is believed he committed suicide by taking poison.

The proprietor of the hotel found Fitzwater dead in his bed about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. He said Mr. Fitzwater looked ill when he entered the hotel and he was solicitous about him, and for that reason entered the man's room.

The police were notified, and the body was removed to the morgue. An autopsy, performed by Assistant Coroner White, showed that Fitzwater had died of poison, it is said. It is believed Fitzwater took the drug with suicidal intent.

Mr. Fitzwater had several slips, showing he had deposited money in a Nokesville bank, and a railroad ticket and a small amount of cash in his pocket.

The police communicated with his friends in Nokesville and Mr. Baker, an undertaker from this place, went down and prepared the body for burial. His remains were taken to Valley View cemetery Sunday for interment.

**Fitzwater, S. W. (Cont.)**

Mr. Fitzwater was about fifty years of age and was a native of West Virginia, but he removed to the Valley of Virginia when a young man, where he married a Miss Anderson. He moved to this county five years ago.

His widow, father, a brother and sister—all residents of the county—survive him.

We learn that this was not Mr. Fitzwater's first attempt at self-destruction but over the man's frailties, for the sake of family and friends, let us draw the veil of charity. He had his weaknesses and some of them may have been even greater than the weakness shown in the morbid appetites that revel and feast on other's misdeeds.

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**James, Virginia**

Mrs. Virginia James died in Hamilton last Tuesday [August 6, 1912] at the age of seventy-eight. She has many relatives in this county.

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**Taylor, Sarah**

Sarah Taylor, one of the oldest colored residents of the town, died last Friday [August 9, 1912] from general debility. She was much respected by many of the oldest families in town.

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**Water, Infant Son**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters died on Friday [August 9, 1912] evening last and its remains were laid to rest Sunday morning at nine o'clock in the cemetery near town.

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**Smallwood, Owen**

Mr. Owen Smallwood, a young man from the Buckhall neighborhood, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday [August 10, 1912]. His remains were brought here Monday and taken to Buckhall for interment.

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## **August 23, 1912**

### **Sanders, Mary**

Miss Mary Sanders, of Occoquan, died at the Alexandria hospital last Monday [August 12, 1912] at the age of twenty-five.  
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### **Haislip, James**

Mr. James Haislip died at his home in Alexandria county last Wednesday [August 14, 1912] night of typhoid fever at the age of fifty-two. He was a native of this county.  
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### **Arnold, Robert A.**

We learn as we go to press that Mr. Robert A. Arnold, of Independent Hill, died last night [August 22, 1912] at the home of Mr. E. M. Cornwell, at Brentsville. He was over seventy years of age and was unmarried. Funeral at the church at Independent Hill tomorrow (Saturday) at one o'clock.  
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## **August 30, 1912**

### **Hatcher, William E.**

#### **DEATH OF DR. HATCHER Was Prominent Minister and Founder of Virginia Baptist Orphanage.**

Lynchburg, Va., August 24.—Dr. William E. Hatcher, aged seventy-eight, prominent in the Southern Baptist General Convention; for twenty-five years pastor of Grace Street Baptist Church, of Richmond, and President of Fork Union Military Academy, died there Saturday [August 24, 1912] afternoon after a brief illness. His death was sudden.

Before the civil war he preached in Baltimore and later at Petersburg and Manchester, Va. He was the organizer of the Virginia Baptist Orphanage at Salem and president of its board of trustees. Among his surviving children are Dr. E. B. Hatcher, of

**Hatcher, William E. (Cont.)**

Baltimore, and Miss Orié L. Hatcher, who is a member of the faculty of Bryn Mawr College. His widow also survives.

Dr. Hatcher was born in Bedford county, Va., July 25, 1834. His parents then lived in the house which has been the birthplace of Rev. J. B. Jeter.

During his early life he was too frail to engage in heavy work on the farm and his youth was spent largely in reading such books as he could get hold of. At the age of eighteen he was able to teach school, and in 1854 he entered Richmond College, to remain there until the spring of 1858, when he received his bachelor's degree. The graduating essay, which he read on the occasion of commencement, foreshadowed the entertaining style which was to make the future preacher a favorite with his congregations and with his readers as a literary man.

As a preacher, Dr. Hatcher had always been in demand, both in his own section and in the Northern States. His style of speaking was at once easy and profound. His ability as a writer was not less than that as a speaker, and he contributed frequently, during the last few years, to periodicals of all kinds. At one time he was editor of the *Religious Herald*, of this city.

Besides his reputation as a preacher and pastor, his executive ability won for him many positions of trust and honor in the religious world. He was president of the board of trustees of Richmond College, a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Theological Seminary, president of the Virginia Baptist Orphanage trustees, and president of the Virginia Board of Education for the Baptist Convention of this State. He was president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia for two years.

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**Wilkins, Henry**

Henry Wilkins, a well know colored man of this place, died yesterday [*August 29, 1912*] at noon of the complication of diseases.

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**Rolls, Margaret**

Mrs. Margaret Rolls, of Occoquan, died at the Alexandria hospital last Friday [*August 23, 1912*] of paralysis. Her remains were taken to Occoquan Sunday for burial.

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**Badger, H. H.**

Mr. H. H. Badger, eldest son of Elder Badger, died of tuberculosis in New York last Sunday [August 18, 1912] night. Miss Helen Badger, sister of the deceased, left Tuesday to attend the funeral.

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**Spittle, Leanna**

Miss Leanna Spittle died Friday, Aug. 16, at the home of Mr. R. A. Cooper at Brentsville, in her sixty-ninth year of a complication of diseases. Her remains were laid to rest in the Buckhall church yard the following day, Rev. W. S. Willy conducting the funeral services.

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**Moncure, Thomas J.**

Mr. Thomas J. Moncure, of Stafford county, a member of the Constitutional Convention, died Tuesday [August 27, 1912] at his home, near Fredericksburg, aged 79 years. He was struck by a runaway horse and lived but a short time thereafter. He is survived by two brothers, Richard Moncure, of Richmond, and Judge E. C. Moncure, of Bowling Green, and three sons, W. A. Moncure, of Philadelphia; State Senator R. C. L. Moncure, of Stafford, and Robinson Moncure, of Alexandria.

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**Hunton, Sarah Ball**

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ball Hunton, who died on the twenty-second instant at the home of her son, Mr. Charles Hunton, in New York, took place at St. Pauls church on Saturday morning last, the interment being in the church yard. Mrs. Hunton was the widow of Mr. Logan Hunton, late of "Serro Gordo," Buckland, and had many relatives and friends in this section.

M.

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## September 6, 1912

Mock, Minor

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of my dear brother, minor Mock, who died July 12, 1912, and was 37 years old when he died, Gone but not forgotten.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.

God, in His wisdom, has recalled  
The boon his love had given,  
And though the body slumbers here,  
The soul is safe in Heaven.

Written by his sister, M. H. T.

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## September 13, 1912

Sillings, Arthur L.

Mr. Arthur L. Sillings, brother of Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, died in Ross, Cal., last Friday [September 6, 1912]. Mr. Sillings was engaged in business here awhile with his father, but remained only a short time before going to California, where he was extensively engaged in art leather goods. His remains were laid to rest in his adopted home.

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## September 20, 1912

Ford, E. R.

### SUICIDE OF MR. E. R. FORD

**A Former Business Man of This Place Takes His Life in Alexandria County.**

The body of Mr. E. R. Ford, a resident of Washington, was found Wednesday [September 18, 1912] morning near the tracks of the Great Falls Railway, in the vicinity

**Ford, E. R. (Cont.)**

of Mackey station. He had committed suicide some time during the night by shooting himself in the head. He had on his person a considerable sum of money, a gold watch and other articles.

Mr. Ford was lying on his left side with his hands folded across his chest. The revolver was about two feet away, indicating that he had rolled down the hill after firing the fatal shot.

Mr. Ford was fifty-four years old, and for many years was engaged in the lunch room business at Seventh and F streets, northwest. About a year ago he sold out his lunch room and three months ago he opened a grocery store at Twenty-first and M streets, northwest. The venture is said to have proved unsuccessful, and Ford, according to relatives, was in financial difficulties.

Mr. Ford was in business here about twenty years ago, and is widely known in Northern Virginia. He was a kinsman of Colonel Willard and of Mr. C. Vernon Ford, commonwealth's attorney of Fairfax.

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**Muddiman, Mrs. George W.**

**DEATH OF MRS. MUDDIMAN**

**After a Lingerin Illness of Many Months Mrs. Geo. W. Muddiman Passes Away.**

Mrs. George W. Muddiman died on Tuesday [*September 10, 1912*] night last, after a long illness, as the result of a paralytic stroke, a few years ago.

At first, it was hoped she would rally from the attack, but slowly her general health became impaired, and she suffered a gradual decline until the end.

Mrs. Muddiman, who was a Miss Wolverton, was born in this county fifty-nine years ago, and had been married forty-four years.

She was a devout and useful member of the Presbyterian church and always ready for any call of charity or religion.

Her funeral services were held yesterday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Clark conducting the services. Her remains were laid to rest in the Manassas cemetery.

She is survived by her husband and one son, Mr. S. W. Muddiman, of Chase City, Va.; Mrs. A. N. Muddiman, of Roanoke, and Mrs. W. R. Wilson, of Kenova, W. Va. One daughter, Mrs. Annie Shirley, wife of Mr. E. S. Shirley, died suddenly last summer almost before the orange flowers had faded.

It is the good fortune of but few to have behind such kindly remembrance as is the lot of the departed.

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## **September 27, 1912**

**Haydon, Bertha M.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. HAYDON**

**Mrs. Chalice Haydon, of This County, Dies Suddenly in the Garfield Hospital.**

Mrs. Bertha M. Haydon, wife of Mr. Chalice Haydon, of Buckland, and daughter of Mrs. R. Heber Murphy, of Washington, died on Saturday morning, the 21<sup>st</sup> instant, at the Garfield hospital, Washington.

Her sudden death was a great shock to a large circle of relatives and friends, as she was considered convalescent of her recent illness, and had expected to leave the hospital in a few days.

Her funeral took place at St. Paul's church, Haymarket, on Monday morning, Rev. A. G. Grinnan officiating, and she was laid to rest in the churchyard by the side of her infant son, who died just two weeks before, aged two days.

Mrs. Haydon was a woman of high standing and a faithful and devoted member of the Episcopal church.

M.

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**Garrison, H. Tyler**

Mr. H. Tyler Garrison, a brother-in-law of Mr. F. E. Ransdell, of this place, died at his home in Stafford, yesterday [*September 26, 1912*]. His remains will be brought here for interment tomorrow, about noon. He is survived by several children. His wife died several years ago.

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## **October 4, 1912**

**(No death reports found.)**

## **October 11, 1912**

**Shoemaker, Mrs. B. A.**

### **SUDDEN DEATH NEAR TOWN**

#### **Mrs. Shoemaker Dies Very Suddenly on Monday Last at Advanced Age.**

Mrs. Shoemaker, wife of Mr. B. A. Shoemaker, died very suddenly last Monday [September 30, 1912] at her home, South of town of paralysis.

About two years ago she suffered a paralytic stroke but recovered from its effects and had been in good health until the sudden end on Monday.

Mrs. Shoemaker was the mother of Mrs. Boston Steele and came to this county a few years ago from Southwest Virginia. She was a woman of rare intellect and was always active in the home circle and the affairs of her church, being a devoted member of the Missionary Baptist church.

Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery, near town, on Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Clark and Dr. Quarles officiating at the funeral services.

Besides her husband, three sons and four daughters survive her. A brother, Mr. James Elliott, of Missouri, at the ripe old age of eighty-two, was here for the funeral services.

The reaper gathered but it was the ripened, golden grain and an untarnished memory remains.

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**Renoe, Jno. H.**

### **DEATH OF MR. J. H. RENOE**

#### **A Well Known Citizen of the County Dies Last Monday After Long Illness.**

Mr. Jno. H. Renoe, living near Canova, in this county, died on Monday [September 30, 1912] evening last after an illness of several months.

Mr. Renoe was a native of this county and served in the Confederate army. With limited opportunities, life to him was a success. He was a good citizen, a good neighbor and a kind husband and father and passed peacefully away after more than eighty summers, leaving a widow and five children.

The funeral services were held at the home yesterday morning and his remains laid to rest in the cemetery near town.

Rev. Dr. Quarles of this place conducted the funeral services.

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**Athey, W. E.**

Mr. W. E. Athey, of Warrenton, son of the late Elder W. S. Athey and a brother to Messrs. W. S. and T. H. Athey, of this place, died on Saturday [September 28, 1912] last at the age of forty-six years.

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## October 18, 1912

Langyher, W. S.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear father, W. S. Langyher, who was cremated in his old home October 13, 1908, just four years ago.

Friends may think that we have forgotten  
And our wounded hearts are healed;  
But they little know the sorrow  
That within our hearts concealed.

How often we wished and wondered  
That we knew the reason why;  
That God in his infinite mercy  
Took our dear father so soon on high.

We have missed thy kind and willing hand;  
Thy fond and earnest care;  
Our home is lonely without thee;  
We miss you everywhere.

Oh dear father, you are sweetly sleeping,  
Free from every earthly pain,  
But we have the consolation  
That we all shall meet again.

We do not know when we may fall  
Beneath that chastening rod;  
One must be first,  
But let us all prepare to meet our God.

Written by his devoted wife and children.

Dora V. Langyher.

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## **October 25, 1912**

**Dodd, Lavinia C.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. J. H. DODD**

**Mrs. Lavinia C. Dodd Passes Away at the home of Her Brother-in-Law.**

Died on Tuesday evening, October 15<sup>th</sup>, after a short illness, at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. G. W. Shirley, near Waterfall, Mrs. Lavinia C. Dodd, in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Mrs. Dodd, who was the eldest daughter of the late James Smith, and widow of Jas. H. Dodd, was born and reared in this county, but for many years has resided in Washington. She annually visited her old home and relatives here, where she had a host of friends. But death, the reaper, claimed her for his own, "ere" her visit was over.

Two sisters and one brother survive her in this county—Mrs. James Hulfish and Mrs. Jas. W. Bell, of Haymarket, and Mr. J. P. Smith, of Waterfall, who accompanied her remains to Washington on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Dodd is survived by four daughters and one son—Mrs. R. L. Vanhoon, Mrs. C. C. Guilford, Mrs. P. C. Bowen and Mrs. Frederick Lepper, all of Washington, and Mr. Frank Dodd, of Colonial Beach.

Too much cannot be said of this excellent woman. She was true to ever relation of life. A faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a devout christian, who knew no law, but kindness and duty. Her price was far above rubies and her children will arise up and call her blessed.

The funeral was from Epworth M. E. Church, South, of which she was a charter member, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Fultz. The pall-bearers were her grandsons—Messrs. Lee Vanhoon, Norman Dodd, Arthur and Carlton Guilford, Russell Lepper and W. H. Dodge. The interment was in Oak Hill cemetery, that beautiful "City of the Dead," where she rests under a mound of flowers.

B.

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**Robertson, Anna Estelle**

### **IN MEMORIAM.**

Anna Estelle Robertson, infant daughter of Mr. C. H. and Mrs. Rosie Robertson, died October 17, 1912, aged 4 years.

Death is always an unwelcome visitor but it seems his footsteps are most dreadful when he comes into our homes and carries away our little ones that we love more than our own lives. He knocked at the door at this home and little Anna answered the summons.

She was laid to rest on Saturday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>, in the family burying ground, near Thoroughfare, Va.

**Robertson, Anna Estelle (Cont.)**

Written by F. C.

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**Dodd, Lavenia**

### **NOTES FROM WATERFALL**

Our community was shocked very much last week by the sudden death of Mrs. Lavenia Dodd, of Washington, who was visiting at the home of Mr. Will Shirley.

She will be missed very much by her children, brothers, sisters and friends, as she was a devoted mother, loving sister and a worthy friend of all who knew her. She was a christian woman and a member of Epworth Methodist church, of Washington. The world is better by her having lived in it, as she was a worthy example for her children and friends. Our loss is her eternal gain. The funeral services were held in Epworth church, Washington, Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## **November 1, 1912**

**(No death reports found.)**

## **November 8, 1912**

**Hynson, Fred W.**

### **MR. FRED W. HYNSON DIES**

**Succumbs to Brief Illness in George Washington Hospital, Washington.**

Mr. Fred W. Hynson, of Westmoreland county, former Manassas resident and well-known in the town and county, died Monday [November 4, 1912] night at 11:30 o'clock in George Washington Hospital, Washington, to which institution he was removed last week. Mr. Hynson had suffered some time from heart affection.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the Manassas Baptist Church, Rev. T. D. D. Clark conducting the services. Interment was made in the Manassas cemetery.

Mr. Hynson was born in Westmoreland county fifty-eight years ago. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Manassas for some time, leaving town about five years ago.

**Hynson, Fred W. (Cont.)**

He is survived by two sons, Mr. Fred Hynson, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Reed Hynson, of Baltimore; one daughter, Mrs. A. B. Rogers, of Occoquan, and one brother, Mr. Sedrick Hynson, of Washington.

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**Mulholland, Patrick**

**MR. MULHOLLAND'S DEATH**

**Esteemed Citizen Died Tuesday at Home of His Daughter at Nokesville.**

Mr. Patrick Mulholland, an old and esteemed citizen, of Manassas, died Tuesday [November 5, 1912] evening in Nokesville at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Wells.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from All Saints' Catholic Church, with interment in the Manassas cemetery.

Mr. Mulholland was born in Manassas, February 20, 1839, and has been engaged in business here for a number of years. Four children survive him.

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**Keith, Sarah Blackwell**

Mrs. Sarah Blackwell Keith, widow of Mr. Isham Keith, died at Woodburne, near Warrenton, Saturday [November 2, 1912] night after a lingering illness. Mrs. Keith was a sister-in-law of Judge James Keith, at one time Judge of this circuit.

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**Abell, Josephine Graffam**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of little Josephine Graffam, 18 months old, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Abell, who peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on October 30, 1912.

Darling Josephine how brief thy stay,

Short and hasty was thy day,

Ending soon thy sojourn here,

Pain or grief no more to bear.

**Abell, Josephine Graffam (Cont.)**

The little bed is empty now,  
The little clothes laid away,  
A mother's hope, a father's joy  
In death's cold arms doth lie.

Our little darling has gone to that beautiful land,  
Of peace and joy and rest,  
She is singing the songs of the heavenly band  
In the home of the happy and blest.

Hard it is from thee to part,  
Yea, it rends my aching heart,  
Since an heir to glory gone,  
Let the will of God be done.  
Written by a Friend, A. C. D.

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**Mulholland, Patrick**

The Journal was in error last week in stating that Mr. Patrick Mulholland was born in Manassas. Mr. Mulholland was born in New York in 1839 and came here with his parents in 1841.

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**Strother, Alfred M.**

Mr. Alfred M. Strother, age 67 years, one of Mosby's men and an old resident of Fauquier county died very suddenly on October 25, at his home near Paris. He was survived by wife and three children, E. L. Strother, of Occoquan, Casper Strother, of Paris, and Mrs. C. C. Furr, of Washington.

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**Ruffner, Elmira Stevens**

**Mrs. Elmira Ruffner.**

Mrs. Elmira Stevens Ruffner, of Orlando, departed this life last Sunday [November 2, 1912] morning, after an illness lasting several years.

**Ruffner, Elmira Stevens (Cont.)**

She was born in Rockingham county seventy-seven years ago, and after her marriage to Mr. Robert M. Ruffner, of Rockingham, they moved to this county. Mrs. Ruffner professed religion at the U. B. Church with her husband many years ago, and lived in the faith until her death.

She leaves a devoted husband, six children, several grand children, and many friends to mourn her loss. The children are: Mrs. Mittie Rogers, of Stanley, Page county; Mrs. Daisy Brown, of North Carolina; Mr. William Ruffner, of Washington; and Miss Mary Ruffner, Mrs. Lula Barbee, and Mr. Frank Ruffner, of Orlando.

We extend our sympathy to all the bereft, and especially to Father Ruffner in his personal affliction as well as his bereavement, and may the good Lord bless all who may be concerned.

A Friend.

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## **November 22, 1912**

**Strother, Mrs. Robert Fenton**

Mrs. Robert Fenton Strother, of Markham, died Wednesday [November 20, 1912] morning at the home of her daughter near Paris. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon with interment on the home place. Mrs. Strother was a sister-in-law of Miss Gertrude Strother, of this place, and was well-known here. Mrs. S. T. Weir attended the funeral.

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## **November 29, 1912**

**Hershey, Mrs. M. K.**

Mrs. M. K. Hershey, widow of the late M. K. Hershey was found dead at her home near Aden at the age of sixty years, the cause of her death being heart trouble. She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth and Ethel, and one son, Oscar. Oscar Corder, a brother of Mrs. Hershey dropped dead in Washington a short while ago. The funeral took place yesterday, the Rev. Royal Cook officiating. Interment was made in Greenwich cemetery.

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## **December 6, 1912**

**Moore, Hannah Morris**

### **DEATH OF MRS. MOORE.**

Mrs. Hannah Morris Moore, widow of Thomas Moore, died at her home at Fairfax, Va., on Sunday [November 24, 1912] afternoon last. The funeral services were held there at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning. They were conducted by Rev. Dr. Frank Page.

Mrs. Moore, who was a great-granddaughter of Lewis Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was 78 years old. She was also a granddaughter of Gen. Jacob Walton Morris of the Revolutionary army.

Mrs. Moore is survived by one son, Hon. R. Walton Moore, an attorney, and four daughters—Mrs. Thomas R. Keith and the Misses Helen, Jennie and Margaret Moore.  
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**Early, Oscar N.**

Oscar N. Early, of Nokesville, died last Friday [November 29, 1912] night at the University of Virginia Hospital. On Monday last he was found unconscious in the barnyard, on his farm, and it was supposed that he was kicked in the abdomen by a horse. His suffering was so great that he was never able to give a connected story of his injuries. He was brought here for treatment Wednesday. Mr. Early was about sixty years of age. Most of his life was spent in Sugar Hollow, this county. About ten years ago he sold his property in Albemarle and purchased a farm in Prince William County. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Brown, daughter of the late Brazeel I. Brown, of this county. The remains were taken to Crozet, this county, for interment.

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**Bell, Susan**

Miss Susan Bell, a life-long resident of this vicinity, died on Monday [December 2, 1912] afternoon at the home of her brother, Mr. James Bell, near Haymarket. Her funeral took place on Wednesday from the Gainesville Methodist church, of which she was a member.

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## **December 13, 1912**

**Smith**, Thomas Jefferson

### **MR. THOS. J. SMITH DIES**

**End Came Monday Evening After Long Illness—A Good Man Gone to His Reward.**

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Smith died Monday [*December 9, 1912*] evening at his home near town, after a lingering illness of nearly twelve months. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock from the Manassas Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles conducting the services.

Mr. Smith was born in Fauquier county, near The Plains, in 1844 and came to Manassas about thirty-five years ago, for some time conducting a general store in the Lipscomb building at the corner of Main and Centre streets, destroyed by fire in 1911. He was a member of the Black Horse cavalry under Captain Payne.

He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Virginia Hooe, of this place; three sisters, Miss Nettie Smith, Miss Maggie Smith and Mrs. C. A. S. Hopkins, all of Manassas; and two brothers, Mr. A. L. Smith and Mr. Hubert Smith, both of Birmingham, Alabama.

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**Moore**, Infant

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore died on Monday night, Dec. 2. The interment took place in the Presbyterian churchyard on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

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## **December 20, 1912**

**Leachman**, John Thomas

### **COL. J. T. LEACHMAN DIES**

**Oldest Citizen of Prince William And One of Most Generally Known Men in Virginia.**

Mr. John Thomas Leachman, one of the most extensively and favorable known residents of Northern Virginia, succumbed to the infirmities of age and "passed over the river," at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. R. C. Buck, near Milford Mills, Monday [*December 16, 1912*] morning, in the 92<sup>nd</sup> year of his age.

**Leachman, John Thomas (Cont.)**

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, Elder J. N. Badger, of the Primitive Baptist church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground, at Cedar Grove, the premises of Mr. J. P. Leachman, near Bristow.

The pallbearers were—Messrs. John Elliott, Thomas Carroll, Charles Lynn, Welford Buck and Carlyle Buck, all grandsons of the deceased.

Mr. Leachman is survived by six daughters—Mrs. J. Frank Dogan, Mrs. Roberta Lynn, Mrs. Bessie A. Elliott and Mrs. R. C. Buck, of Manassas and vicinity; Mrs. E. L. Carroll, of Charlottesville, and Miss Katherine Leachman, of St. Mary's City, Md., and by three sons—Messrs. J. P. and C. C. Leachman, of Manassas, and Thomas R. Leachman, of Lynchburg; by thirty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Lewis, of this county, preceded him to the grave a number of years ago.

The large concourse of friends and relatives which attended the obsequies, together with the many handsome floral tributes, were mute testimonials of the love and esteem in which the deceased—the highest type of Virginia manhood—was held.

For many years Colonel Leachman, as he was familiarly known, was identified with the public schools of Manassas district, serving as chairman of the district school board for a lengthy period. It was largely through his valuable services as guide for Generals Longstreet and Jackson, which placed the Confederate forces in Pope's rear at the Second Battle of Bull Run, that the battle was won by the Confederates.

Colonel Leachman was of the highest type of citizenship and his loss is a distinctive one to the county. It is no exaggeration to say that few people of the county commanded more respect and admiration than did the subject of this notice, for he possessed qualities of head and heart which endeared him to all with whom he came in social and business contact. His nature seemed bent upon working out plans for the betterment of humanity in the community in which he lived and his counsel was frequently sought and given in the attainment of such purpose. Colonel Leachman, though conservative in his views, possessed the courage of his convictions and refused to yield where justice and right would be sacrificed. This characteristic of this ground old man was fully exemplified to the writer during his long service with him on the school board referred to.

Those whose intimacy with Colonel Leachman did not extend to his fireside, through no fault of his hospitality, are little able to judge of many of his noble characteristics, for it was there that the perfect devotion of husband and father and of old Virginia hospitality were made manifest.

By precept and example he contributed to the virtue and morality of every circle he entered and his memory is now inscribed upon the hearts of many who have profited by his wisdom and association.

The Journal extends its sincerest sympathy to the sorrowing family in the hour of its bereavement and trusts that the knowledge that a long life of usefulness has been brought to a close far beyond the allotted time, may assuage the grief that would otherwise bear more heavily upon the hearts of those who mourn the loss of a father's presence and of a father's love.

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**Bernado, Martha**

**DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION**

**Bride of Four Days Found Dead in Washington—Young Husband Unconscious.**

Last Friday evening at the Waring property, Elder J. F. Preist married Miss Martha Keys, the pretty twenty-three-year-old daughter of Mr. Robert Keys, of Brentsville, and Mr. Jerry Bernado, 28 years old, a young Italian, who lives in Washington. Tuesday [December 17, 1912] evening the couple was found at a rooming house, 410 K street, N. W., Washington, the girl dead, and the man senseless. Three gas jets were open.

The man was rushed to Casualty Hospital, where physicians stated that he had about equal chances of recovery. The Sixth precinct was notified, and the ambulance was called. Coroner Nevitt went to the house shortly afterward in response to a call, but decided to postpone a decision of the case and manner of the girl's death until further investigation. Later the girl's body was turned over to an undertaker.

The only person who could throw any light on the mystery is Mr. John May, of 11 P street, northeast, who, about two months ago, married Miss Emma Keys, a cousin of the deceased. Since this marriage Mr. May has been making week-end visits to his wife, who still lives with her mother, at Brentsville, and on one of these trips, about three weeks ago, he introduced his friend, Mr. Bernado, who married his sister-in-law last Friday.

Mr. May was much shocked at the news. "When they left my house Monday evening," he said, "I had no idea anything like this was going to happen. Jerry did not seem very happy, but the girl was about the same as ever. I noticed no change in her."

The room was searched for drugs, but the only thing of that nature found was a bottle labeled "aromatic spirits of ammonia" which the police took charge of. Identification was made from letters and postcards belonging to the couple. The most conspicuous document was a note found on the mantle. Evidently from the girl's father, it read, "I don't want you to come down here any more to see my daughter, Martha Keys. If you do there might be trouble. Martha is too good a girl for \_\_\_\_\_." The man mentioned is a former lover of Mrs. Bernado.

There were indications of a struggle on the part of Bernado, as a heavy table was overturned at his side of the bed, and its contents were scattered all over the floor. The authorities are trying to trace Bernado's relatives, as little is known of him in Washington except that he was a native of France and had been in the city only a few months. The authorities have arrived at no explanation of the tragedy, and he is still unconscious.

Mr. Keys, father of the girl, went to Washington Wednesday to bring the body home and interment will probably be made at Brentsville.

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**Garber, Anna**

Mrs. Anna Garber died last Saturday [*December 14, 1912*] morning at the home of her son, Mr. E. T. Garber, of Nokesville, at the advanced age of 82 years.  
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**Abel, Amanda A.**

Mrs. Amanda A. Abel died last Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. In the 84<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She is survived by four children, three sons and one daughter.  
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**Steele, Charles F.**

Mr. Chas. F. Steele, sixty-five years old, of Herndon, Fairfax county, who was a great grandson of Chief Justice Chase, and who, for more than forty years, was a clerk in the warrant division of the United States Treasury Department, was asphyxiated in a boarding house in Washington Saturday [*December 14, 1912*] night.  
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**Davis, H. Frank**

Mr. H. Frank Davis, a former Manassas resident, died very suddenly last Friday [*December 13, 1912*] evening at 338 Maryland avenue, northeast, Washington, the cause assigned being fatty degeneration of the heart. The funeral was held at Gainesville Sunday, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery there. Mr. Davis conducted the Hotel Maine here some time ago, and afterward held a traveling position for a lightning rod concern. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marietta W. Davis, who spent some time in Manassas the past summer, and two step-daughters, who live in Washington.  
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**Note:** On December 27, 1912 p-4, the Manassas Journal printed a correction stating the surviving widow is Mrs. Anna Davis. Mrs. Marietta W. Davis is a different lady who lives in Manassas.

**Scisson, Mary**

**DEATH OF MRS. SCISSON.**

At her home, Dumfries, Va., Sunday morning at 12:25, December 9, 1912, Mrs. Mary Scisson, wife of Mr. Geo. Scisson, passed to her heavenly reward, in the 54<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

**Scisson, Mary (Cont.)**

She had been in poor health for many years, though she was at all times cheerful and never complained.

It was her delight to be a help to others, and what a consolation to her friends and loved ones to know that although they will miss here, she was conscious to the last. She was a faithful and affectionate wife and a devoted mother.

Her funeral service was conducted at her late residence by the Rev. E. G. Coe. Her body was laid to rest in the Episcopal cemetery.

In the graveyard softly sleeping,  
Where the tears so gently wave,  
Lies the one we love so dearly,  
In the lonely silent grave.

Thou art not forgotten, mother,  
Nor will thou ever be,  
As long as life and memory last,  
I will still remember thee.

By a Devoted Son.

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**Scisson, Mary**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Fell asleep in Jesus, December 8, 1912, Mrs. Mary Scisson, in the 54<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we love is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.

Home is sad, oh, God, how dreary,  
Lonesome, lonely, every spot,  
Listening for her voice till weary,  
Weary, for we hear her not.

**Scisson, Mary (Cont.)**

We miss her from our home, dear,  
We miss her from her place,  
A shadow o'er our lives is cast,  
We miss the sunshine of her face.

We miss her kind and willing hand,  
Her fond and earnest care,  
Our home is dark without her,  
We miss her everywhere.

Written by Jesse S. Raney,  
Dumfries, Va.

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**Garber, Mrs.**

Mrs. Garber, mother of Messrs. Nah and Edward Garber, of Nokesville, died at Mr. Edward Garber's Saturday [December 14, 1912]. Her remains were buried at Midland Sunday.

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## **December 27, 1912**

**Ennis, Sudin**

**DECAPITATED BY TRAIN**

**Rather Than Lose Mother's Present Sudin Ennis Risks Life and is Crushed to Death.**

Rather than lose the Christmas present he had just purchased for his aged mother, Suden Ennis, thirty-five years old, a farmer, of Heflin, Stafford county, leaped from a moving train at Alexandria Monday [December 23, 1912] afternoon, and falling beneath the wheels, was decapitated.

Ennis went to Washington Monday morning to do his Christmas shopping. He was unmarried, and lived with his aged parents. After purchasing several presents for his father, he visited the department stores in search of a suitable present for his aged mother.

He finally decided upon a new silk dress. The cloth made quite a bulky package, which he carried under his arm. After purchasing other knick-knacks for friends in his country home, Ennis boarded on electric train for Alexandria to visit a friend.

**Ennis, Sudin (Cont.)**

**RAN FOR HIS TRAIN.**

His sightseeing delayed him so long that he came near missing his train for home, which left at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He was forced to run for his train, and had just pulled himself up on the steps of one of the coaches, when the package containing his mother's Christmas present slipped from under his arm and fell to the platform.

Ennis leaped after the package, tripped, fell backwards, and was sucked beneath the train by the air pressure. His head was cut off by the wheels, and rolled to the middle of the track.

Passengers on the platform observed the accident and pulled the danger signal, the train coming to a quick stop. The lifeless body was placed in a basket and carried to Wheatley's undertaking establishment. The packages which had been dropped by Ennis, including the one which had cost his life, were taken to the undertaking establishment with the body to be held for relatives.

The unfortunate victim of the tragedy is well-known in the lower section of this county, where some of his relations reside.

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**Foster, Redmond**

**DEATH OF MR. R. FOSTER**

**Dissolution Came After Brief Illness at the Home of S. C. Southard Yesterday.**

Mr. Redmond Foster, who would have been eighty-nine years old next month, died, after a brief illness, Wednesday [*December 25, 1912*] night, at the home of Mr. S. C. Southard, near Bristow. The funeral will take place at one o'clock this afternoon and the interment will be made in the burial ground at Moregreen farm, near Brentsville.

There are few people in Prince William county who are more extensively and favorably known than was Mr. Foster. His uniform kindness and courtesy endeared him to all who were intimately associated with him and his honest and true sense of justice gained for him the highest confidence of a host of friends.

About the year 1845, Mr. Foster married the widow of James Reid, who was a daughter of the late Howson Hooe, of this county, and the owner of the farm upon which Mr. Foster was laid to rest. His wife preceded him to the grave several years ago.

In the death of Mr. Foster one more link in the chain that binds together the true Southern manhood of his native county has been severed and no language is too exalted in which to praise him; no praise too eloquent to apply to a life devoted to the service of his State and people. He was the very soul of kindly courtesy, and high and low, rich and poor, have found comfort and hospitality at his fireside. A long and useful life has ended—may he rest in peace.

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**Leachman, John T.**

**COL JOHN T. LEACHMAN  
A PERSONAL TRIBUTE**

BY George C. Round.

It was the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1870 that I first met Mr. Leachman, though for two years previous I had occasionally seen him in public. He came to my office at the suggestion of Major Wm. W. Thornton, then the newly appointed county superintendent of schools, with Mr. John H. Butler, to organize the first District School Board for this district, possibly the first one organized in the commonwealth. This was the beginning of an association and friendship of over four decades, which steadily grew not only in continuity but in intimacy.

In my mind Colonel Leachman stands as a typical Virginian. In his physique, as well as his character, he was upright, so clearly so that at times he seemed to incline backward. He was not a progressive as some people count progression. He was not inclined to gush or rush. He was a born conservative and only accepted change when his mind had become thoroughly convinced. Then he was stalwart and stood steadfast and immovable. It may safely be said that but for him the famous district tax of 40 cents on the \$100 to build the school houses of our district would never have been carried at the May election of 1871, called for by our board. Considering the poverty of our people and the opposition in the minds of many to the public school system, it is remarkable that this bold proposition carried by a majority of forty-three. A change of twenty-five votes would have defeated it. The stand taken by the chairman was worth much more than twenty-five votes to the cause. This large tax was for a single year only but the result was that we had school houses in every part of the district by 1872 and our schools were one generation ahead of the average throughout the state. It is doubtful whether even in these latter days when our school system has become popular, a larger district tax has ever been levied anywhere in the state.

I mention the above as one instance of Colonel Leachman's service, which aggregated nearly four decades, on the district and county school boards. Not only in the continuous and routine duties of his office but on several special emergencies he rendered service which added greatly to the efficiency and value of our public schools. I recall particularly at least half a dozen instances where his individuality was the turning point in the preservation of what we had gained and in the advancement to higher ground which we needed to occupy.

Outside of public school interests, I believe the records of Prince William county will show that no citizen of the county has ever rendered such long, continued service as a juror, as a viewer in the establishment of roads and bridges and on the various committees and commissions appointed for the conduct of the business of the county. He took an active part in the court house removal and was chairman of the court house commission which located the Manassas court house, opened for its first session on New Year's day 1894. he was almost invariably foreman of any jury on which he served, serving probably in that capacity ore frequently than any other man who ever resided in the county. He was something more than a dignified figure-head. He was a well

**Leachman, John T. (Cont.)**

balanced man in whom all people had confidence, a natural presiding officer and leader in any movement in which he engaged.

And yet it is in his household that his friends love most to remember him. It was always appropriate that like McGregor he should sit at the head of the table. His hospitality was unbounded. His courtesy never failed him. For the sick and the wounded in the battles of life he stretched out his hand. Of the homeless, the afflicted and even the tramp, he was not forgetful.

Colonel Leachman lived from March 25, 1821, to December 16, 1912, under twenty-one presidents of the United States and he lived to see the twenty-second president elected. When he was born James Monroe had just been unanimously elected. When he died Woodrow Wilson was about to take the helm of state with universal acclamation. When he was born the county seat was at Dumfries. For over thirty-three thousand days he was a loyal resident of Prince William county,. Near the center of which he first saw the light of day and closed his eyes and laid down to rest in his last long sleep.

In this county in 1847 he married Bettie Lewis and here he lived to celebrate with her a golden wedding day. He was the father of ten children, nine of which still live and honor their parentage and the county from which they sprung.

For reasons heretofore given my interviews with Colonel Leachman for nearly forty years were frequent and regular, more so that with any one outside my own family. While matters under our consideration were numerous and frequently puzzling and involved the interests of all classes of society, I cannot recall that we ever had a serious personal difference.

My most satisfactory interview with him was the last one of any length which I enjoyed. It was after he had settled the affairs of his life but while his mind was clear. He spoke of his approaching departure and expressed a willingness to go. With his assent I read to him one of the grand Psalms of king David in which he speaks with such humility of himself and yet so confidently and hopefully of the future life. We then bowed before our Maker and commended ourselves to his guidance and grace. There were tears in his eyes as we parted and I could not restrain my own.

He rests in peace, awaiting, I trust, the Resurrection of the just and the life of the world to come.

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**Davis, H. Frank**

We are pleased to correct an error made last week in giving the name of the widow of Mr. H. F. Davis, who died in Washington last week. Mrs. Anna Davis is correct, and the name mentioned last week belongs to another Mrs. Davis who lives in town.

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**Bernardo, Martha**

The funeral of Mrs. Jerry Bernardo, nee Miss Martha Keys, who was found asphyxiated in a rooming house in Washington, last week, took place from her former home near Brentsville, Sunday afternoon, Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles, pastor of the Baptist church of this place, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground. *The Manassas Journal, December 27, 1912 p-4*

**Abel, Amanda A.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear grand-mother, Amanda A. Abel, who departed this life December 11, 1912, aged 83 years and 5 months, leaving four children—three sons and one daughter and a host of friends. Gone but not forgotten.

Farewell, but not forever;

    There will be a glorious dawn;  
We shall meet to part no more  
    On the resurrection morn.

We miss thy kind and willing hand,

    Thy fond and earnest care;  
Our home is dark without thee,  
    We miss thee everywhere.

Rest, dear grand-mother, thy work is o'er,

    They willing hands shall toil no more;  
In faithful grand-mother, true and kind,  
    A better friend we could not find.

Sleep on, dear loved one sweetly rest;

    We needed you but Got knew best;  
God's will be done, He doeth well'  
    But how we miss you no tongue can tell.

Our grand-mother is sleeping so well from all pain;

    She slumbers so fondly, oh! Let her sleep on;  
Oh! God, we will try to live each day,  
    That we might join in that heavenly home to stay.

Written by her grand-daughter,

    V. M. A.

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## **January 3, 1913**

**Dane, Ella**

Mrs. Ella Dane, widow of the late John Dane, died of heart trouble Thursday [January 2, 1913] evening in her home near Minnieville, this county. The funeral will be at the home at one o'clock tomorrow, (Saturday) afternoon, Rev. A. J. Garland, her pastor, officiating, and interment will be made in the family burying ground. The deceased, who was a consistent member of the primitive Baptist church, is survived by one son and four daughters.

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## **January 10, 1913**

**Pope, Lawrence**

### **DEATH OF LAWRENCE POPE**

**Dissolution Came After a Brief Illness of Congestion of the Lungs Sunday Night.**

(By R. W. Merchant.)

Mr. Lawrence Pope, 48 years old, died in his home on west Centre street, in this place, at seven o'clock Sunday [January 5, 1911] night, following a brief illness of congestion of the lungs. The funeral took place from the home at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Rev. Philip A. Arthur, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, in this place, preaching the funeral sermon. Dr. H. L. Quarles, acting Worshipful Master, assisted by his officials, conducted the beautiful burial services in the afternoon under the auspices of Manasseh Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M., of Manassas, of which the deceased was a member.

The remains were taken to Alexandria on train No. 14, at 11 o'clock, escorted by a delegation of fifty members of Manasseh Lodge, and Acacia Lodge No. 16, of Clifton, where they were met by members of Alexandria-Washington and Andrew Jackson Lodges, A. F. & A. M. of that city, and interment was made in the Methodist Episcopal church cemetery, where the father and mother of the deceased are buried. The pallbearers were: Messrs. W. H. Clark, H. D. Wenrich, G. Walker Merchant, W. W. Buckley and G. G. Allen of Manasseh Lodge and A. J. Kidwell of Acacia Lodge.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and included the following: A Masonic emblem handsomely fashioned in tea roses and white carnations with the name and number of the lodge in purple for-get-me-nots, from the members of Manasseh Lodge; a beautiful wreath of American beauty and tea roses, from the Medical Society of Manassas; a wreath of ferns, pink roses and sweet peas, from the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Prince William county; a beautiful piece, "Gates Ajar," adorned with American beauty and tea roses and Maiden Hair ferns, from the widow and little nine-year-old daughter; lovely cross of roses and lilies, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen Lynch, of Alexandria; a handsome design in tea roses and lilies, from the engineers of the

**Pope, Lawrence** (Cont.)

Southern Railway Company; wreath of tube roses and smilax, from Mrs. John Melon and sons, of Nokesville; pretty wreath of pink and tea roses, from Mrs. W. E. Howard and family; handsome wreath of lilies, from Mr. and Mrs. George Chisolm, of Alexandria; handsome wreath of pink carnations, from the father-in-law, Mr. M. A. Lynch; pretty wreath of pink carnations, from little Robert Lynch; handsome bunch of lilies, from Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wenrich; pretty wreath of roses and carnations, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Hook, of Alexandria; handsome wreaths, from Mrs. W. H. Haydon, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Howard, Jos. F. and C. F. M. Lewis; a bunch of white roses, from W. L. Smith, and a handsome design in pink and tea roses and ferns, from the firemen of the Southern Railway Company.

The deceased is survived by his widow and little daughter, Elizabeth, and by one brother, William B. Pope, of Baltimore.

Mr. Pope, for over thirty years, has been in the employ of the Southern Railway company, fill- the position of engineer and various other responsible positions. For several years and up to the time of his death he was filling the position of car inspector for the Washington division of the Southern, performing his duties up to Saturday night preceding his death. Sunday morning he complained of a slight illness but there was little thought of such an early and fatal termination. From noon, Sunday, he grew gradual worse, until soon after the shadow of night his spirit took its flight. His faithful wife, with anxious vigil, sat by his bedside and ministered in every way possible to the comfort of her suffering husband. The last words he spoke was when she left his bedside to prepare a poultice for his breast he said to her: "Mary, my my breath is getting very short." And before she returned he was dead.

The announcement Sunday night: "Lawrence Pope is dead," came as a shock to the entire community for it was not known, beyond his family circle and his physician, that he was ill.

No person in the community had a firmer hold upon the love and esteem of such a host of friends than did Lawrence Pope. When the casket, containing all that was mortal of a faithful and congenial friend, was consigned to the tomb and the great assembly turned away from the mound banked with floral mementos from loving and admiring friends, there were many eyes dimmed by tears, and the sad realization came to sorrowing ones that "the voice of the Ruler of the Universe had overruled the voice of the people and had disposed the purposes of man."

If deep conviction, thorough devotior to duty and the enthusiasm of service make the valued citizen, such then must Lawrence Pope be counted. His kindred, his companions and his people respected and honored him and those dear to him loved him. Such was his deserved reward. He proved equal to all the tasks which he assumed. He has passed hence, leaving a name to be cherished by those who loved him and to be honored and respected by those whose pleasure it was to know him.

The Journal joins in the flood of sympathy that goes out from a host of sympathizing hearts to the sorrowing widow and little daughter in the hour of their sad and sudden bereavement.

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**Harris, Anthony**

**Death of Anthony Harris.**

Anthony Harris, one of the most highly respected colored persons in Fairfax county, who would have been 81 years old on February 1, died in his home near Bull Run postoffice last Saturday [*December 28, 1912*] night, after a brief illness of pneumonia. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, Rev. M. D. Williams, pastor of the Baptist church, colored, of Manassas, officiating, and interment was made in the Cub Run church cemetery.

The deceasee is survived by three sons: James, Warren and George, and by three daughters: Susan, Matilda and Judy.

There was no one in the neighborhood who was more willing to respond to the needs of a neighbor or who contributed more liberally to the sick and suffering than the subject of this notice. His uniform kindness and courtesy was one of his well-known characteristics, and the lath-string of his humble but hospitable home was always hanging on the outside to his numerous friends. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, an honest, and upright citizen and will be missed from the community in which he has spent the greater part of his life.

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**Fitzwater, Child**

A small child of Mr. I. B. Fitzwater, of near Nokesville, died in the Emergency hospital in Washington, following an operation, last Friday [*January 3, 1913*] morning. *The Manassas Journal, January 10, 1913 p-4*

**Lywood, Annie R.**

**Miss Lywood Dead.**

Miss Annie R. Lywood, 54 years old, died of tuberculosis, in her home on Portner avenue, at 7 o'clock Wednesday [*January 8, 1913*] morning. The body was taken to Haymarket yesterday morning and interment was made in St. Paul's church cemetery, Rev. P. A. Arthur, rector of Trinity Episcopal church of Manassas, officiating.

Miss Lywood is a daughter of the late Leonard and Harriet Lywood, who formerly resided near Gainesville in this county.

In the early part of last September Miss Lywood came to Manassas, from Alexandria, for the purpose of buying a home. She subsequently concluded to spend the winter here as a tenant with the privilege of buying the property she occupied. During the past two months her health failed rapidly though she was able to go about the house and was sitting up in her room only a few moments before her death.

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## **January 17, 1913**

**Gaines, John**

### **DEATH OF MR. JOHN GAINES**

**Member of Co. A, Fourth Virginia Cavalry, Dies in His Home Tuesday Night.**

Mr. John Gaines, 76 years old, a member of Co. A, 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Confederate Cavalry, and one of the best known citizens of the upper portion of Prince William county, died, after a brief illness, in his home, near Hickory Grove, at an early hour Tuesday [January 14, 1913] night of pneumonia. The funeral took place from the home yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. E. Gibson, formerly pastor of the Middleburg church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burial ground, near his former home.

The deceased, who was an honorable and upright citizen, kind neighbor, devoted husband and father, and a brave soldier who followed Lee and Jackson through many hard-fought battles, is survived by his widow, three daughters—Mrs. George Galleher, Mrs. John Brawner and Miss Lucy Gaines, and by an only son, Mr. Latham Gaines.  
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**French, Julia E.**

### **MISS JULIA FRENCH DEAD**

**Former Milliner of Manassas And Native of This County Dies in Warrenton.**

Miss Julia E. French, 75 years old, died in her home in Warrenton, of pneumonia followed by paralysis, on Tuesday [January 7, 1913] of last week. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church of Warrenton, and interment was made in the Warrenton cemetery.

The deceased, who was a daughter of the late Daniel French and a native of Prince William county, is survived by two sisters—Mrs. George Frank, mother of Thos. Frank, editor and proprietor of the Fauquier Democrat, and Miss Lucy French, both of Warrenton.

In the early seventies the deceased, in company with her sister, the lat Mrs. Barbary Graham, was engaged in the millinery business in Manassas, their place of business being on Main street, next door to the residence of Mr. R. W. Merchant. The firm, after a short business career in this place, removed to Warrenton and for over a quarter century conducted a successful millinery business in that town.

Miss French was a consistent and devout member of the Primitive Baptist church and, until disease laid its hands heavily upon her, she was a regular attendant upon her church services. She was a kind and sympathetic neighbor and was much beloved for her amiable characteristics. Truly, a good woman has gone to her just reward in "The Great Beyond."

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**Hibbs, Elizabeth**

**DEATH OF MRS. E. HIBBS**

**After Two Months' Illness She Dies in Home in Loudoun County Wednesday.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Hibbs, 78 years old, died in her home in Round Hill, Loudoun county, Wednesday [*January 15, 1913*] night at 8 o'clock, after a two months' illness of a complication of diseases. The funeral took place this morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Marsh of the M. E. Church, South, officiating, and interment was made in Ebenezer Church near Bloomfield.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Mr. Frank Hibbs, of Alexandria, and Mr. E. H. Hibbs, of the firm of Hibbs & Giddings, of Manassas, and by one daughter, Miss Katie Hibbs, of Round Hill.

Mrs. Hibbs was of that kind motherly disposition which endeared her to the hearts of all who knew her and she will be missed in the community in which she so long has resided. The bereaved sons and daughter have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sorrow.

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**Merchant, Jane**

**Death of Mrs. Jane Merchant.**

News has just reached here of the death of Mrs. Jane Merchant, widow of the late William C. Merchant, who was one of the first merchants to establish himself in business in Manassas just before the beginning of the civil war and who re-entered the mercantile business after the close of hostilities and continued therein for over a decade.

The death of Mrs. Merchant occurred at the home of her brother, Mr. Jos. B. Sheppard, near Minnieville, about the middle of December and she was laid to rest in the Sheppard family burial ground beside her husband who preceded her to the grave nearly a quarter century ago.

The deceased was a stepmother of Mrs. Jane Adams, of Washington; Messrs. B. D. Merchant, of Manassas; John Merchant, of Alexandria, and W. C. N. Merchant, of Chatham, this state. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Amy White, of Washington, and one son, Mr. Samuel Merchant, of Alexandria, and by one brother, Mr. Jos. B. Sheppard, with whom she has made her home since the death of her husband.

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**Goode, Infant**

The two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Goode died in the home of its parents on Prescott avenue last night [*January 16, 1913*].

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**Spilman, Clara F.**

Miss Clara F. Spilman, youngest daughter of the late John A. Spilman, Judge of the Circuit Court of Fauquier county, and librarian of the Warrenton Library, died in her home in Warrenton Tuesday [January 14, 1913] night, of pneumonia.  
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**Prout, John B.**

**Death of One of Mosby's Rangers**

Mr. John B. Prout, who was a member of Co. A, of Mosby's famous Rangers, died in his home, in Washington Sunday [January 12, 1913], at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Prout enlisted with Colonel Mosby at the age 16 years. He was taken prisoner at Upperville in November, 1863, having been betrayed, with ten other comrades, by a former member of his battalion who had been court-martialed, but who escaped to the Federal lines. Mr. Prout and his comrades were taken to Washington and placed in the old Capitol prison and subsequently removed to point Lookout. While in prison his father died at Falls Church, leaving several children to support and, upon the plea of his mother, President Lincoln pardoned the young Confederate because of his mother's destitution and his youth.

Mr. John R. Tillett, of Manassas, who was one of the young man's comrades, knew Mr. Prout and is familiar with the circumstances of his capture and pardon.  
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**Colquhoun, Alice**

**Death of Miss Alice Colquhoun.**

Miss Alice Colquhoun, manager and advisor of the Alexandria hospital and a cousin of Mr. R. W. Merchant, of this place, died recently in her home, in Alexandria. The board of lady managers of the hospital, at a meeting held last week, passed among others, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in the death of Miss Colquhoun the board has lost a faithful and devoted worker and it desires to record its appreciation of Miss Colquhoun's long and valued service in behalf of the hospital which owes much of its earlier prosperity and usefulness to her wisdom and efficiency. May the Master whom she loved and served speak to her His blessed words, well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

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## **January 24, 1913**

**Harnsberger, John W.**

Mr. John W. Harnsberger, 55 years old, died on Thursday [*January 16, 1913*] night of last week, in his home, near Orange Courthouse, of bright's disease. The deceased was a brother of Mr. R. P. Harnsberger and Miss Delia Harnsberger, who recently resided near Aden, in this county. He was also a cousin of Dr. Harnsberger, of Catlett, Fauquier county.

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**Stewart, Fannie E.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. STEWART**

**Mother of Mrs. A. J. Brand, of Manassas, Dies in Her Home in Luray Last Saturday.**

Mrs. Fannie E. Stewart, widow of Judge Jas. E. Stewart, for many years judge of the Page county courts, died in her home, in Luray, last Saturday [*January 11, 1913*] morning, in the 89<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Her death followed a rapid decline in health, caused, in a measure, through severe suffering as the result of a fall received several years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. J. Brand, of Manassas, and Mrs. Robert Jennings, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Stewart was the oldest real "Daughter of the Revolution" in Virginia and in the organization of the Daughters of the Revolution she was a conspicuous figure, her contributions to the literary feature being always read with great interest. She was a member of Massanutton Chapter, Harrisonburg, the chapter sending a beautiful floral tribute of white carnations, entwined with the colors of the D. A. R., which was placed upon her grave.

Mrs. Stewart was a woman of engaging personalities, highly educated and possessing those rare characteristics which gained her many lasting friends.

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**Cox, Mary J.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. MARY COX**

**Wife of the Editor of The Charlotte observer Passes Away at Charlotte C. H. Monday.**

Elder J. N. Badger, of the Primitive Baptist church, of Manassas, was advised Monday afternoon of the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary J. Cox, 78 years old, in her home, at Charlotte Courthouse, this State, Monday [*January 20, 1913*] morning, of the infirmities of age.

**Cox, Mary J. (Cont.)**

The body was brought to Manassas Tuesday morning and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery.

Besides her husband, Elder Leonard Cox, editor-in-chief of the *Charlotte Gazette*, the deceased is survived by three sons—Fred L., Arthur L. and Edward Cox; an only brother, Elder Badger, and by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Curtis, of Brunswick, Maine. She was also the grandmother of Mr. Hunton Cox, collection clerk in the Manassas National Bank, and of Miss Mary Cox, of Turbeville, this State.

Two of the deceased's sons and a friend, Mr. Hutchison, accompanied the body to Manassas.

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**Otis, Mary E.**

Mrs. Mary E. Otis, widow of Harrison G. Otis, founder of the town of Clifton and who gave it its name, died in her home, at Clifton, last Friday morning. The body was shipped to the deceased's former home, in New York, for burial, Mr. R. R. Buckley accompanying it.

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**Gaines, John P.**

**The Late John P. Gaines.**

After facing death many times on the battlefield amid the clash and tumult of contending armies, the Grim Reaper finally called John P. Gaines from the peaceful dreams of a cheerful home. This makes another vacancy in the fast thinning ranks of our civil war veterans.

In that eventful struggle, he followed the fortunes of the "Sunny South" and was a member of the famous Prince William Cavalry, Company A. Fourth Virginia Regiment.

He was severely wounded at Thoroughfare Gap and was captured and sent a prisoner of war to Fort Delaware for more than a year.

At the close of the war, he engaged in farming, near Hickory Grove, where he was widely known as a Virginia gentleman of unquestioned justice and integrity, a fair opponent and a faithful friend, keenly alive to matters pertaining to the public's weal, undaunted by adverse criticism.

He held the respect and esteem of hosts of his contemporaries, who with the writer, deem it an honor to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory, while deeply sympathizing with his bereaved family.

The interment was in the family burial ground, amid beautiful floral offerings intermingled with the colors of the "Lost Cause."

**Gaines, John P. (Cont.)**

When sounds the final bugle call,  
    No human hand may long delay—  
Now, as of yore, that sturdy wall  
    Of moving lines of Southern gray.

A while, they rest on the border-land,  
    Then they quietly drift away,  
To cross that shadowy silent strand,  
    In the dawn of a fairer day.

W. W. P.

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## **January 31, 1913**

**Groves, John H.**

### **FOUND DEAD BY TRACKS**

**J. H. Groves, of Cherry Hill, Struck and Killed by Train on R.F.&P. Wednesday.**

While walking on the tracks of the R. F. & P. Railway, John H. Groves, 70 years old, of Cherry Hill, was struck and instantly killed by Northbound train No. 88, Wednesday [January 19, 1913] morning. The tragedy occurred a short distance north of Quantico on a short curve. Groves was in the habit of picking up coal on the tracks and had left his home early in the morning of the accident for that purpose. Coroner J. C. Meredith, of Manassas, was summoned and upon arrival on the scene of the accident, he summoned a jury of inquest consisting of Messrs. A. S. Lynn, G. R. Kincheloe, V. F. Kincheloe, C. H. Maddox, H. W. Bland and J. H. Maddox, who after viewing the body and examining witnesses brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by being struck by Northbound train No. 88 on the R. F. & P. Railway Company and exonerating the said company from all blame.

The victim of the accident was found to have a crushed skull and one arm and one thigh broken.

The body was embalmed by Undertaker Demaine, of Alexandria, and shipped to Baltimore by express. The sum of forty cents, a jack knife and a few other trinkets, were found upon the person of the deceased and was placed in the coffin with the remains.

The deceased is survived by two sons who reside in Baltimore.

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**McCoy, Charles Leonard**

**DEATH OF LEONARD McCOY**

**Dies After Few Hours Illness of Appoplexy in His Home in Fauquier County**

Mr. Chas. Leonard McCoy, 55 years old, died in his residence near Catletts, Fauquier county, on Monday, December 30, last, after a few hours illness. The funeral took place on the Thursday following his death, Rev. Mr. Burgess, pastor of the Catletts M. E. Church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground where sleeps the ancestors of four generations of the McCoy family. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. G. M. Colvin, David Arrington, Walter Barber, Bernard Duffey, Duff Bridwell and Oscar Duffey. The deceased is survived by one brother, Mr. George McCoy, one nephew, Mr. Louis Bartlett McCoy, and one first cousin, Mrs. J. C. Colvin, of Prince William county, of the McCoy family, and by one uncle, Mr. George Bartlett and his four children, of Maryland.

Mr. McCoy was a son of Mr. Chas. McCoy, a native of Fauquier county, but later of Baltimore, Md., where the subject of this notice was born on Liberty street. His mother was Miss Vashtie Batlett, of a wealthy Maryland family.

The large concourse of friends, both white and colored, which followed the remains to the "silent city," attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. A few days before Mr. McCoy's death he was bright and cheerful. It was his nature to scatter sunshine and drive away the lowering clouds that overshadows the pathway of life and paves the way to that bright home above.

He will be missed by a host of admiring friends, both young and old, and especially by the little children whose hearts he tried to brighten by impersonating "Santa Claus" at Christmas time.

When stars are in the quiet skies,  
Then most I pine for thee;  
Bend on me then thy tender eyes,  
As stars look on the sea!

For thoughts, like waves that glide by night,  
Are stillest when they shine;  
Mine earthly love lies hushed in light  
Beneath that Heaven of Thine.

There is an hour when angels keep  
Familiar watch o'er men;  
When coarser souls are wrapped in sleep,  
Sweet spirit meet me then!

There is an hour when wholly dreams,  
Through slumber fairest glide,  
And in that mystic hour it seems  
Thou shouldst be at my side.

**McCoy, Charles Leonard (Cont.)**

My thoughts of thee, too sacred are,  
    For daylight's common beam;  
I can but know thee as my star,  
    My angel and my dream!  
    By one who knew him best.  
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**Sanford, Sara A.**

**DEATH OF MRS. SANFORD**

**After Long and Useful Life She Passed to the "Great Beyond," in Home of Her Daughter.**

Mrs. Sarah A. Sanford, 81 years old, died of pneumonia in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Bailey, near Nokesville, on Thursday [January 23, 1913] of last week. The funeral took place at Greenwich, Rev. Mr. Brill, of the Aden U. B. Church, officiating, and interment was made in the Greenwich cemetery.

The deceased is survived by four daughters: Mrs. W. G. Bailey, of near Nokesville; Mrs. John Claggett, of Auburn; Mrs. McClanahan, of Alexandria, and Mrs. Virginia Mooney, of Haymarket, and one son, Mr. John Sanford, of near Nokesville, besides thirty-two grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren.

Mrs. Sanford was a woman of many amiable characteristics, and affectionate and devoted mother, kind neighbor and faithful Christian who will be sadly missed from the community in which she lived.

Grandmother, thy work is done,  
    Thy hands shall toil no more;  
A faithful mother, true and kind,  
    No better friend we know.

We miss thy kind and willing hand,  
    Thy fond and loving care;  
Our home is dark, since thou are gone,  
    We miss thee everywhere.

We needed you, but God knew best;  
    Our grief, no tongue can tell.  
Sleep on, dear loved one, sweetly rest;  
    God doeth all things well.

**Sanford, Sara A. (Cont.)**

We say farewell, but not forever,  
There'll come a glorious dawn;  
For we shall meet to part, no, never,  
In the Resurrection Morn.

E. E. B.

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**Bare, Mrs. Charles**

Mrs. Chas. Bare, a relative of Mr. Charles Crabill, of near Manassas, died in her home near Broadway, Rockingham county, last Sunday [January 19, 1913] morning.

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**Hottel, Mrs. Daniel J.**

Mrs. Daniel J. Hottel, 70 years old, died in her home near Mt. Jackson, last week, after a protracted illness. The deceased was a sister-in-law of Mr. John R. Hottel, and a cousin of Mr. Jos. S. Hottel, of near Manassas. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, six grandchildren, three sisters, and two brothers.

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**Crouch, M. C.**

Mr. M. C. Crouch, 64 years old, died in his home near Hoadley, Occoquan District, last week, of a complication of diseases. Interment was made in the family burying ground on the home premises. Mr. Crouch was a kind and indulgent husband and father and a good neighbor, who will be missed from the community in which he has so long lived.

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**Johnson, Henry**

“Uncle” Henry Johnson, a well known old colored man, died at his home near here last week of appoplexy.

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## **February 7, 1913**

Ennis, George (Mrs.)

### **MRS. ENNIS' TRAGIC DEATH**

#### **Worn Out From Night's Vigil She Falls Asleep to be Enveloped in Flames.**

One of the most tragic deaths that has ever occurred in Prince William county was met by Mrs. George Ennis, fifty-two years old, in her home near Orlando, at an early hour last Sunday [*January 26, 1913*] morning. Mrs. Ennis, after being up for several nights with a sick child sat down before an open grate and fell asleep. Her clothing took fire and when she awoke she was enveloped in flames and suffering in agony from severe burns. She rushed into an adjoining room, where her husband and other members of the family were sleeping and screamed frantically for help, but the deadly flames had already placed her beyond all earthly aid. Dr. B. F. Iden, of Manassas, was summoned by phone but upon his arrival at the Ennis home he found that nothing could be done except to mitigate the sufferings of his patient, notwithstanding her pitiful appeals to save her life. After lingering in agony until two o'clock in the afternoon death relieved her of her sufferings. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Brill, of the United Brethren Church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground on the home premises. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by three children.  
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Lee, Robert E.

### **GENERAL R. E. LEE'S DEATH**

#### **Stricken With Illness While in The Act of Asking a Blessing at His Last Evening Meal.**

The story that has been going the rounds that the death of General Robert E. Lee, one of the South's greatest idols, was traceable to the effect of Leo Wheat's rendition of Southern war songs; at the Lee home, which caused him to shed a flood of tears while reclining upon the breast of his wife, is said to be entirely erroneous. The authentic facts are: Two weeks prior to the old warrior's death he was standing by his chair at the supper table, in the act of asking the blessing, when he was suddenly taken ill and in a few moments was speechless. From that moment he lingered between life and death until his spirit took its flight. He never smiled and rarely attempted to speak except in dreams, and then only when his thoughts reverted to the fearful struggles on gory fields which culminated in the blasting of his hopes and overwhelming him with humiliation at Appomattox.

According to the statement of his wife, whose faithful vigil at the bedside of her illustrious husband was not relinquished only a few moments at a time, from the time he was stricken until his death, is the last forty-eight hours of his life he appeared quite

**Lee, Robert E. (Cont.)**

insensible to the presence of those who watched at his bedside. He breathed heavily and finally sank to rest with one deep-drawn sigh.

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**Zirkle, Mary R.**

Mrs. Mary R. Zirkle, who was stricken with uremic poisoning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Wine, on Grant avenue, a few days since, died at an early hour this morning [February 7, 1913]. She will be interred at Forestville, Shenandoan county, Saturday afternoon, the funeral party leaving on the Branch train at 9:30 a. m.

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**Cox, Leonard**

Elder Leonard Cox, senior editor of the Charlotte County Zazette, died in his home, near Charlotte Courthouse, on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Interment was made on the home premises with Masonic ceremonies. His wife, Mrs. Mary J. Cox, preceded him to the grave for the short period of only ten days, and was laid to rest in the Manassas cemetery. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Elder J. N. Badger, of Manassas.

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**Carrington, George W.**

### **DR. G. W. CARRINGTON DEAD**

#### **One of the Brightest Masons in Virginia Passes Away in His Home in Richmond.**

Dr. Geo. W. Carrington, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, which office he has held for over a quarter of a century, died, after a brief illness, in his home, in Richmond, Tuesday [February 4, 1913], at the age of seventy-four years.

The funeral took place yesterday morning from Grace Episcopal church and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

The deceased is survived by three daughters—Mrs. L. T. Standard, of Richmond; Mrs. Carrington Hubbard, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Robert Hancock, of the Philippine Islands, and two sons—Messrs. Richard A. Carrington, of Lynchburg, and George Carrington, of San Francisco. He also leaves one sister and several brothers.

Dr. Carrington was one of the brightest members of the craft in the State and had, with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity, discharged important duties.

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**Garrison, Archie (Mrs.)**

We are sorry to hear of the sad death of Mrs. Archie Garrison, of Dumfries.  
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**Dorrell, George H.**

**Death of George H. Dorrell**

Mr. Jas. R. Dorrell received a telegram Monday morning, informing him of the serious illness of his brother, George H. Dorrell, in Providence hospital in Washington. He responded to the summons by the first train and reached his brother's bedside only a short time before he died [*February 3, 1913*]. The deceased, who was 36 years old, was formerly a resident of Round Hill, Loudoun county, but for several years has conducted a livery business near the foot of Seventh street in Washington. The remains were taken to Hamilton for burial. Mr. Dorrell is survived by two sisters and two brothers, James R. Dorrell, of Manassas, and Clarence Dorrell, of Round Hill.  
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**February 14, 1913**

**Houghton, Mrs. Edgar**

Mrs. Edgar Houghton and infant died in their home in Missouri, recently. Mrs. Houghton was a sister-in-law of Mrs. W. S. Athey of Manassas.  
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**Lineaweaver, Sallie**

Miss Sallie Lineaweaver, 49 years old, a relative of Mr. Lee Lineaweaver, of near Manassas, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lineaweaver, at New Erection, Rockingham county, Monday [*February 10, 1913*].  
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**Guy, Edwin M.**

Mr. Edwin M. Guy, 29 years old and a near relation of the late John Guy, of this county, died in his home in Stafford county, of tuberculosis last Friday [February 7, 1914] afternoon. He is survived by his widow and three children.

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**Lunsford, Margaret E.**

Mrs. Margaret E. Lunsford, died in her home in Stafford county last week, at the age of 88 years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Kate Fennell, of Washington, Mrs. Carrie Hensey, of Ohio, and Mrs. Mollie Amidon, of Dumfries. The funeral was held at the home on Friday afternoon, Rev. W. R. Hardesty conducting the obsequies, and interment was made in the family burying ground. The pallbearers were: Chas. G. Leary, Jas. Horton, Chas. Myers, Bruce and Edison Ball and L. S. Schooler.

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**Vandevanter, Mr. A. D.**

Mr. A. D. Vandevanter, of Hamilton, Loudoun county, who was in Richmond Saturday to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons, which convened Tuesday night, was overcome by gas in Murphy's hotel and was found unconscious in his bed Sunday at noon. Hon. Keith Bolling Wise, member of the house of delegates from Loudoun county, gave as much of his blood as was thought necessary to save the life of his friend, but in spite of the heroic efforts of Mr. Vandevanter's physician, he died Tuesday [February 11, 1913] afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital. The victim of the tragedy was well known by Dr. W. Fred Dowell and Mr. Will Tavenner, of Manassas.

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**Smith, Edward H.**

**Death of Edward H. Smith.**

After a ten-months' illness of tuberculosis, Mr. Edward H. Smith, 45 years old, died in his home near Canova, yesterday [February 13, 1913] morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral will take place at Woodbine Baptist church at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles officiating, and the interment will be made in the Woodbine church cemetery. The deceased is survived by three sisters: Mrs. George Hixon and Mrs. E. L. Cornwell, of Manassas, and Miss Lizzie Cornwell, of near Canova, and by one brother, Mr. William Smith, of near Canova. Mr. Smith was a man of many amiable

**Smith, Edward H. (Cont.)**

characteristics and his death has cast a gloom over the community in which he resided. Though a sufferer from the dread "white plague" for a lengthy period, he bore his sufferings patiently in the full belief of finally entering into rest in that better world—free from all mortal care and pain.

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**Janney, Edith**

**Death of Mrs. Edith Janney**

Mrs. Edith Hunter Janney, 70 years old, of Occoquan, died at her winter home in Washington, Saturday [February 8, 1913]. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. V. Egister, pastor of Mt. Vernon Southern Methodist church, Washington, officiating, and interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery at Alexandria. The deceased is survived by four sons: Messrs. Tyson Janney, of Occoquan; John Janney, of Washington; Dr. Walter Janney, of West Virginia, and S. M. Janney, of the Janney-Marshall Company of Fredericksburg, and by four daughters: Mrs. A. L. Johnson, of West Virginia; Mrs. A. L. Carter and Miss Rhett Janney, of Washington, and Mrs. S. V. Hilderbrand, of Front Royal.

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**Porter, James Edward**

**Clerk of Louisa County Meets Tragic Death**

Falling a distance of eight feet from a flight of steps at 818 East Broad street in Richmond, last Saturday, James Edward Porter, 35 years old, clerk of the Louisa circuit court, fractured his skull and died immediately. Mr. Porter was the youngest son of the late Jesse J. Porter, who was clerk of Louisa county from 1866 to the time of his death last March. Upon the death of his father, whose deputy Mr. Porter was, Judge Shackelford appointed him clerk.

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**Fry, Lucy**

**Died at the Age of 126 Years.**

We have had a good deal to say along the line of longevity, within the past few weeks and we are loth to revive the subject, but since one of our neighbor counties, Culpeper, comes forward with the statement that one of her colored citizens died on Thursday [*February 6, 1913*] of last week, at the greatly advanced age of 126 years, we want our readers to know it. "Aunt" Lucy Fry, as she was familiarly known in the vicinity in which she resided, claimed to have been born in Virginia in 1775. She claimed to have seen General Washington upon several occasions, and frequently spoke of General Lafayette's visit to Culpeper. She was a hard worker and was active until within a short time of her death.

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## **February 21, 1913**

**Robertson, Basil S.**

**MR. B. S. ROBERTSON DEAD**

**Having Lived Far Beyond Allotted Time, He Dies at Bristow This Morning.**

Mr. Basil S. Robertson, 79 years old, died in his home at Bristow at an early hour this morning [*February 21, 1913*]. The funeral took place at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. S. P. Fogle, of the United Brethren Church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground at Bristow.

Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by two sons, Henry and Everett, and one daughter, Mrs. Wiley W. Woodyard.

About two weeks ago Mr. Robertson suffered a stroke of partial paralysis and he gradually grew worse up to the time of dissolution.

There is no one in the upper portion of Prince William county better known than Mr. Robertson by reason of his continuous business as general merchant at Bristow, covering a period of nearly a half century. Though a man who had opinion of his own and the courage of his convictions, he was a kind neighbor and a devoted husband and father. The journal extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

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Lee, George Washington Custis

**GEN. CUSTIS LEE DEAD**

**At the Age of Four-Score Years, Confederate Chieftain's Eldest Son Dies in Fairfax.**

General George Washington Custis Lee, eighty years old, eldest son of General Robert E. Lee, the great military chieftan of the Confederacy, formerly an aide-de-camp on the staff of the president of the Southern Confederacy, and president emeritus of Washington and Lee University, died in his home near Ravensworth station on the Southern Railway, in Fairfax county, of pneumonia, Tuesday [February 18, 1913].

General Lee had for many years made his home at Ravensworth, the home of the widow of his brother, Capt. Robert E. Lee, whose home is at Romancoke, King William County, and one sister, Miss Mary Custis Lee, who spends much time in Alexandria, Washington and other cities.

Besides his brothers and sisters, he leaves a number of nieces and nephews, among them Ann Carter and Mary Custis Lee, daughters of Captain and Mrs. Juliet Carter Lee, and the sons of Gen. W. H. F. Lee, whose wife was Miss Tabb Bolling, of Petersburg. Robert E. Lee, Jr., a former member of the Virginia Legislature, is one of the nephews.

The funeral services took place from Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, this morning. The body, accompanied by Robert E. Lee; the only surviving brother, Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Mrs. W. H. F. Lee and two nephews, Dr. C. Boling Lee and Robert E. Lee, jr., was taken from Ravensworth on Thursday morning at 9:15 to Lexington.

**HIGH OPINION OF GRANT.**

Weighing his statements carefully, Gen. Curtis Lee said upon one occasion in 1910: "I doubt whether my father ever made the declaration that he considered General Grant the greatest military genius the world had ever seen. My father did not make personal comparisons, and was not in the habit of using words of that kind. He had a very high opinion of General Grant, but if he ever declared that Grant's superior could not be found in all history the fact was never before brought to my attention.

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**Travis, Earle**

While Earle, the little four-year-old son of Mr. A. O. Travis, of Alexandria county, was playing with other children, he was run down and instantly killed on Mt. Vernon avenue Wednesday [February 19, 1913] morning, by an automobile delivery wagon.

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**Magner, John**

Mr. John Magner, a relative of the Lynch brothers, of Manassas, died at an advanced age in his home at Burkes, Fairfax county, Sunday [February 16, 1913]. The deceased is survived by seven children: Messrs. John, Patrick, James, Peter, Michael and Edward Magner and Mrs. Newton.

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**Keys, Infant**

A three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keys, of Brentsville, was found dead in bed at an early hour Sunday [February 16, 1913] morning. Its parents cannot account for its death in any other way, so we are told, than that it was accidentally smothered during the night, as it had no appearance of illness.

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**Remington, Richard H.**

Captain Richard H. Remington, 73 years old, died in his home, in Alexandria, last week. Captain Remington was a veteran railroad employee, having been in the employ of the Southern Railway Company for forty-six years, as conductor in the freight and passenger service. He is well known by citizens of Manassas, whose tickets he has punched time without number and who have been recipients of his courtesy and kindness upon many occasions.

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**Phillips, Annie K.**

Mrs. Annie K. Phillips, widow of the late Alexander K. Phillips, one of the most prominent business men of his day in Fredericksburg, and who was a daughter of the late Col. Hamilton Rogers, of Loudoun county, died Saturday [February 15, 1913] morning, at an advanced age, in the Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, where she had been taken for treatment.

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**Martin, Mrs. L. E.**

Mrs. L. E. Martin, of Bowling Green, at a late hour Saturday [February 15, 1913] evening, received injuries from which she died when an automobile in which she was riding in company with her husband and little daughter and Mrs. E. B. Travis, was struck by express train No. 51, of the R. F. Y P. Railroad Company at Guinea Station. Mrs. Travis sustained a broken wrist but the other occupants of the car were uninjured. Mr. martin is cashier of the Caroline county bank and is well-known in Manassas.

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**Tapp, James R.**

The death, last week in Washington, of Jas. R. Tapp, marked the passing of another brave ex-Confederate soldier. Mr. Tapp's first military experience was with a company of troops, of which the late Chas. H. Whittington, of Manassas, was a member, was on duty at Harpers Ferry, and subsequently at the execution of John Brown, in Charlestown, West Virginia, then Virginia. At the battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse he carried the wounded Major John W. Daniel off the field under the fire of the enemy.

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**Money, Cora**

Mrs. Cora Money died at the home of her son, Guilford, at Quantico, Friday morning, February 14<sup>th</sup>, aged 76 years. She is survived by one son and two grand sons, Marvin and Clarence Money. Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. T. Atkins.

A vacant chair by our fire side,  
A voice we loved is still,  
Our home, once so cheerful and happy,  
Has been silent since mother was ill.  
'Tis sad to part with our loved one,  
yet 'tis God's will.

Written by a friend, A.

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**Houchins, Thomas M.**

### **DEATH OF THOS. M. HOUCHINS.**

The many warm friends of this place of Mr. Thomas M. Houchins, will regret to learn of his death in his home in Warrenton Monday [*February 24, 1913*], of paralysis, at the age of 72 years. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, the Rev. W. Chinn officiating, and interment was made in the Warrenton cemetery.

He is survived by his second wife, who was Miss Nannie Kemper, of Warrenton, and by one brother, Mr. L. R. Houchins, of Washington. The deceased was a gallant soldier of the 19<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Monticello Guards, Pickett's Division, Confederate army. He was a resident of Manassas for several years and was one of the best town sergeants Manassas ever had.

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**Cook, Vene**

Mr. Vene Cook was laid to rest February 19<sup>th</sup>, after living 82 years in New York, South Dakota and Virginia. Its not given to many to live so long. Mrs. Cook has the sympathy of the entire community.

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**Ball, Sally**

"Aunt" Sally Ball, a worthy and respected colored woman of this community, died recently at her home, near Woolsey, after a brief illness of pneumonia. She will be much missed by all who knew her.

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**Wilt, Lucretia F.**

### **MRS. LUCRETIA WILT DEAD**

**After Lingering illness She Dies in Home of Son, Ernest, In Clarendon Sunday.**

Mrs. Lucretia F. Wilt, of Clifton, Fairfax county, died in the home of her son, Ernest Wilt, in Clarendon, Alexandria county, after an illness of several months of heart failure. The body arrived here Tuesday noon and the interment was made in the Moses

**Wilt, Lucretia F. (Cont.)**

Hixson burying ground near Buckhall, Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. T. D. D. Clarke of the Baptist church conducting the funeral services.

The deceased was the widow of John Wilt who preceded her to the grave about twenty years ago. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Ernest Wilt, of Clarendon, and Woody Wilt, and Mrs. Rush Buckley and Mrs. Tilden Marthers, of Clifton. She was also an aunt of Messrs. Thos. And William Brawner of Buckhall and of J. Ed. Hixson and Mrs. J. R. Evans of Manassas.

Mrs. Wilt like her sister, Mrs. Mollie Hixson, of Manassas, was of that gentle and motherly character—sacrificing her own comfort and pleasure for that of those she lived—which endeared her to the hearts of all who knew her. The family has the sympathy of a host of friends.

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## **March 7, 1913**

**Bolgiano, J. A.**

### **A NOTED SEEDMAN DEAD**

**Retired Seed Merchant, of Baltimore, Dies of Complication of Diseases This Week.**

J. A. Bolgiano, retired head of the well known seed firm of J. Bolgiano & Son, of Baltimore, died of a complication of diseases at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. J. Burch Joyce, the early part of this week, in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

As a financier Mr. Bolgiano was associated with many of the most prominent financiers of this country. For many years, and until the time of his death, he was a director of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, the Fidelity Trust Company and the Security Storage and Trust Company of Baltimore. His death is a distinctive loss to the financial circles and the benevolent and christian societies of the Monumental City and to the firm which he established over half century ago.

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**Carrico, William F.**

### **Death of W. F. Carrico.**

Mr. William F. Carrico, seventy-one years old, died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. Voehl, 433 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, of February 24, after a brief illness of pneumonia. The funeral took place at the home of Mrs. Voehl, and the body was shipped to Bristow and interment was made in the Carrico family burying ground near Langyher's Mill.

**Carrico, William F. (Cont.)**

Rest on, dear Father, your labor is o'er;  
Your willing hands shall toil no more.  
A faithful father, both true and kind,  
A truer parent one could not find.  
By His Children.

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**Bailey, Louise**

Mrs. Louise Bailey, 80 years old, aunt of Mr. R. King, of Nokesville, died at her home near Auburn Fauquier county, Tuesday [March 4, 1913] night. She will be buried in the Oakdale cemetery, near Greenwich, this afternoon.

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**Bean, W. S.**

**Death of S. W. Bean.**

Mr. W. S. Bean, forty-five years old, died in his home near Catletts, Fauquier county, of spinal trouble, after an illness of several months. The funeral took place from the home Monday afternoon, and interment was in the cemetery at Catletts. Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by seven children. Mr. Bean, for a number of years was a resident of Haymarket, where he was postmaster and engaged in the general merchandise business as successor to Mr. Andrew Hulfish, the veteran merchant of Haymarket.

About a year ago Mr. Bean sold his business at Haymarket to Mr. Enoch Rector and removed to a farm, which he had purchased near Catletts, and engaged in farming up to the time of his last illness.

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## **March 14, 1913**

**Mohler, John William**

**DEATH OF J. W. MOHLER**

**Passes Away at Home of Son, At Centreville, Last Friday, At Age of Ninety.**

Mr. John William Mohler, 90 years old, a native of Winchester, died of arterio sclerosis or hardening of the arteries, at the home of his son, Mr. C. J. Mohler, near Centreville, Fairfax county, last Friday [March 7, 1913]. The funeral took place from the

**Mohler, John William (Cont.)**

M. E. Church, of Centreville, Rev. T. D. D. Clark, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating, and interment was made in the Centreville cemetery.

The deceased is survived by six sons—Messrs. C. J., of near Centreville; Henry C., Braxton B. and Thomas N., of Washington; John H., of Pennsylvania, and Theodore C. Mohler, of Georgia, and by three daughters—Mrs. Mittie Bell, Mrs. Beulah Garrett and Mrs. Hattie Henderson, of Washington.

Mr. Mohler was a devoted husband, an affectionate and sacrificing parent, a kind and sympathetic friend and neighbor and a good citizen, whose presence will be missed in the home and in the community.

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**Moran, William Henry Wadsworth**

**FOUNDER OF THE JOURNAL DEAD**

After a lingering illness of pulmonary affliction, Mr. William Henry Wadsworth Moran, founder and for over a decade the able editor and owner of *The Manassas Journal*, died shortly after noon Tuesday [March 11, 1913] in his home, near Manassas, in the fifty-third year of his age.

The funeral took place from his late residence yesterday afternoon at five o'clock, Rev. F. Leslie Robinson, former rector of Trinity church of Manassas, now rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of Cismont, this state, officiating, and interment was made in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery. The pallbearers, all intimate and close friends of the late editor, were—Messrs. Robt. A. Hutchison, H. Thornton Davies, E. H. Hibbs, Harry P. Davis, C. Armstead Sinclair and A. A. Hooff.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Bessie Atwell, of Loudoun county, the deceased is survived by three sons—Messrs. Irvin H., Gordon H. and Preston William Moran, and by four daughters—Mrs. J. R. B. Davis, of Bristow, and Misses Grace B., Portia I. and Mary Lanier Moran, of near Manassas.

Mr. Moran's journalistic career covered a period of over twenty years, and besides being the founder of *The Journal*, in which he manifested an abiding interest long after his pecuniary interest in the periodical ceased, he also was the founder of the *Hamilton Enterprise* and the *orange Review*, the plant of the latter being destroyed by fire and which ended his newspaper ventures. He was also the author of an interesting and well written novel, entitled "From School Room to Bar."

Possibly no editor in Virginia had a clearer conception of the duties pertaining to the editorial chair than did the subject of this notice. Certainly few newspaper editors had a stricter regard for the responsibilities resting upon him as a disseminator of news to the patrons of his paper than did he.

His position upon all subjects was one of decision of character, and, although he was at all times open to conviction, he upheld his opinions when satisfied he was in the right, with fearless determination, thus gaining friends and holding the respect of his

**Moran, William Henry Wadsworth (Cont.)**

opponents. If there was any one particular characteristic that shone through his public service it was his splendid courage, both editorially and in public debate. From the deceased's strong, fixed character one can easily conceive the healthy environment of his boyhood training.

One of Mr. Moran's chief delights was to commune with books of a scientific character and with the intricacies and beauty of nature. As a testimonial to his original researches he was elected to and held an honorary membership in the National Geographical Society.

From our personal knowledge of general public sentiment, the icy hand of the grim destroyers could not have been laid upon one in this community who was more universally respected and esteemed than was Mr. Moran.

The large concourse of admiring friends and relatives who followed his remains, under weeping skies, to "the silent city," together with the beautiful floral tributes which transformed the mound of clay above his lifeless form into a mound of flowers, were mute testimonials that justify this assertion.

Taken from a sphere of action in which his usefulness was conspicuous; cut off when his powers were ripest, those of us who survive him wonder at the inscrutable decrees of providence.

The pathetic scene of the last farewell, when the fond wife, sons and daughters, the youngest of whom was of tender years, took a lingering last look upon the still face, strong hearts among the onlookers gave way, and many eyes were dimmed through recollections of the devoted relations which had so long existed between the weeping mourners and the one soon to be swallowed up in the tomb.

While words of sympathy can not assuage the grief that now o'rshadows the hitherto happy home, nor replace the missing link in the chain of the family circle, there are a host of friends who would commend the grief-stricken family to Him who has promised to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.

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**Atchison, Almedie**

The little nineteen-month old daughter, Almedie, of Mrs. Josie Atchison, of Forestburg, this county, died on Friday, February 28.

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**Stewart, Harry**

Harry Stewart, 69 years old, and one of the most widely known fishermen on the Virginia side of the Potomac river, died in his home in Arkendale, Stafford county, of congestion of the lungs, Saturday [March 8, 1913].

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**Shepherd, C. Lee**

Mr. C. Lee Shepherd, of Fredericksburg, and a near relative of Mr. Jos. Shepherd, of near Dumfries, this county, died in his home from hydrophobia Monday [March 10, 1913] night, and was buried at Lorton, Fairfax county, at noon Wednesday.  
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**Smith, Peter**

Mr. Peter Smith, 36 years old, died of a complication of diseases, in the home of his uncle, Mr. Bud Cole, near independent Hill, Saturday [March 8, 1913]. Funeral from the Baptist church, Rev. Cummings officiating and interment was made in the Independent hill cemetery.

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**Studds, Lucy**

Mrs. Lucy Studds, 72 years old, widow of Isaac Studds, and a first cousin of Messrs. George W. and David Muddiman, of this place, died in her home in Alexandria, Saturday [March 8, 1913], of heart failure. The funeral took place Monday and interment was made in the family lot in the Alexandria cemetery, the Messrs. Muddiman attending the obsequies.

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**Weeks, Robert (Mrs.)**

**Bride of a Month Dead.**

Mrs. Robert Weeks died in her home on the Haislip place, near Nokesville Monday [March 10, 1913] morning, of tuberculosis, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of her age. The funeral took place from the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. I. A. Miller of the Church of the Brethren, officiating, and interment was made in the burying ground on the Haislip farm.

Mrs. Weeks, whose marriage was reported in The Journal about a month ago, was going about her home on Sunday afternoon, and her death came as a surprise to her husband and friends.

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## **March 21, 1913**

**Sheppard, C. Lee**

### **TRAGIC DEATH OF RABIES**

**C. Lee Sheppard, Native of Prince William, Suffers Horrible Death Last Week.**

The short notice we had just before going to press last week of the tragic death of C. Lee Sheppard, a native of this county, induces us to give to the readers of *The Journal*, especially in lower Prince William, a fuller account of the circumstances of his death in this week's issue.

Mr. Sheppard, who was 46 years old, was in the employ of the R. F. & P. Railway Company as linesman and phoneman between Fredericksburg and Washington, was bitten by a mad dog at his home, in Fredericksburg, about six weeks ago, notice of the occurrence appearing at the time in *The Journal*.

He caught the rabid animal, and after choking it to death, cut off its head and took it to the Department of Animal Industry in Washington, for examination. He was informed that the animal's head gave unmistakable evidence of rabies, and he lost no time in placing himself under pasteur treatment. The deadly virus had done its work however, and within the period of a few short weeks death relieved him from the tortures of hydrophobia.

Mr. Sheppard was a son of the late Richard Sheppard, of Lorton, Fairfax county, and a nephew of Mr. Jos. Sheppard, of near Dumfries. He is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Richard Sheppard, and by one brother, Mr. George Sheppard, of Fredericksburg.  
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**Merchant, Benjamin Dyer**

### **DEATH OF B. D. MERCHANT**

Lieutenant Benjamin Dyer Merchant, seventy-four years old, died of pneumonia, following several months illness of a complication of diseases, in the home of his son, Harry, in Baltimore, at an early hour last Friday [*March 14, 1913*] morning.

The funeral took place from Trinity Episcopal church in this place Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the Rev. P. A. Arthur, rector of the Church officiating and interment was made in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery under the auspices of Manasseh Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M. of which the deceased was a charter member.

Dr. W. Fewell merchant, B. N. Merchant and R. H. Merchant, sons; W. C. N. Merchant, brother; J. Edward Dunnington, son-in-law, and James Merchant Dunnington, grand son, of the deceased, were the pallbearers.

The deceased is survived by four sons—Dr. W. Fewell merchant, of Manassas; B. N. Merchant and Harry N. Merchant, of Baltimore, and R. H. Merchant, Halifax, N. C.; by two daughters—Mrs. J. Edward Dunnington and Miss Elizabeth Warren Merchant, of Baltimore; by two sisters—Mrs. Jennie Adams and Mrs. Amy White, of Washington, and

**Merchant, Benjamin Dyer (Cont.)**

by three brothers—John E. Merchant, of Alexandria; W. C. N. Merchant, of Chatham, this state, and Samuel Merchant, of Accotink, Fairfax county, and by eight grand children.

Lieut. Merchant was among the first to respond to the call for troops to defend his native Southland from the invading Federal hosts and served with distinction in Company A, Fourth Virginia Cavalry, until he was captured at Antioch Church, near Waterfall, on December 29, 1863, and sent to the Old Capitol prison in Washington. Subsequently he was transferred to Fort Delaware, where he was confined and subjected to trying ordeals of privation until his lot was cast on August 20, 1864, with the "Immortal Six Hundred," who were confined in a stockade on Morris island under the fire of Confederate guns and where gross indignities, impure food and unsanitary conditions were endured for a lengthy period through stubborn resistance to the oath of allegiance to the Federal government.

Lieut. Merchant, as is not generally known in this community, was entitled to the credit of capturing the first Federal soldier of the war among the states. The prisoner belonged to Co. D, of the New York light Dragoons. The capture was made, at a small stream a short distance this side of Fairfax Courthouse, at the time the Prince William Cavalry was surprised on June 1, 1861, by a Federal Regiment, while the greater portion of the company were unarmed, and retreated to Centreville. The sword taken from the prisoner was placed in possession of a lady friend for safe-keeping until the close of the war when it was restored to the captor and is now in the possession of his son, Dr. Merchant.

When the writer looked down Sunday, upon the still form, clothed in the gray Confederate uniform that had been brushed by leaden hail upon many a gory field, his thoughts turned to the beautiful May morning when the Company to which he belonged, with black plumes in the hats of its members, and the brass buttons upon their new gray uniforms shining in the bright sunlight, marched proudly up the Main street of Dumfries, where the company had been in camp for a short period, on its way to what was destined to be the historic plains of Manassas.

Partly covering the casket, which contained the remains of the gallant Confederate veteran, was a replica of the Confederate flag, with its red and white bars and thirteen white stars on a background of azure blue, typical of the colors which the deceased had followed through many hard-fought battles and which rarely went down in defeat until furled at Appomattox.

If Lieut. Merchant had an enemy it was not known among the citizens of Prince William county with whom he had close business relations as merchant, Commissioner of the revenue, tiller of the soil and traveling salesman for a period of over half century. It was generally accepted that his uniform kindness and courtesy had endured him to and placed him in the highest regard of all with whom he came in social or business contact.

The large number of persons who were present in the spacious church edifice, taking up every available seating or standing room, to pay their last tribute of love and respect, together with the beautiful floral tributes, including a handsome embalmatic design from Manasseh Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; the Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Manassas Chapter of the Southern Ladies'

**Merchant, Benjamin Dyer (Cont.)**

Memorial Association, told in silence of the high regard in which the deceased was held in this community.

Those from a distance, other than those already mentioned, who attended the obsequies were: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merchant and sons, Edwin near and John Preston, and daughter, Margaret A., of Alexandria; Samuel Merchant, of Accotink; Mrs. Jennie Adams, Mrs. Amy White and Mr. John J. Cowhig, of Washington; Mr. H. N. Merchant, Mrs. J. E. Dunnington and Miss Elizabeth Warren merchant and Mr. and Mrs. Coulbourn, of Baltimore; W. R. Free and Mrs. Laura V. Free, of Nokesville; Messrs. Mark Thomas, John Hall and Peyton Manuel, of Bristow; Major James R. Purcell, of Gainesville; Capt. John R. Rust, of Haymarket, and William T. Monroe, of Wellington.

The deceased was a member of Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans, and of the Manassas Chapter of the Southern Ladies' Memorial Association, and took a lively interest in those societies. He was active in his efforts to aid the memorial Association in creating the funds which made possible the erection of the monument which now stands as a sentinel at the gates of the "silent city" of his comrades who have "passed over the river."

It was within the shadow of this monument that his body was consigned to the tomb, and the mystic circle of his fraternal order, after depositing into his grave emblems of purity, friendship and immortality of the soul, passed to each other a significance of fraternal affection and committed the soul of their deceased brother to the God who gave it.

Lieut. Merchant never missed an opportunity to meet in annual reunion with those who wore the gray, no matter at what inconvenience or expense, and when the thin line, which is growing thinner and thinner with each succeeding year, is drawn up for roll-call at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 27<sup>th</sup> of next May, his smiling face and his cheerful presence will be missed from the hoary-headed throngs which nightly gather around the campfires to recount the thrilling incidents of the four long years of privation and bloodshed that tried men's souls.

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**Yeatman, William H.**

Mr. William H. Yeatman, 72 years old, a member of the Eighth Virginia Regiment, C. S. A., and a brother-in-law of Mayor P. P. Chapman, of this place, died in his home in Alexandria, Monday [March 17, 1913] morning. Interment was in the family burying ground at The Plains.

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**Holman, Mary H.**

Mrs. Mary H. Holman, wife of Mr. A. B. Holman, of Roanoke, died in her berth in the Pullman car on train No. 41, about 11 o'clock Friday [March 14, 1913] night, when near Manassas, en route from John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, where she went several weeks ago for treatment. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. Harry Holman. *The Manassas Journal, March 21, 1913 p-4*

**Weaver, W. F.**

Mr. W. F. Weaver, 27 years old, of near Calverton, Fauquier county, was fatally injured near Catlett Wednesday [March 19, 1913], and died shortly thereafter. Mr. Weaver was moving a well-boring machine and in going down a hill near Catlett, he reached for the brake and missing it fell in front of the machine, the same passing over his body, cutting it in half. He leaves a wife and one child. *The Manassas Journal, March 21, 1913 p-4*

**Cockrill, Robert A.**

Mr. Robert A. Cockrill, who was severely burned while trying to save his storehouse which was destroyed by fire at The Plains on March 2, died, after ten days of suffering in Providence hospital, Washington, Thursday [March 13, 1913] of last week. The deceased is survived by his widow and one son, R. M. Cockrill, of The Plains. *The Manassas Journal, March 21, 1913 p-4*

## **March 28, 1913**

**Flowers, Lusetta**

**DEATH OF MISS FLOWERS**

**Laid to Rest Beside her Mother And Brother in the Manassas Cemetery Sunday.**

The body of Miss Lusetta Flowers, who died after a lingering illness of a complication of diseases, in her home in Washington, last Friday [March 21, 1913] night, was brought to Manassas Sunday morning and interred in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery beside her mother, who preceded her to the grave a few short weeks ago, and of her brother, Press, who preceded her about four years ago.

The body was accompanied here by the deceased's sister, Mrs. Lula Withers; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Press Flowers, and the adopted daughter of the Flowers family, Mrs. Pansy Bladen.

**Flowers, Lusetta (Cont.)**

The Flowers family came to Washington from Paducah, Ky., in the latter part of the nineties, and shortly thereafter spent the summer in Manassas, occupying the Baldwin property now known as Baldwin Hall of Eastern College. At that time Mrs. Flowers occupied a position as stenographer and typewriter in the United States census bureau; the family moving to Manassas on account of the health of the son, Press Flowers.

While here the funeral party were guests of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Nicol.

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**Calvert, Milton**

**DEATH OF MILTON CALVERT**

**One Beloved in His Community Passes Away in His Home at Independent Hill Friday.**

Mr. Milton Calvert died in his home, near Independent Hill, last Friday [*March 21, 1913*] afternoon of a complication of diseases. The funeral took place from Independent Hill church Saturday afternoon, Elder John Priest, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church, officiating, and interment was made in the Independent Hill cemetery. The deceased is survived by his widow, father, Mr. Peyton Calvert, and sister, Mrs. John Fair.

Mr. Calvert passed from the scene of his earthly labors as unostentatiously as he had lived. Every one who knew him esteemed him for his charitable characteristics and other amiable qualities. The constant flow of good deeds was the greatest advertisement of his honorable life. Many hearts were pained when the sad news went forth that the deceased has closed his earthly career and gone to his Heavenly reward. In the stillness of the hour came the remark from many: "His place can never again be filled in the heart of his devoted wife, who was always ready to administer to his every wish and his greatest desire was to fulfill her every wish."

Mr. Calvert was fully conscious of the nature of his illness and that it was rapidly placing him in the hands of the grim destroyer. Notwithstanding this he faced death calmly and bid adieu to his loved ones with that assurance of future happiness and peace that is born of a firm Christian belief.

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**Patrick, Father**

**FATHER PATRICK IS DEAD**

**After Lingering Illness of Heart Trouble He Dies in Providence Hospital Tuesday.**

Father Patrick, O. S. B., died Tuesday [March 25, 1913] night of heart affection in Providence Hospital, Washington, where he had been undergoing treatment since last November. His body was taken Wednesday to Belmont, N. C., and laid to rest in the burial ground of Belmont college, of which Institution he was for a number of years a professor.

Father Patrick was for fifteen or sixteen years the pastor of All Saints Church of Manassas and of St. John's church of Warrenton and was much beloved by the members of these churches and was highly respected and esteemed by the ministers of the neighboring churches and of other denominations. He was of a quiet, unassuming nature, favorably impressing all with whom he came in business or social relations.

Father Patrick was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., fifty-one years ago and most of his life was spent in Virginia.

About three years ago Father Patrick went to Europe and while he was in Rome he sustained a fall which disabled him for several months and from which injury he never fully recovered, and, it is thought, hastened his death.

While a youth on board ship, the captain of the craft took a liking to the then young Patrick Donlan and educated him for the priesthood. Father Patrick was well-informed on all subjects and had traveled extensively in this and adjoining counties. He had many warm friends in this and adjoining counties who deplore his death in the prime of manhood.

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**Houghton, Thomas (Mrs.)**

Mrs. Thos. Houghton died Tuesday [March 25, 1913] in her home in Sperryville, Rappahannock county, of tumor of the stomach. Mrs. Houghton was the mother of Mrs. W. S. Athey, of near Manassas. The funeral took place from the home yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the family burying ground near Sperryville.

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## **April 4, 1913**

**Dove, Charles (Mrs.)**

Mrs. Chas. Dove, about forty years of age, died in her home near Nokesville, early Wednesday [April 2, 1913] morning, after a few months illness of kidney trouble. The funeral took place from Valley View church, near Aden, yesterday afternoon, Rev. S.

**Dove, Charles (Mrs.) (Cont.)**

H. Flory officiating, and interment was in Valley View church cemetery. The deceased, who came to Nokesville from West Virginia, is survived by her husband and nine children.

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**Jones, William H. (Mrs.)**

Mrs. William H. Jones dropped dead in her home on Negley farm near Woodbridge last week. Her remains were taken to her former home in Orange county for interment. Mrs. Jones was a daughter of Richard Jones, of Orange county, and is survived by her husband, one child, father, mother, and ten sisters and brothers. When Mrs. Jones' little child entered her home she found her mother a corpse who only five minutes prior was in apparent health.

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**Nelson, Lucy**

**Mother of Virginia Giant Dead.**

Lucy Nelson, the mother of the largest and tallest man of modern times, died at her home in Essex county a few days ago at the age of 88 years. Her son, Pickett Nelson, the giant, was raised in that county, and until the time of his death, which occurred in Baltimore a few years ago, traveled with a circus and was exhibited as the largest and tallest man in the world. He was said to be nine feet seven inches in height and weighed nearly 400 pounds. Upon frequent occasions on the stage he held a canvas bag containing \$500 in his hand, on a level with his shoulder, and offered it to any man who could reach it by standing on tip-toe.

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**Bailey, Louise Fletcher**

**IN MEMORIAM**

I bring to-day a wreath of white roses, entwined with laurels and lay them as the last tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Louise Fletcher Bailey, who departed this life on the evening of March 4, 1913, at her home, near Auburn, Fauquier county, Va., in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of her age. No flower other than the rose could so speak the gentle characteristics of this noble hearted lady and surely none more worthy to wear the laurel.

**Bailey, Louise Fletcher (Cont.)**

She was a kind, affectionate mother, good neighbor and true friend and noted for true old Virginia hospitality.

Mrs. Bailey, before her marriage, was Miss Louise Fletcher, daughter of James and Amy Fletcher, of Fauquier county, Va., sister of Moses and Lemuel Fletcher, of Elk Run, Va., and first cousin of Messrs. T. N. and Albert Fletcher, of Warrenton, Va. After the close of the civil war, she united in marriage to William Horner Bailey, who was a descendant from one of the oldest families of Virginia, being a nephew of William Horner, who, before the civil war, was one of the most famous lawyers of Warrenton, Va., and grandson of Dr. Claggett, who was a surgeon in the war of 1812.

To this union five children were born—four sons and one daughter, the four sons surviving her—James, of Nokesville, Va.; William, of Washington, D. C., and George and John, of Auburn, Va. Cora, the daughter, passed over to the “great beyond” in her childhood.

About twenty-five years ago Mrs. Bailey was baptized and received in the Oak Dale Baptist church by the Rev. B. T. Dulin, where, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March her funeral was preached and interment made in the Oak Dale cemetery. “I am going at sundown” were nearly her last words and as the sun sank low in the horizon on that bright spring evening a beautiful life was ended.

Mrs. Bailey was an aunt of Mrs. Anderson Manuel and Mrs. A. N. King, of Nokesville, Va., and also of Messrs. Wellington and Samuel Bailey, of Woodlawn.

‘Tis a calm, a heavenly sleep  
That hovers o’er her brow,  
Then why should friend or kindred weep  
When she is happy now.

I. F. M.

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**Peach, R. M. (Mr.)**

Mr. R. M. Peach, who is well known in the Virginia Horse Show circuit, died, recently, in his home in Loudoun county, near Upperville, in his 43<sup>rd</sup> year.

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**Taliaferro, Hattie**

Hattie Taliaferro, twenty-four years old, daughter of Richard Taliaferro, colored, died of heart trouble, in her home near Manassas, Sunday [April 6, 1913] morning. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon Rev. M. D. Williams, of Manassas Baptist church, colored, officiating, and interment was in the cemetery for colored people, near Manassas.

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**Conroy, Frank**

Frank Conroy, a plasterer of Washington, was struck and killed by a train at Burks Station Tuesday [April 8, 1913] night.  
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**Cowhig, Mary**

Miss Mary Cowhig, 50 years old, died of tubercular trouble, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cowhig, at Casanova, Fauquier county, Monday [April 7, 1913] night. The funeral took place from St. John's Catholic church in Warrenton, of which the deceased was a faithful and consistent member, and interment was made in the Warrenton cemetery. The deceased was a sister of Mr. William M. Cowhig, superintendent of transportation of the Southern Railway Company, and of his assistant, Mr. John Cowhig, of Washington, both of whom are well known in Manassas where they have many warm friends who sympathize with them in their bereavement.  
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**April 18, 1913**

**Muddiman, John T.**

**JOHN T. MUDDIMAN DEAD**

**Dissolution Came at 1:40 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon at His Home in Roanoke.**

A telegram reached here late yesterday [April 17, 1913] afternoon announcing the death from pneumonia, in his home in Roanoke, of Mr. John T. Muddiman, brother of Mrs. E. V. Florance and of Messrs. Geo. And David Muddiman, of Manassas, and who was for a number of years a resident of this place. The funeral will take place from the home Saturday afternoon and interment will be made in the cemetery at Roanoke.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Florance was summoned by wire to the bedside of her brother and left here for Roanoke on train 41 Monday night. Although the deceased was considered very ill by his physicians, at the time his sister was summoned, there was no thought of such early dissolution. Mr. Muddiman was a man of quiet demeanor, generous to a fault, an affectionate and devoted husband, a kind neighbor and a good and useful citizen, who will be missed in the community in which he has so long resided. His many friends in Manassas will sympathize with the widow in her sad and sudden bereavement. Messrs. George and David Muddiman will leave here tonight to attend the obsequies.

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**Maddox, Charles Barbour**

Mr. Chas. Barbour Maddox, of near Remington, died in a Washington hospital, last week, of a disease which baffled his attending physicians. Mr. Maddox was a relative of the late Senator John S. Barbour.

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**Byram, Elizabeth**

Mrs. Elizabeth Byram, 70 years old, died in her home, near Stafford Store, Stafford county, Friday [April 11, 1913] night of last week. The funeral took place from the home Sunday afternoon and interment was in the family burying ground.

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**McCormick, Joseph**

Mr. Joseph McCormick, of near Warrenton, and a near relative of the inventor of the famous McCormick reaper, was found dead in his stable, on Thursday [April 10, 1913] of last week. It is supposed that his death was the result of a kick by a colt.

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**Jones, Thomas**

Brigadier General Thomas Jones, who served in the Confederate services, and who was once a resident of Warrenton and principal of the Warrenton high School, recently died in the home of his son in Prescott, Arizona. It is thought that his body will be brought to Virginia for burial.

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**McCormick, Province**

Mr. Province McCormick, 33 years old, son of Attorney Marshall McCormick, who figured conspicuously in the Harris trial in the circuit court of this county two years or more ago, died in the office of his father in Roanoke, on Tuesday [April 8, 1913] of last week, under circumstances that point to suicide by means of cyanide of potassium. The young man left three letters—one to his father, one to his mother and one to Miss Mary B. Martin, a stenographer in his father's office.

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**Fletcher, Joshua**

From hardening of the arteries, Mr. Joshua Fletcher, died in his home near Upperville, Fauquier County, last week at the age of sixty-four years. He was one of the wealthiest men of his county and second largest landowner in Virginia, his real estate holdings being something over four thousand acres. He was a vestryman of the Upperville Episcopal Church and a director of the Fauquier National Bank, of Warrenton. *The Manassas Journal, April 18, 1913 p-5*

**April 25, 1913**

**Longerbeam, Eliza**

Mrs. Eliza Longerbeam, aunt of Mr. Ed. Longerbeam, who was a clerk for J. W. Ayers in Manassas, died in Clarke county last week, at the age of 78 years. *The Manassas Journal, April 25, 1913 p-4*

**May 2, 1913**

**Larkin, Richard D.**

**RICHARD D. LARKIN DEAD**

**Succumbs to Cerebral Hemorrhage, in His Home in Washington Sunday Night.**

Mr. Richard D. Larkin, 88 years old, died of cerebral hemorrhage in his home, 1444 W. street northwest, Washington, D. C., on Sunday [April 27, 1913] night. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and interment was made in Glenwood cemetery, D. C. The pallbearers, all relatives of the deceased, were C. M. and Harry Larkin, Richard Harrison and Messrs. Rector, Connelly and Witt. Mr. Larkin was a Confederate veteran, having served in the Seventh Virginia Cavalry, under Gen. Turner Ashby. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Jennie Harrison, daughter of Mr. John A. Harrison, of this county, and by six children: William A. Larkin, Harrison D. Larkin, Mrs. Charles Conley, Miss May Larkin, Mrs. J. W. Dunbar, of Haymarket, this county, and Mrs. E. B. Witt, of Bluefields, W. Va., and by 16 grandchildren and 1 greatgrandson. Miss Emma Larkin, of near Wellington was a niece, and Mr. C. M. Larkin, of Manassas, was a nephew of the deceased.

Mr. Larkin was in Manassas during the first week of April term of the circuit court, appearing to be in his usual health.

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**Hooe, Robert H.**

**DEATH OF ROBERT H. HOOE**

**After Many Years of Usefulness He Laid Down Life's Burdens Sunday Night.**

Mr. Robert Howson Hooe, after several months illness of a complication of diseases, died in his home near New Baltimore, Fauquier county, Sunday [April 27, 1913] night, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

The funeral took place from the home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev V. H. Councill, of the Baptist Church of New Baltimore officiating, and interment was in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The pall-bearers, honorary, were: Messrs. Westwood Hutchison, J. P. Manuel, Geo. W. Johnson, H. F. Lynn, W. T. Whorton and Capt. Jas. E. Herrell, of Ewell Camp, C. V., and the active pall-bearers, all of whom were sons and other near relatives, were: Messrs. John M., Robert V., Daniel P. and Howson B. Hooe, Thomas S. Meredith and Dr. J. Cabell Meredith.

The deceased is survived by three sons: John M. Hooe, Deputy sheriff for Prince William county, and Robert V. Hooe and Daniel P. Hooe, of near new Baltimore, and by four sisters: Mrs. Whitfield Nutt and Mrs. B. F. Iden, of Manassas, and Mrs. Thos. J. Smith and Mrs. W. G. Iden, of Washington, and by two brothers: Messrs. Howson Hooe, of near Nokesville, and Peter Hooe, of Buckingham county, this State.

Besides his efficient services as Commissioner of the Revenue for upper Prince William county for a number of years, Mr. Hooe filled many other offices of public trust with marked ability, untiring energy and courtesy.

His uniform kindness and personal magnetism placed him in the position of a most formidable competitor for any office within the gift of the voters of his native county, for everyone liked, and spoke in the highest commendation of "Bob" Hooe.

The Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., and Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans, attended the obsequies in a body, and among the floral tributes laid upon the grave was a handsome wreath of Magnolio leaves, tied with ribbons of the Confederate colors—the tribute adopted by the Virginia Division of the U. D. C.—was tenderly placed thereon by the hands of Mrs. A. W. Sinclair, president of the Manassas Chapter of the first named society.

When Company A, (Ewell Guards) commanded by Capt. J. B. Norville, was organized in Brentsville, in June, 1861, Mr. Hooe joined that company as a private for one year, at the expiration of which time he re-enlisted at Yorktown in the spring of 1862 for the remainder of the war and served with distinction in many bloody conflicts until he lost his left arm in the second battle of Cold Harbor, where his company lost heavily in killed and wounded, on May 30, 1864.

After spending three months in Winder hospital, in Richmond, he was detailed as Quartermaster-Sergeant of his regiment, serving in that capacity until honorably discharged for disability, February 1, 1865. When his company went to the front it was assigned to the "bloody" 49<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment, Pergram's Brigade and "Stonewall" Jackson's Corps. Besides numerous minor engagements he participated in the famous battles of First and Second Manassas, Williamsburg, Seven-days-fight around Richmond,

**Hooe, Robert H. (Cont.)**

Cedar Mountain, Antietam or Sharpsburg, the bloody engagement at Marye's Heights at Fredericksburg and the bloody conflict at Cold Harbor.

Soon after the close of the war Mr. Hooe married Miss Bettie Meredith, one of Prince William's most accomplished and popular young ladies, who was a daughter of the late Thos. S. Meredith and a sister of the late Congressman E. E. Meredith and of Dr. J. Cabell Meredith, of Manassas, Thos. S. Meredith, of near Gainesville, and Richard Meredith, of Texas.

In the death of R. H. Hooe his sons have lost a kind, sympathetic and indulgent father, whose counsel was their guide; the community in which he resided a warm-hearted and faithful friend and neighbor, and the county a useful citizen who was alive to every important issue affecting public interest for weal or for woe. When the large concourse of admiring friends and relatives stood, with bared heads, around the open sepulcher and saw all that was mortal of their faithful friend and companion lowered to its last resting place, the thought was uppermost in the minds of all that a good man had gone to his last reward. May he rest in peace.

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**Devers, Virginia**

Mrs. Virginia Devers, 71 years old, died in her home near Franconia, Fairfax county, on Wednesday [April 23, 1913] of last week. Mrs. Devers was an aunt of Mr. S. Devers, who was a resident of Manassas during the time he was supervisor of part of the Washington Division of the Southern Railway.

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**Flory, Mary L.**

Miss Mary L. Flory, 63 years old, a relative of Mr. Samuel Flory of near Nokesville, died of dropsy in the home of her sister, Miss Sarah Flory, near Dayton, Rockingham county, with whom she lived, on last Friday [April 25, 1913] evening. The deceased is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Flory, and by one brother, Mr. Jacob Flory.

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**Elgin, Emma L.**

Mrs. Emma L. Elgin, 42 years old, wife of Milton L. Elgin, died in her home, No. 1850 West Baltimore street, on last Sunday [April 27, 1913]. Mrs. Elgin's husband is a

**Elgin, Emma L. (Cont.)**

native of near Clifton, Fairfax county, and his father, the late John Elgin, conducted the huckster business in this and adjoining counties for a great number of years.

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**Good, Samuel**

Mr. Samuel Good, father of the wife of Rev. S. P. Fogle, of near Bristow, died of paralysis, in his home near Newmarket, Shenandoah county, Tuesday afternoon, in the 83d year of his age. The funeral took place from the home yesterday afternoon and interment was made at Cedar Grove church, near Newmarket.

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**Polen, George**

Mr. George Polen, 76 years old, died in the home of his sister, Mrs. S. W. Hunt, near Woolsey, last week. The funeral took place from the home, and interment was made in the family burying ground on the premises of his brother, Mr. Peter Polen, near Hickory Grove. The deceased was an uncle of Mr. Will Polen, who was associated in business with Mr. Geo. W. Payne, in Manassas.

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**Wright, Julia**

**MRS. E. T. WRIGHT DEAD**

**After Long and Tedious Illness She Succumbs to Paralysis, In Staunton Tuesday.**

Mrs. Julia Wright, wife of Mr. E. T. Wright, died after an illness of over three years in the Western State hospital, in Staunton, last Tuesday [April 22, 1913] afternoon, the immediate cause of death being paralysis.

The body reached Manassas by C. & O. train No. 4, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and was conveyed to independent Hill where the funeral took place from the Primitive Baptist church at that place, Rev. John Priest, officiating, and interment was made in the family lot in the churchyard.

Besides her husband the deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Wolfenden, of Kopp, this county, and Miss Leah Wright, who resides with her father, and by one son, Mr. Grover C. Wright, of near Minnieville.

Those who knew Mrs. Wright before the hand of affliction was laid heavily upon her, will bear testimony to her many amiable characteristics and will remember her as a

**Wright, Julia** (Cont.)

devoted wife, affectionate and indulgent mother and a kind and sympathetic neighbor.

The family has the sympathy of a host of friends.

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## **May 9, 1913**

**Dean, Jennie** Seriepta

### **Death of the Founder of the Manassas Industrial School**

Jennie Dean, founder of the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth, died from Paralysis in her home near Catharpin, this county, Saturday [May 3, 1913] morning. The funeral took place from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, colored, near Catharpin, Monday afternoon, Rev. Marshall D. William, pastor of the Manassas Baptist Church, colored, officiating, [On May 16, 1913 p-4 the following correction was printed: Rev. Walter Brooks, of the 195h street Baptist church, colored, of Washington, who was Jennie Dean's pastor, during her residence in Washington, officiated at the Jennie Dean obsequies last week, instead of Rev. Marshall D. Williams, as we were informed.] and interment was made in the family lot in the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near the late home of the deceased. Only one brother and one sister survive: Robert Dean, who lives in the West, and the wife of Rev. L. H. Bailey, of Occoquan.

In the death of Jennie Dean the world has lost one of its most enthusiastic yet unostentatious benefactors who never permitted obstacles nor personal discomfort to bar her efforts towards the uplift and general welfare of her race.

Born in slavery on the historic plains of Manassas near the place where the lamp of her useful life went out, a few years before the great civil war, she heard the roar of musketry and the booming of cannon in the first great battle of that war, and when peace was declared and the public free schools inaugurated she obtained her limited education in the first school house built for colored children in Prince William county, and known as Mandley, No. 5.

From her early youth she manifested a deep interest in religious affairs and organized her first Sunday School in her humble home in the early eighties, from which developed her first mission church, Mt. Calvary Chapel, nearby, and from which edifice her lifeless body was taken to its last resting place.

Three other Baptist churches were organized and put on a firm basis through her efforts, namely, Wellington Mission, Pilgrim's Rest, in Prince William county, and Conklin, in Loudoun county.

All these churches are now in a prosperous condition. Her great work, and which will ever live in the hearts of her people, was the founding of the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth. Her conception of this work was the offspring of her love-labor in her Sunday School work. Her heart ached, as she often expressed it, for the poorly fed and poorly clad children who came to her Sunday Schools, and she organized

**Dean, Jennie Seriepta (Cont.)**

industrial classes in cooking and sewing and taught them on Saturday afternoons. Realizing the inadequacy of these to meet the crying needs of the children, she conceived the thought of an industrial school where they would be afforded the opportunity of being taught the ordinary manual pursuits, and from this thought the institution, which will stand as a monument to her memory, was established.

It was the energy and acumen of Jennie Dean and those whom she fired with her own zeal that made the Manassas Industrial School possible.

This worthy woman spent her declining years in the neighborhood in which she was born and enjoyed the fullest respect of her white neighbors. Her work will live after her and make her name for many generations an inspiration to those of her race who would emulate her difficult achievements.

Jennie Dean had an abiding faith in the Christian religion, and to that fact is largely due, her friends maintain, the accomplishment of her meritorious objects under adverse conditions. Numbered among those who were her numerous friends and supporters of her work, outside the county were: the late Crosby S. Noyes, Revs. Edward Everett Hale, S. M. Newman, Percy S. Grant, U. G. B. Pierce, Mrs. Burton Harrison, Representative Francis Burton Harrison, Bishops Potter and Greer, Mrs. M. C. Whitman, Miss Emily Howland, and Mrs. C. B. Hackley. Among those within the county, white, were: Dr. H. M. Clarkson, the late Capt. R. H. Tyler, Geo. C. Round, the late Henry J. Ayres, the late Representative E. E. Meredith, who was attorney for the school; Judge C. E. Nicol, the late W. H. W. Moran, Rev. Abram Conner, the late Mrs. Howard P. Dodge and Mr. Dodge, F. H. Sanders, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hundley.

State Supts. Of Education Massey and Eggleston gave substantial encouragement to the institution by being present upon numerous occasions and delivering interesting and instructive addresses.

The large concourse of both white and colored people who were present at the obsequies was mute testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Many prominent white people of the Catharpin neighborhood made brief addresses in commendation of the life and character of the deceased benefactress.

**MEMORIAL TO JENNIE DEAN**

Plans are being formulated by the faculty of the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth to erect upon the school grounds a small, beautiful, permanent chapel in memory of Jennie Seriepta Dean, the founder of the institution.

These plans will take more definite shape and the object given fresh impetus at the Commencement exercises of the school on May 30, when committees will be appointed to carry the plans into effect.

This chapel will be used for religious services of the school and in this will be embodied one of oft-repeated desires of the school's benefactress, and in direct line with her devotional characteristic.

It was her life-long desire to have such chapel erected, and no more fitting testimonial of her devotion to religious matters could be conceived than the one now in contemplation.

**Dean, Jennie Seriepta (Cont.)**

Efforts were made by the school faculty to have the remains of Jennie Dean interred in the school grounds where her great life-work was really achieved but the family at the time felt that the body should rest in the cemetery of Mt. Calvary Baptist church which she founded. It is still the hope of the school that the family will later yield not only to the wishes of the school but of the whole community in the desire to have the remains rest in the shadow of the proposed chapel.

The death of Jennie Dean brings to mind the devotion of her life work towards the betterment of the spiritual and temporal condition of her race, and emphasizes anew the well-established fact that much good may be accomplished through the medium of humble instruments. That a colored woman born in slavery and subject to the vicissitudes of poverty could have founded churches, Sunday schools and established an institution for training the youth of her people is the strongest evidence of what may be achieved through sincerity of purpose and good work, inspired by faith, even under the most adverse conditions.

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**Taylor, Margaret**

Lawson Meredith was summoned by telegram yesterday to the funeral of his mother, Margaret Taylor, who died in her home in Burlington, N. J., Wednesday [May 7, 1913], at the age of 89 years. He left here this morning to attend the obsequies. The deceased is survived by three sons, Lawson Meredith, of Manassas, and Sandy and Benjamin Taylor and by two daughters, Mary and Laura Taylor, of Burlington.

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**Athey, Lulu**

Mrs. Lulu Athey, wife of Mr. Shuler Athey, died in her home at Markham, Fauquier county, Sunday [May 4, 1913] morning. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, Rev. Hall, of the Primitive Baptist church, officiating, and interment was in the Linden cemetery. Besides her husband the deceased is survived by two small sons. Mrs. Athey was a sister-in-law of Messrs. T. H. and W. S. Athey, of near Manassas, who were in attendance at the funeral.

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Collier, Charles J.

**CHARLES J. COLLIER DEAD**

**Passes Away After Brief Illness In his Home in Los Angeles, California, Saturday.**

Charles J. Collier, eldest son of Mrs. J. B. Lynn, of Manassas, died after a brief illness of typhoid fever in his home in Los Angeles, California, Saturday [May 3, 1913], in the forty-fifth year of his age.

The announcement of Mr. Collier's death came as a surprise to his mother who had just received a letter from his wife stating that her husband was not feeling well but was still attending to his business affairs at his paint supply store. Besides his widow and his mother the deceased is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Fred Snook, of Bristow, this county, and Mrs. Alice Ellis, of North Mountain, W. Va., and by one brother, Andrew J. Collier, of the United States Military service in the Philipines. Another brother, Joseph S. Collier, was drowned in the Patapsco river, near Baltimore, about four years ago while in bathing with some comrades of one of the Fort Myer Cavalry Companies to which he belonged.

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Lewis, Francis Warring

**DEATH OF FRANCIS LEWIS**

**Weary of His Infirmity, in the Bosom of His Family he Lays Down Life's Burdens.**

Francis Warring Lewis, after nearly a century of usefulness, and in the bosom of his family, laid down life's burdens in his home, near Newmarket, on the Manassas and Sudley road, at 2 o'clock Monday [May 12, 1913] afternoon, in the 91<sup>st</sup> year of his age, being the oldest citizen of Prince William county. The funeral took place from the house, Rev. W. C. P. Coe, of the Sudley Circuit, of the M. E. Church, South, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground at "Stepney," the former home of the Lewises, near Haymarket. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. H. Henry, J. D. Wheeler, W. F. Lee, D. H. Pugh, A. H. Compton and Dr. J. C. Meredith.

The deceased is survived by two sons—Messrs. Robert and Warner Lewis, and by two daughters—Mrs. W. A. Henry and Miss Rose Lewis. Although Mr. Lewis had been in feeble health for several years, his indomitable energy and will-power kept his busying himself in the temporal affairs of himself and family up to within the past two weeks when he was taken with pneumonia which was the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Lewis was one of the original "forty-niners"—thirty in number—who organized in this county to prospect for gold in California, and was quite successful in his operations in the gold fields during that period of great excitement, although he was subjected to many hardships and privations.

During the first battle of Bull Run he witnessed much of the carnage of that tragic event, and was thoroughly familiar with the movement of both armies on that fateful 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1861.

**Lewis, Francis Warring (Cont.)**

Mr. Lewis was an interesting conversationalist, courteous in all his relations of life, conservative in his views but firm in his convictions. He was a kind and affectionate husband and a devoted father whose counsel was regarded in the highest degree by his children. He was a kind and congenial neighbor and a good citizen who will be missed in the community in which he has so long resided.

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**Waters, Robert A.**

Mr. Robert A. Waters, eldest son of Mr. Joseph D. Waters, and a nephew of Mr. Robert A. Waters, of this place, died in the home of his father, at Riverdale, Md., Wednesday [May 14, 1913], at the age of sixteen years.

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**Larkin, William Ashby**

Mr. William Ashby Larkin, 21 years old died, after a lingering illness, in Washington last Thursday [May 8, 1913]. His father, Mr. Richard D. Larkin, preceded him to the grave only two weeks ago, an account of which appeared in The Journal.

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**Ford, James**

A negro, apparently 35 years old, and whose name is supposed to be James Ford, was found dead Sunday [May 11, 1913], in a camp car of the Southern railway, at a siding this side of Alexandria. The verdict of the Coroner's jury was that the man came to his death from natural causes.

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**Garner, William**

Mr. William Garner, 86 years old, died of the infirmities of age in his home near Hoadley Tuesday [May 13, 1913] night. The funeral was held from the home this afternoon and interment was in the family burying ground. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. M. Cornwell and Miss Mary Jane Garner and by two sons, Messrs. Jas. Howard and Jos. L. Garner.

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**Muddiman, Laura**

**DEATH OF MRS. MUDDIMAN**

**Bearing her Long Sufferings Patiently She Answered Summons With Resignation.**

Mrs. Laura Muddiman, 45 years old, wife of Joseph Nourse Muddiman, died after a long and painful illness of a complication of diseases, in her home near Manassas Friday [May 16, 1913] noon. The funeral took place from Grace M. E. church, Saturday afternoon, Rev. F. A. Roads, pastor of the church officiating, and interment was made in the family lot in the Manassas cemetery beside the four children who had preceded the deceased to the better world.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. S. T. Weir, S. T. Hall, E. Wood Weir, C. E. Fisher, W. A., Clem and W. R. Myers.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by three sons, Aubrey, Clyde and Arthur Muddiman, by two daughters, Misses Meta and Stuart Muddiman, and by two brothers, Messrs. Leonard Hixson, of Manassas, and Byron Hixson, of Washington.

During her long and painful illness the deceased bore her sufferings with that fortitude born only of a supreme faith in the teachings of divine scripture. Just before her dissolution came she turned to her mother-in-law, who was watching at her bedside and said, as a smile lighted up her countenance: "Oh, mother, is this what is called death? Where are its terrors?" Mrs. Muddiman was a devoted wife, an affectionate and indulgent mother and a kind and sympathetic neighbor.

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**Rhodes, Earl P.**

Earl P., the 16-year old son of Mr. F. H. Rhodes, of Calverton, died last week of tetanus or lockjaw, from an injury to his foot caused by jumping on a nail.

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**Waters, Elizabeth**

Elizabeth, the eighteen year old daughter of J. B. Waters, of Riverdale, Md., and a niece of R. M. Waters, of Manassas, died at the Georgetown University Hospital on Sunday [May 11, 1913] last, of cerebro spinal meningitis. This is the second death in this family within a week from the same dread disease.

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**Beach, R. W.**

News was received on Wednesday of the death of R. W. Beach, in Baltimore, on that day [May 21, 1913]. He was a former resident of this county, having removed from Hoadley to Baltimore about twenty years ago. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Mills, of Hoadley. His funeral services will be held to-day at Oak Grove Baptist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smoot.

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**Lomax, Lindsay Lunsford**

**GENERAL L. L. LOMAX DEAD**

**Injuries Received at Home of His Sisters in Warrenton Ten Days Ago Proves Fatal.**

Gen. Lindsay Lunsford Lomax, 76 years old, an officer of Confederate fame, died in Providence hospital in Washington Wednesday [May 28, 1913] morning as the result of injuries he sustained from a fall which dislocated his hip a little over ten days ago while on a visit to his sisters in Warrenton.

The body was taken to Warrenton yesterday morning where the funeral took place in the afternoon from St. James Episcopal church, Rev. Edwin S. Hinks, rector of the church, officiating, and interment was made in the Warrenton cemetery. The honorary pallbearers were Gen. Richard Loder, of New York; Major Holmes Conrad, of Winchester; Gen. Marcus Wright, Maj. Robert Hunter, Lee Robinson and Col. Robert Coward, of Washington; Eppa Hunton and Judge L. L. Lewis, of Richmond; Gen. Thomas Smith, Moses Green and Robert Hicks, of Warrenton, and Col. R. P. Chew, of Charleston, W. Va. Eight active pallbearers chosen from the oldest friends of the general's family were Robert E. Lee, grandson of the Confederate general; Dr. Edgar Snowden, Henry Robinson, George B. Stone and William P. Meredith, of Washington; Grenville Gaines and Dr. Douglas, of Warrenton, and Frank R. Pemberton, of new York.

Shortly after receiving his injuries Gen. Lomax was taken to the hospital, but owing to his age and the shock his condition was considered critical and his recovery doubtful.

Gen. Lomax was the oldest surviving major-general of cavalry of the Southern Confederacy and was the Southern member of the three commissioners of the Gettysburg National Park and the oldest graduate of West Point Military Academy. During the war between the states he was conspicuous for his bravery and was one of Gen. Lee's most trusted officers in carrying into effect the military operations of that noted chieftain.

It was at the instance and through the efforts of Gen. Lomax that the state of Virginia made provision for the monument to Lee in the Gettysburg Park and permission obtained from the Federal government to place it there. This monument is a replica of Gen. Lee on his favorite war horse "Traveler," in bronze on a white marble base upon which are three groups representing each branch of the Confederate service—infantry, cavalry and artillery—and bears the inscription: "To Virginia's Sons." It was Gen. Lomax's wish that this monument should be completed in time for unveiling upon the

**Lomax, Lindsay Lunsford (Cont.)**

occasion of the approaching re-union in July and notice from the sculptor that such could not be the case was a sore disappointment to him. This information and the general's regrets were conveyed to his sisters-in-law, Misses Fannie and Myra Payne, of Manassas, upon the occasion of his visit to them here on the two days preceding his fatal injury.

Gen. Lomax was born at Newport, R. I., and was a son of Maj. Mann page and Elizabeth (Lindsay) Lomax. He was educated in the schools of Norfolk and was graduated from West Point with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee in 1856. He served in the United States army as first lieutenant of cavalry from 1856 to 1861 and resigned April 22, 1861, to enter the Confederate service where he attained the rank of major-general, commanding the division of cavalry in the army of Northern Virginia. On Feb. 20, 1873, he married Elizabeth Winter Payne who, together with two daughters, Mrs. Waddey B. Wood and Miss Anne Lomax, survive him.

During the engagement at Liberty Mills and at Gordonsville Mr. ?Westwood Hutchison, cashier of the National Bank of Manassas, was courier for Gen. Lomax and bears testimony to the general's fearless bearing and military acumen

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**Lewis, Francis Waring**

**FRANCIS WARING LEWIS**

**Further Details Concerning Former Resident of Prince William County.**

One more courteous and true old Virginia gentleman passed away at his home "Portici," May 12, 1913.

He was born at "Portici" Dec. 13, 1822, being a son of Rev. John Tolfero Lewis and Fannie Tasker Ball, and great grandson of Councilor Robert Carter, of Nominy Hall, Westmoreland county, Va., who was sent here from England by King George III to take up land.

"Portici," the farm on which he was born and died, was a part of the land then taken up, and it has never been sold, but according to old English law has been handed down from father to son.

In 1849 he with a company of 42 men drove mule teams to the goldfields of California and met with success while there.

Shortly after his return he was married to Fannie Adaline Stuart, daughter of Dr. Charles Baynes Stuart, and granddaughter of Gen. Philip Stuart of Revolutionary fame. At the time of his death he was the last surviving member of his company.

Many hardships were endured by him during the war and his handsome old colonial home was taken from him by Joseph E. Johnson for his headquarters. He then with his wife and three small children went to the home of Dr. Stuart, his father-in-law, where his family remained four years. During his absence from home it was used as a hospital and afterwards burned.

**Lewis, Francis Waring (Cont.)**

At the age of 17 he united with Sudley M. E. church South, of which he has ever been a faithful and consistent member, attending services regularly until the infirmities of old age prevented his doing so. Speaking to those around him before he passed away, he said: "Old Sudley is one of the dearest spots on earth to me." He was the father of eight children, three of whom survive him. They were: Mary Stuart, Charles Baynes, Fannie Tasker, John Beauregard, Robert Lee, Francis Warner, Charles Stuart and Rose.

He was conscious to the last and made many beautiful remarks showing the strength of his faith and his willingness to cross the valley of the shadow, speaking often of the many dear ones waiting on the other side.

Ere his spirit took its flight he said, "As my life fades away my faith increases; all is well, all is well." He was an ideal husband and father and his entire life was an example well worthy of emulation.

The pallbearers were members of his immediate family and very dear friends, all of whom were selected by himself: W. F. Lee and D. H. Pugh, sons-in-law; W. A. Henry, grandson; Dr. J. C. Meredith, his family physician, who was faithful to him to the last; A. H. Compton and J. D. Wheeler.

He was laid to rest at "Stepney," his boyhood's home, by the side of his wife who predeceased 13 years.

Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by friends that more than covered his last resting place, and his wife's grave was also made bright with roses and carnations intended for him with whom she had walked side by side for nearly fifty years.

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## **June 6, 1913**

**Williams, Blanche**

### **DEATH OF MISS WILLIAMS**

**Sunday Morning, Following Operation Last Wednesday, In Alexandria Hospital.**

Miss Blanche Williams, 47 years old, eldest daughter of the late David and Annie Williams, died at an early hour Sunday [June 1, 1913] morning following an operation in the Alexandria hospital on Wednesday of last week, for abcess of the heart.

The body was brought here Sunday evening and interred in the Manassas cemetery where brief services were held. The pall-bearers were Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, O. E. Newman, G. R. Ratcliffe, J. H. Burke, H. D. Wenrich and W. N. Wenrich.

**Williams, Blanche (Cont.)**

The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Jane Clark, wife of W. H. Clark, Station Agent for the Soluthern Railway Company at this place, of Clifton, and by one brother, R. Lee Williams, of near Hoadley.

The news of the death of Miss Williams came as a surprise to her many friends in Manassas, who were unacquainted with her physical condition being such as to require the surgeon's knife. She left here for Alexandria at noon on Tuesday of last week for the purpose of consulting a specialist and it was little thought that she would, within such brief period be brought back a corpse.

Miss Wiliams was of a quiet unassuming disposition, pursuing her business of dressmaker with fidelity, and was greatly admired for her amiable characteristics and sincerity of purpose. During the several years she resided in Manassas not an unkind word was spoken against her and her sudden and tragic death has cast a shadow over her large circle of friends in this and other communities.

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**Geris, Catherine**

Mrs. Catherine Geris, 78 years old, died in her home, near Wellington, Sunday [June 1, 1913] evening. The funeral took place from St. Edith Academy Tuesday afternoon, Father Doniface officiating, and interment was made in St. Edith Academy cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband, five sons and five daughters. Mrs. Geris was a kind motherly woman whose cheerful presence will be missed in the community.

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**Keys, Maggie Foley**

**Death of Mrs. Maggie Keys**

The many friends, in this place, of Mrs. Maggie Foley Keys were grieved to learn of her death, in her home in Norfolk, after two weeks of critical illness, last Sunday [May 25, 1913]. The immediate cause of death, we learn, was acute indigestion. The body was taken to Alexandria where it was interred in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Keys was a native of Manassas, having spent the greater portion of her life in an humble home near where Mr. John W. Prescott's residence, on Quarry road, now stands. For several successive terms she was an efficient assistant teacher in Ruffner public school, now the Manassas high School building. Her fifty-six years were spent in a life full of affection and duty to her estimable mother, husband and children. Besides her husband, who is also a native of this county, she is survived by one son and one

**Keys, Maggie Foley (Cont.)**

daughter, who have the deep sympathy of a host of friends in her late adopted home and in this county.

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**Donaghe, Rebecca**

**WOMAN'S VIOLENT DEATH**

**Found in Lonely Cabin With Skull Crushed—Sister of Former Resident Manassas.**

What appeared to have been murder was discovered Tuesday [June 3, 1913] in a lonely cabin home near Parnassus in Augusta county, this state, when Miss Rebecca Donaghe was found with her head crushed by means of some blunt instrument. Two blows had been struck, one on the forehead and one on the back of the head, either of which would have proven fatal.

The dead woman's brother, Charles Donaghe, stated that he left home about 7 o'clock on the morning of the tragedy and spent the day in and about Parnassus.

On the day following the murder Charles Donaghe was arrested, charged with the murder of his sister, Rebecca Donaghe, and lodged in jail. He vigorously protested his innocence and feigned to believe he was being taken to the Western State hospital for the insane. He is nearly 70 years old, but appears somewhat younger.

The murdered woman is a sister of Mrs. A. J. Silling whose husband was a former resident of Manassas, who at one time was one of Manassas' most prominent drygoods merchants.

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## **June 13, 1913**

**Beavers, Albert**

**BEAVERS'S WOUND FATAL**

**With head Crushed He Survives Three Days—A Portion of The Time Conscious.**

Albert Beavers, who shot himself with a single barrel gun near his home, two miles south of Brentsville, with suicidal intent, on Wednesday morning of last week, an account of which appeared in our last issue, died Sunday [June 8, 1913] afternoon, after surviving for three days and nights a crushed skull from which the brains were oozing.

Beavers left his home on the morning of the tragedy, ostensibly for the purpose of hunting squirrels and when the report of a gun was heard on the premises at about 11 o'clock, no attention was paid to the matter until Beavers failed to return to the house at

**Beavers, Albert (Cont.)**

bedtime when a search for him was made which proved futile that night. The next morning the search was renewed and the wounded man was found reclining on his elbow conscious, and his gun lying within five feet of him. He refused to give any explanation of his rash act, in reply to enquiries from the party who found him.

Beavers, according to his friends, has acted queerly for the past five or six months, and for a few days prior to the tragedy he appeared to be in a melancholy mood and it is thought that when he left his home on the day of the shooting he did so with the intention of ending his life.

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**Nailor, Ben**

**“UNCLE BEN” NAILOR DEAD**

“Uncle Ben” Nailor, whose exact age is not known in this community, but according to some of his colored friends was nearing the century mark, died in his home near Bull Run, Fairfax county, on Monday [*June 9, 1913*] morning. “Uncle Ben” was one of the most highly respected and popular colored citizens of Fairfax county and could tell more about the stormy hours of July 21, 1861, and those of Aug. 29-30, 1862, on the battlefields of Bull Run than any other citizen, white or colored, in his county. He was respected by all who knew him and his counsel has been often sought by both colored and white upon many occasions.

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**Sullivan, Ellen**

Mrs. Ellen Sullivan died in her home in Stafford, near the Prince William county line Monday [*June 9, 1913*], at the age of seventy two years. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. S. Willey, formerly of the Prince William County Circuit of the M. E. Church, South, officiating.

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**Stringfellow, Frank**

Capt. Frank Stringfellow, one of the most daring scouts in the Confederate service, and who after the war entered the ministry of the P. E. Church, and upon numerous occasions preached in Trinity Episcopal Church in Manassas, died at the home of his daughter, near Gordonsville, this week. His body was laid to rest in Ivy Hill Cemetery,

**Stringfellow, Frank (Cont.)**

Alexandria, Wednesday, Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ Church, officiating. R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, attended the obsequies in full uniform.  
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**June 20, 1913**

**Hamilton, Pennie**

“Aunt Pennie” Hamilton, who was stricken with paralysis on Thursday night of last week, died without regaining consciousness in her home near Manassas, Monday [June 16, 1913] morning.  
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**Johnson, Sam**

Sam Johnson, colored, 51 years old, died in his home, of asthma, Monday [June 16, 1913] morning. The funeral took place from the First Baptist Church, Elder Bannister, of Rectortown, officiating, and interment was made in the cemetery for colored people, near Manassas, on Tuesday afternoon.  
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**June 27, 1913**

**Hamilton, Charles**

Mr. Chas. Hamilton, a brother-in-law of Messrs. W. L. and R. A. Rector, of Manassas, died of stomach trouble, in his home in Hutchison, Kan., last week. Mr. Hamilton was a prominent hardware merchant and was prominently connected with the Mutual Life Insurance Company.  
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**Allison, Joseph H.**

### **ALLISON'S TRAGIC DEATH**

#### **Former Jailor of Prince William County Electrocutted by Live Wire in Washington.**

Mr. Joseph H. Allison, 47 years old, who succeeded Hugh G. Payne as jailor of Prince William county, and soon after he was succeeded in office by Edgar Cornwell, went to Washington where he entered the employ of the Potomac Electric Power Company, was instantly killed while working on a pole at the corner of Jewett street and Tunlaw road, in the District of Columbia, the latter part of last week.

Mr. Allison was one of a crew of three men engaged in tightening wires on the poles and it is thought that in reaching over for a slack wire he came in contact with one or more of the live wires. The unfortunate man was prevented from falling to the ground by straps fastened to his body and to the pole. As soon as his assistants saw the accident they summoned help and succeeded in getting their helper to the ground by means of a block and tackle.

Dr. W. B. Carr responded with ambulance from the emergency hospital and applied the pumotor, but it was found impossible to restore respiration, and the body was taken to the morgue. An inquest was held next morning which resulted in the jury reaching a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. Allison is survived by his widow and several children, also by two brothers and one sister. He had many friends in Manassas during his long residence here, who regret to learn of his tragic death and who extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

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**Hamilton, Penlope**

### **PENLOPE HAMILTON DEAD**

At Liberia, Beaugard's headquarters in 1861, on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 1913, there passed from earth the soul of a good woman, generally known as "Aunt Pennie."

In a marked degree she exemplified the Christian graces—faith, hope and charity, was a member of the Baptist church and Dorcas-like, she proved her religion by her good works.

As a daughter, she provided for her aged mother, who was Emily Chilton, and a mother for a large family of sons, daughters and a grandson, who will rise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her.

Her husband, John Henry Hamilton, is the son of Henry Hamilton, who distinguished himself as a faithful servant and true friend to his young master during the entire war of 1861-65, although he had received from him his free papers. There was a most touching incident when Henry, weeping like a child, parted with him at the hospital for the wounded, at Harrisonburg, in 1864, and duplicated, when in 1866, his former

**Hamilton, Penlope (Cont.)**

young master, hearing of Henry's illness, hurriedly rode fifteen miles to render aid, and comfort his friend, tried and true.

May the discendents of Penlope emulate her virtues and the virtues of heir grandfather is the prayer of the writer.

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**Larkin, Thomas**

News reached here yesterday from Lynchburg of the death, on that day [*June 26, 1913*], of Mr. Thomas Larkin, of tetanus following a hemorrhage of the gums. The funeral will take place from his home in Lynchburg this afternoon, and interment will be in the Lynchburg cemetery. Mr. Larkin, who was about seventy years old, was ill only about two weeks. He is survived by an only sister, Miss Josephine Larkin, of Larkinton, near Wellington. Mrs. Lizzie J. Larkin, of Manassas, is a niece and Messrs. J. R. and R. B. Larkin, also of Manassas, are nephews of the deceased. Mr. Larkin, for many years was one of Lynchburg's most prominent Dry goods merchants, and at the time of his death he was extensively engaged in the real estate business.

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## **July 4, 1913**

**Taylor, Lena**

**MISS LENA TAYLOR DEAD**

**Passes Away at the Home of Her Sister, in Philadelphia, Last Friday Afternoon.**

Miss Lena Taylor, daughter of the late John G. Taylor, of Independent Hill, this county, died of a malignant tumor, last Friday [*June 27, 1913*] afternoon, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carrie G. Needham, in Philadelphia.

Her body was brought here on train No. 13 Monday afternoon and interment was made by the side of her parents in the Manassas cemetery.

The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Needham, and by three brothers—rev. Arthur Taylor, of Shelbyville, Tenn.; Rev. Murry Taylor, of Middleburg, both of the Missionary Baptist church, and Charles Taylor, of California.

Miss Taylor's mother was Miss Lucy Hickerson, of Stafford county, and a near relative of the late Mrs. Harriet Hixson, and of Mrs. Catherine Francis, of Manassas.

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**Carter, Infant**

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Carter died at the home of her parents near Manassas on Monday [June 30, 1913], after a very short illness.  
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**Durette, Bernard**

Bernard Durette, a son of J. B. Durette, of Culpeper county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed on Friday [June 27, 1913] last. The young man was just twenty-one years of age and was very popular in the neighborhood of Stannardsville, where he lived.  
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**Robertson, Erthal**

A dispatch from Warrenton on Tuesday [July 1, 1913], states that Miss Erthal Robertson, daughter of Mr. J. T. Robertson of Fauquier county, committed suicide at her father's home by taking a large dose of carbolic acid. She purchased the acid three weeks before her death occurred. She was found dead in bed, and an empty five-ounce bottle bearing a carbolic acid label was by her side.  
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## **July 11, 1913**

**Robinson, Tasker**

**“Uncle” Tasker Robinson Dead**

“Uncle” Tasker Robinson, 88 years old, died, after a lingering illness, from the infirmities of age, in his home, near Bull Run postoffice, last Friday [July 4, 1913] night. The funeral took place from the home Monday afternoon, Elder John Farr, of the Baptist church, officiating, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

In the death of “Uncle” Tasker, another honorable and highly respected colored citizen, of Fairfax county, has passed away. If he had an enemy no one knows of it. He is survived by one brother, Bladen, and one sister, Etta Robinson

During the battle of Bull Run, the day of carnage swept over his plantation and his kind ministrations to the wounded of both armies is a part of the history of that great struggle. He was a kind neighbor whose pleasure it was to alleviate the suffering of both

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white and colored of his community, and to minister to the needy even at a great personal sacrifice.

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**Baldwin, Wilma E.**

**DEATH OF MRS. BALDWIN**

**Former Resident of Manassas Died at Battle Creek, Michigan, After Long Illness.**

Mrs. Wilma E. Baldwin, widow of Isaac P. Baldwin, died in Battle Creek, Michigan, on June 29<sup>th</sup>, after several years of ill health. She was the daughter of the late Jonas Greene, and spent her early years at "Birmingham," the beautiful home of her father, just outside of Manassas. Her marriage with Mr. Baldwin took place in 1892, and their home for some years was what is now the central house of Eastern College's group of buildings, and which, with the grounds of that college, was turned over to the proper authorities in return for an annuity which ended with Mrs. Baldwin's death.

Her health becoming frail, Mrs. Baldwin entered a sanatorium at Battle Creek, and later with her husband made a home in that city where Mr. Baldwin died in February, 1912.

Mrs. Baldwin's body was cremated and the ashes taken to Alexandria and placed in the grave of her mother. She is survived by three sisters and several nephews and nieces.

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**Robertson, James**

James, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson, died on July 2, [1913] at the home of his parents, near Nokesville, aged 3 years and 7 months.

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**Spindle, Jeannette**

Jeannette, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Upton Spindle, of Manassas, died at the home of her parents on Monday, after a brief illness. The little girl was but eight months old, and her funeral occurred on Wednesday.

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**Deakins, Albert**

Albert Deakins, a Washington street car conductor, was drowned while bathing near Culpeper on Tuesday [July 8, 1913]. He was spending his vacation there and had gone in swimming with a party of friends when the accident occurred.  
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**July 18, 1913**

**Benoist, Harold J.**

**HAROLD J. BENOIST DEAD**

**Son-in-law of Dr. B. F. Iden Succumbs to Fatal Malady After Long Fight.**

Mr. Harold J. Benoist died at the residence of his father-in-law, Dr. B. F. Iden, at 9:30 p. m., last Friday [July 11, 1913]. His illness had been a long and painful one, borne with fortitude in the face of a knowledge of its fatal character. Mr. Benoist was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Benoist, of Natchez, Mississippi, where he was born 27 years ago, and where he was prominent in banking business after reaching his majority. In 1908 he married Miss Mason Iden, of this town, who survives him, with one little daughter.

Two years ago, Mr. Benoist entered a sanitorium at Saranac Lake, new York, with the hope of recovering his health, and remained there until a few weeks ago, at which time he came to Manassas. Here he met with the tender care of his family, his mother being also one of his nurses, and here he laid down the fight. His remains were taken to Natchez on Saturday night, accompanied by his father and mother, and were interred in that city on Tuesday.

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**Fewell, Clarke**

**Young Man Killed By Train.**

Clarke Fewell, a young man of Catletts Station, was killed at that place about five o'clock Monday [July 14, 1913] morning. Few particulars are obtainable, but it is presumed that the young man was either resting on the railroad tracks or fell, and was struck by a passenger train. His head was badly crushed. He is survived by his mother, with whom he lived, and several brothers and sisters.

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**Holmes, Wilson Lee**

Wilson Lee, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holmes, died on Friday last at the home of his parents at Kopp, and was buried in the family graveyard there.  
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**Bell, Lilian**

Miss Lilian Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bell, died at the home of her father in Haymarket, on Thursday [July 10, 1913] last, and her funeral occurred on Saturday, interment in the family lot in Gainesville. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and seven sisters, all of whom were with her at the time of her death except one sister, Mrs. Thornton, who is in Panama.  
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**Ball, John**

Mr. John Ball, a well-known citizen of Fauquier county, died at the home of his son, M. L. Ball, near Marshall, last week, and his remains were interred in the cemetery in Manassas on Saturday. Mr. Ball was formerly a resident of this county, having lived at Milford Mills for a number of years. He was an old Confederate soldier and was venerated and respected by all who knew him. Three sons and several daughters survive him.  
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**Spindle, Janet Elizabeth**

**IN MEMORIAM**

In sad remembrance of our darling baby, Janett Elizabeth Spindle, who departed this life July 8, 1913, aged eight months and one day.

Oh how sad and lonely since our darling baby has left us to go to a brighter home. Janett; we miss thee oh so much. The dear little voice we loved so well is still. Oh how she brightened our home in the few short months of her life. Only a little sunshine in our home. We can never forget our darling.

Dearest bab, thou hast left us,  
And we deeply mourn thy loss,  
But in Heaven we hope to meet thee,  
Were no farewell tears ever flow.

**Spindle, Janet Elizabeth (Cont.)**

Around her grave we shall linger,  
Till the setting sun is low,  
Feeling all our hopes have perished,  
With the flower we have cherished.  
Sleep on our little darling, sleep on,  
Till we are called to meet thee,  
On the resurrection morn.

By Mother and Father

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## **July 25, 1913**

**Harrell, John A.**

### **JOHN A. HARRELL DEAD**

**An Old Soldier Soldier passes Peacefully Away—Funeral Services Today.**

John A. Harrell, a well-known and greatly respected citizen of Manassas, died at the home of his son in this town on Tuesday night, having been in feeble health for the past year. Mr. Harrell was a son of the late Matthew and Elizabeth Harrell, of Marshall, Fauquier county, and was born at that place in August 1839, making his home here about fifteen years ago; had he lived a few weeks longer he would have celebrated his seventy-second birthday. He was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia cavalry during the war, Captain Welsh's company, and was a brave and gallant soldier. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, A. H. Harrell, a merchant of Manassas; J. E. Harrell, and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, the two latter living just outside of town. His only living brother is Captain James E. Herrell, clerk of Prince William county.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave at 2 p.m., Thursday, interment being made in the cemetery here.

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**Sibley, Aaron**

### **DEATH OF AARON SIBLEY**

**The Quiet End of an Active Life—A Warm Friend and a Wise Philosopher.**

Aaron Sibley died Wednesday morning, July 23, [1913] aged nearly 80 years. He was a native of Otsego county, New York, where his birth occurred November 23, 1833. In early manhood he moved to Wisconsin, which in those days was on the Western

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frontier, and for several years he divided his time between the West and his native state. He came to Virginia in 1894 and immediately made many friends by his pleasant manner, his quaint wisdom which was very philosophic, and a general desire to find the best traits in everybody. One of his expressions contains a vast deal of truth and is an essay in itself: "A good neighbor will always find good neighbors."

Very recently Mr. Sibley went to visit his warm friend, Mr. Robert Bibb, near town, where he was seized with the malady which ended his life, and remained with Mr. Bibb until the end.

Mr. Sibley is survived by two daughters and one son—Mrs. W. I. Steere, of Manassas; Mrs. Grant Shane, of Lynchburg; Mr. Cornelius Sibley, of Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted at Grace M. E. Church by Rev. E. A. Rhoads to-day at 10 a. m., and the remains were then taken in charge by the Masons, of which order Mr. Sibley had been a member for 43 years. Interment was made in the cemetery here.

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**Herrell, Henry A.**

Captain Henry A. Herrell, a native of Fauquier county and a member of the Stonewall Brigade, died in Washington on Tuesday. He was a first cousin of Captain James E. Herrell, County Clerk of Prince William.

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## **August 1, 1913**

**Larkin, Virginia**

**MRS. R. D. LARKIN DEAD**

**Succumbs to heart Disease While Visiting Her Daughter In West Virginia**

Word was received here on Sunday of the sudden death of Mrs. Virginia Larkin, on Saturday [*July 26, 1913*], in Bluefield, West Virginia, while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Witt, of that place.

Mrs. Larkin was the widow of Richard D. Larkin, formerly of this county, who died exactly three months previous to Mrs. Larkin. She was a daughter of the late John Harrison, who lived near Antioch, this county, and there Mrs. Larkin was born about 67 years ago. Besides Mrs. Witt, three other daughters and a son survive: Mrs. Winnard Dunbar, of Waterfall; Mrs. Charles H. Conelly, and Miss May Larkin, of Washington, and Mr. Harry Larkin, also of the latter city.

Mrs. Larkin's remains were taken to Washington and interred there on Tuesday.  
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**Bragg, Henry Ross**

**Well Known Citizen Dead.**

Mr. Henry Ross Bragg, a well known and much esteemed citizen of Haymarket, died on Tuesday [July 29, 1913] afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Carter, in Strasburg. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Strasburg and he was buried in the cemetery of that town, by the side of his daughter, Miss Fannie May Bragg, who died less than two years ago. A number of friends and relatives from Haymarket attended the funeral.

Mr. Bragg had been ill since the early spring, with a complication of diseases, and some weeks since he was carried to Strasburg in hopes that a change might prove beneficial. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Cordelia Gareto, of near Charlottesville, Va., and four children—Mrs. Edward Carter, Miss Christine Bragg, Mr. Ross Bragg and Mr. W. M. Bragg, of Ashville, N. C.

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**Prescott, John William**

**DEATH OF J. W. PRESCOTT**

**Well Known Resident of Manassas Dies After Brief Illness—Funeral Services Today.**

John William Prescott died at the home of his daughter about noon on Wednesday [July 30, 1913] after a very brief illness, so brief that his death proved a great shock to his many friends. Just a few days prior he had been seen in apparently good health, but the malady of which he died was even then working its fatal touch.

Mr. Prescott was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, in October, 1851, and came to Virginia in 1873, where his genial and cordial manners won him a host of friends. He began the operation of a spoke factory at Gainesville, going to Alexandria later, and thence to Madison county. In 1891 he returned to Manassas and established a factory here which was in operation until 1910, at which time Mr. Prescott retired from active business. He was a public spirited man, and took pleasure in seeing the prosperity of his adopted town, himself doing much towards its development and improvement. Mr. Prescott married Miss Rebecca Goodwin in 1876, who survives him. He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. William Goode, with whom he had made his home after spending last winter in Florida; a brother, Daniel H. Prescott, of this place, and three sisters, Mrs. A. E. Conner, of New Hampshire; Mrs. G. S. T. Fuller, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. L. T. Hogan, of Florida.

Funeral services will be conducted in Grace M. E. Church this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. E. A. Roads, and interment will be made in the Manassas cemetery. The pallbearers selected are Messrs. W. R. Myers, C. E. Nash, C. J. Meetze, Thos. H. Lion, A. W. Sinclair, James E. Herrell and J. E. Nelson.

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**Osmun, Rachel V.**

Mrs. Rachel V. Osmun died at her residence, 917 twelfth street, N. W., Washington, on Tuesday, July 29, [1913] aged ninety years. She was the widow of Dr. Osmun, formerly of Nokesville, near which place she lived until her removal to Washington many years ago. Her funeral occurred Wednesday, interment being at Washington, New Jersey. A son, Dr. Charles J. Osmun, died in Washington some years ago.

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## **August 8, 1913**

**Keys, Henry**

### **DEATH AT HANDS OF NEGRO**

**Henry Keys Shot and Killed by Edward Fields This Morning at Bennett's Coal Yard.**

Ed Fields, a well-known negro of this town, shot and killed Henry Keys, a white man, in Bennett's coal yard at 11 o'clock this morning [August 8, 1913], after a few wrangling words between them. An eye witness tells the story that Keys had been drinking and that Fields, who is employed in the Bennett yard, tried to get him to leave. It appears that Keys refused to leave and threatened to brain the negro with a scale-weight. One of Mr. Bennett's daughters interfered to prevent a fight, but the threats and curses of Keys caused Fields to reach for a shot gun standing in Bennett's office, and upon a threatening move by Keys, the negro fired, inflicting a bad wound in the side from which Keys died in a few minutes. Fields was taken into custody by Walter Hibbs and William Hottle and is now in the lock up awaiting due process of law.

There were several witnesses to the tragedy, one of them being Claude Garrett, who is employed by Dr. Iden, some boys near by and some of the members of Mr. Bennett's family. The body of Keys was removed to Taker's undertaking establishment.

Coroner J. C. Meredith impaneled the following jury; Martin D. Lynch, W. P. Shaw, D. R. Lewis, S. W. Cooksey, R. B. Cockrell and W. W. Martin, which will hold an inquest at 7 o'clock to-night.

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**Spittle, George W.**

Geo. W. Spittle, an aged resident of Buckhall, died there on July 31<sup>st</sup>, of the infirmities incident to his age of 87 years. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Roads and interment was made at Buckhall.

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**Strickler, Givens B.**

Rev. Givens B. Strickler, one of the best known and beloved divines of the Southern Presbyterian church, died Monday night at the home of his son in Atlanta, Ga. He was a native of Rockbridge county and served the churches in that county and elsewhere in Virginia with a loyalty unexcelled.

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**August 15, 1913**

**Hottle, Daniel**

Daniel Hottle, a brother of Mr. John R. Hottle, of this place, died at Edinburg on Tuesday [August 12, 1913], aged 71 years. He was an old Confederate soldier, and his remains were taken to Clifton Forge for interment.

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**Jones, Edward F.**

Gen. Edward F. Jones, who commanded the sixth Massachusetts regiment in its passage through Baltimore on April 19, 1861, died in Binghamton, N. Y., Tuesday [August 12, 1913], Aged 85 years. He was widely known as "Jones, he pays the freight."

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**Davis, Lonie**

Mrs. Charles Davis, formerly Miss Lonie Smith, of Haymarket, died at the Sibley hospital, Washington, last Sunday evening, after an illness of some days from blood poisoning.

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## **August 22, 1913**

**Compton, J. W.**

### **Death of Rev. J. W. Compton.**

A telegram was received by Mrs. A. H. Compton Thursday morning announcing the death of Rev. J. W. Compton at his home in Milton, Oregon. No particulars have been given us. Mr. Compton was a son of the late Rev. Alexander Compton, who died the first year of the war. Mr. Compton was about 67 years of age and had been a resident of Oregon for some years. He was a visitor at his old home, near Wellington, in July and on his return to Oregon was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Alex. H. Compton, a letter from whom is published in this issue of *The Journal* and in which he makes allusion to Mr. Compton's poor health. It was while on the return trip that Rev. Compton was seized with a stroke of paralysis from which he ultimately died. Interment will be made in Oregon. Mr. Compton leaves a widow and four children, and several brothers and sisters in this county.

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**Pringle, Catharine**

### **Miss Pringle Dies at the Age of Ninety Years.**

Miss Catharine Pringle died, after a long illness, near New Baltimore, on Monday, August 11, 1913, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Thornton. The funeral took place from the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thornton, and the interment was in the Greenwich Presbyterian church yard. The services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Cooke. Miss Pringle had reached the ripe old age of 90. She had been living with her sister for many years.

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**Neill, John**

### **DEATH OF JOHN NEILL.**

John Neill, of Neabsco, Va., after a long and painful illness, passed to the great beyond August 13, 1912. he was born in Northern Ireland March 16, 1828. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Susan Harrison, of Prince William county. The second wife was Mrs. Margaret Shaw, widow of the late Stephen Shaw. He leaves a wife, six children and ten grand-children to mourn his loss.

**Neill, John** (Cont.)

He was reared in the Episcopal faith, but had a tender affection for other Christian denominations, was a kind husband and father, a good provider, a highly respected citizen and had the courage of his convictions. He was an employe of the Pennsylvania Railway Company for 30 years, having been retired by the company for the past sixteen years with a pension.

All that was mortal of him was laid to rest in the Myers Cemetery, at Occoquan Station, Va.

Religious services was conducted at the M. E. Church, South, at Woodbridge, Va., Rev. William E. Patterson, of White Springs, Fla., officiating.

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## **August 29, 1913**

**Rennoe, Mary T.**

### **Death of Mrs. Mary T. Rennoe.**

Mrs. Mary T. Rennoe, widow of the late John H. Rennoe, died at her home near Canova last night [August 28, 1913], from a stroke of paralysis suffered by her on Thursday. The deceased was 78 years of age.

Surviving Mrs. Rennoe are three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Fair, of Alexandria, and Mrs. Will Tansill and Mrs. E. E. Molair, of this county.

Interment will be made in the Manassas cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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**Shaw, Infant**

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shaw, of this place, died of hemorrhages on Monday [August 18, 1913] night last. Interment was made in the Manassas cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. A. Roades conducting the services.

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**Buckner, Helen Fitzhugh**

**DEATH OF MRS. BUCKNER.**

Mrs. Helen Fitzhugh Buckner, wife of the late Spencer Arris Buckner, of "Auburn," Loudoun county, entered unto rest at her home, near Gainesville, on Friday evening, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, after an illness of several years.

Her funeral took place on Sunday morning from St. Paul's church, Haymarket, of which she was a faithful and devoted member, and was largely attended. The service was read by Rev. Morris Eagle, rector of the church, while the hymns she loved were being sung, and with the solemn and beautiful ritual of her church, she was laid to rest in the church-yard, "Until He Comes."

Mrs. Buckner is survived by one sister, Miss Virginia Fitzhugh, of Fredericksburg, and four children—Misses Lucy and Mary Buckner, Mr. Spencer Arris Buckner, of Gary, Ind., and Mr. John Fitzhugh Buckner, of Washington, D. C.

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**September 5, 1913**

**Lawler, W. C.**

W. C. Lawler, a highly respected citizen of the county, died at 9 o'clock Tuesday [September 1, 1913] morning at his home near Limstrong. Mr. Lawler was quite an old man and had been in failing health for several years.

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**September 12, 1913**

**Peck, William H.**

**Zell, Ernest**

**Alexandria Man Killed.**

Mr. William H. Peck, a wealthy grocer of Alexandria, and Mr. Ernest Zell, an employee of the Alexandria Glass Factory, were killed last Sunday [August 31, 1913] when the Peck automobile, in which they were riding, crashed into a Washington and Old Dominion train at Hume's crossing near Potomac. The automobile was hurled a hundred feet beyond the crossing, and before assistance arrived Mr. Peck's body was burned to a crisp by the explosion of the gasoline tank. Mr. C. Shirley Leachman, son of Mr. C. C. Leachman, of this place, was employed by Mr. Peck. Mr. Leachman was named

**Peck, William H. (Cont.)**

administrator and will manage the business until the children are of age, according to the wish of Mr. Peck as expressed in his will.

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**Holland, Robert Walter**

**MR. ROBT. HOLLAND KILLED**

**Struck By Train Several Miles North of Alexandria Last Friday Morning.**

Mr. Robert Walter Holland was found lying beside the railway tracks a short distance north of Alexandria Friday morning and was removed to the Alexandria Hospital, where he died Sunday [September 7, 1913] morning. His head was badly lacerated, his collarbone broken, and it is supposed that he sustained internal injuries. He did not rally sufficiently after the accident to tell how it happened, although relatives in Manassas had been notified that he was not seriously injured.

The remains were laid to rest Monday evening at the old home place, "Bowling Green," several miles this side of Occoquan.

Mr. Holland was born in New York in January, 1844, but had lived in Prince William county since he was two years old, and served with the Prince William Cavalry during the four years of the Civil War.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. William E. Lipscomb, Mrs. Hugh G. Payne and Miss Selina F. Holland.

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**Lindamood, Clarence**

**CHILD KILLED AT CLIFTON**

**Clarence Lindamood Caught in Cable of Merry Go-Round Tuesday Night.**

The merry-go-round will be a pleasure no longer to the little boys and girls of Clifton, for last Tuesday [September 2, 1913] evening it cost the life of one of their number. Little Clarence Lindamood was enjoying the hobby horses to the full of his five-and-a-half years when he was caught in the cable from the engine to the machine, carried swiftly up to the boiler—and that was the end of it. The terrified onlookers were powerless to save him, and all was over before the machinery could be stopped.

Little Clarence was a son of Charles Lindamood, foreman of the Bull Run Soapstone Company.

A Great number of sorrowing friends attended the funeral Wednesday afternoon, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family.

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## September 19, 1913

DePauw, Newland Talbot

### DEATH OF COL. N. T. DePAUW.

No sad message from a house of mourning could have fallen more heavily on the hearts of a community than when early on the morning of Monday [*September 8, 1913*] last, the people of Haymarket and vicinity were startled by the sorrowful news, that the popular and honored master of Waverley had but a few moments before, fallen gently asleep in the arms of death.

The news was as swift and unexpected, as it was sad; and in a little while every resident of the neighborhood was a lamenting mourner. Just ten years previously, Col. N. T. DePauw had become a dweller among us, and purchasing the beautiful homestead, Waverley, was contributing much to the business and social attractiveness of the community, when came the sudden going out of his useful life.

Newland Talbot DePauw, son of Washington William, and Katherine Newland DePauw, of New Albany, Indiana, was fifty-seven years old at the time of his death. In January, 1911, he was married to his second wife, one of the loveliest of the young women of Haymarket, Miss Hallie Meade, who with his two daughters, Mrs. Vernon Knight of New Albany, Ind., and Mrs. Harold T. Gates of Louisville, Ky., children of his former marriage, yet survive him.

Col. DePauw was borne to his final place of rest in a lovely spot in the cemetery of St. Paul's church, Haymarket, in which old sanctuary he had been a faithful and constant worshipper, the rector, Rev. Morris S. Eagle officiating and the following friends acting as pallbearers: Active, Messrs. Geo. G. Tyler, Carl D. S., Clarkson, Jas. E. Beale, Wm. M. Jordan, Charles E. Keyser, and Drayton E. Meade; and honorary: Messrs. C. A. Heineken, Wm. L. Heuser, Wm. H. Brown, W. M. C. Dodge, Andrew Low, Franz Peters, Edmond Berkeley and Dr. H. M. Clarkson.

The large concourse of mourners who during the observance of the ritual, in spite of the weeping skies, gathered around his grave, piled high with beautiful flowers, showed more plainly than words could tell in what great esteem the people held the loved and lamented dead.

Ah! No, not dead! The good man never dies,  
But drops upon his couch with wistful eyes,  
And with a farewell yearning look at those  
He loves the best, he lets his eyelids close  
In sleep—in dreamless sleep—but not for long,  
For like the lark, that lifts his voice in song,  
And mounts on light wings to the far off sky,  
So soars and sings the good man's soul on high.

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**McCrae, John (Mrs.)**

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. John McCrae, who departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 11, [1913] at her home in Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y. The interment was in the Greenwich Presbyterian churchyard on Saturday, Sept. 13. The grave was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers. Mrs. McCrae was born in England, but came to this country and to "The Lawn" when quite young. She was the granddaughter of Charles Green, sr., and the daughter of the late Charles Green, jr. She leaves a husband, John McCrae, one daughter, Katherine, and two sons, John, jr., and Elliott McCrae.

"Blessed are the pure in hart for they shall see God."

M. G. W. H. V. L.

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**Woodyard, Infant**

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Woodyard was buried Wednesday afternoon at Valley View church, three miles the other side of Brentsville. Dr. H. L. Quarles conducted the funeral services.

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**Davis, Henry Clay**

Henry Clay Davis, generally known as "Professor Clay," died suddenly in Washington last week. He was born at Occoquan about thirty-eight years ago, .and in early life took up his residence in Washington, and later in Alexandria, practicing palmistry in both cities several years. It is understood that he conducted a remunerative business while paying one hundred dollars a year for the privilege of practicing his calling in Alexandria, as provided in the license ordinance.

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## **October 3, 1913**

**Marshall, John T.**

Mr. John T. Marshall died Monday [September 29, 1913] morning at 11 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Compton, and was buried Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the old home burying ground near Clifton. Mr. Marshall had been in bad health for several years, but was critically ill only a short time before his death. He is

**Marshall, John T. (Cont.)**

survived by a widow and several sons and daughters, including Mrs. Compton, Mrs. John Davis and Mr. Winter Marshall.

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## **October 10, 1913**

**Selden, Nannie F.**

Mrs. Nannie F. Selden, formerly Miss Booker, of Lynchburg, and widow of Col. W. H. Selden, died on Sunday morning, Oct. 5, [1913] at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Carpenter, at Roanoke, Va. Her funeral took place at Lynchburg on Tuesday afternoon and she was laid to rest in Spring Hill cemetery of that town. Mrs. Selden had been a resident of Haymarket for sixteen years and had spent much of her time at her lovely home here. Since Col. Selden's death, seven years ago, she had lived during the winter in Roanoke. The news of her death was received with sincere sorrow and regret by her many friends. She is a great loss to the village and more particularly to St. Paul's church, of which she was a devoted member and loyal and liberal supporter.

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**Kincheloe, Mabel**

Miss Mabel Kincheloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kincheloe, died Sunday [October 5, 1913] night.

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**Churchville, Isabella**

**Death of Isabella Churchville.**

Isabella Churchville, aged 43 years, a well known and highly respected colored woman of Prince William county, died of heart trouble last Saturday [September 27, 1913] in Louisville, Ky. She is survived by her husband, Wm. J. Churchville; a daughter, Emma Stevens; one sister, Ella Barbour, and two brothers, Israel and Magnus Barbour.

The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at Mt. Pleasant church, Haymarket, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. E. Churchill, of Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Among the floral tributes were a beautiful collection of cosmos, presented by

**Churchville, Isabella (Cont.)**

Mrs. Hallie M. DePauw, and a beautiful wreath of cream roses, carnations and ferns from Mr. and Mrs. I. Hilliard, of Louisville, Ky.

She was a devoted wife to her husband and a blessing to the many friends who mourn their loss.

“Sleep on, dear one, and take your rest,  
At home with God among the blest.”

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**Machen, J. P., Sr.**

Mr. James P. Machen, Sr., Confederate veteran and prominent citizen of Fairfax county, died at six o'clock Monday [October 6, 1913] evening at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, in Washington, where he had been a patient for many months.

Mr. Machen spent the greater part of the eighty two years of his life at Centerville, where he was a prosperous farmer, and was at one time Secretary of State Grange, with offices in Alexandria.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kensey Johns Hammond, of Culpeper, and Mrs. Clarence E. Davidson, of Houma, La.; and two sons, Hon. Lewis H. Machen, of Alexandria, and Mr. James P. Machen, Jr., of Washington.

The funeral services were conducted in St. John's Episcopal church, Centreville, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, by the Rev. Frank Page, of Fairfax, and the remains were laid to rest in the churchyard.

Hon. And Mrs. Lewis H. Machen, Rev. and Mrs. Kensey Johns Hammond and Mr. James P. Machen, accompanied the cortege to Manassas and thence to Centreville.

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## **October 17, 1913**

**Kincheloe, Mabel Lee**

**IN MEMORIAM.**

In loving memory of Mabel Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kincheloe, who, after a short illness, died at her home in Dumfries October 6, 1913, aged six years, eleven months and fourteen days. With loving thoughts and grief-stricken hearts we laid her to rest in the Episcopal graveyard, under a covering of the flowers she loved so well, leaving her in care of him who has said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

**Kincheloe, Mabel Lee (Cont.)**

The little chair is empty now,  
Her place at the table vacant,  
The little clothes laid by  
By a fond mother's hand.  
A mother's hope, a father's joy,  
In death's cold arm doth lie;  
Farewell our bright-eyed Mabel,  
Our darling little love.  
Thou art gone to meet thy Saviour  
In the heavenly home above;  
We miss her, words cannot express  
The loss we now sustain,  
Yet she is in heaven at rest.  
Oh! Why should we complain,  
"God's Will be done."

A Loving Mother and Father  
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## **October 24, 1913**

**Miller, Polk**

### **POLK MILLER DIES MONDAY**

#### **Well-Known Humorist Passes Away at His Home in Chesterfield County.**

Polk Miller is dead. The words were sadly repeated in every home in Manassas last Tuesday [*October 14, 1913*] morning when the first news came to town through the daily papers.

Mr. Miller had been in his usual health until last Saturday after which he was slightly indisposed but the illness was considered unimportant and his death, due to heart failure, came as a great shock to family and friends.

Surviving him are two daughters, Misses Maude and Virginia Miller, who made their home with him at Bon Air; a son, W. Withers Miller, of Richmond; a sister, Mrs. Wiley, of Blackstone; and a brother, Capt. A. T. Miller.

Mr. Miller was born on August 2, 1844, and moved to Richmond as a mere boy in 1860, where, during the later years of the war, he saw active service in the Second Company of the Richmond Howitzers.

After the war he entered the drug business with an old Richmond firm and for a generation his old drug store was one of the landmarks of the city.

As a Richmond paper says, "With a genial, kindly humor and a ready fund of anecdote, a facility with the banjo which was little short of marvelous, and a gift at imitation of the negro dialect which no professional actor has ever equaled, he attracted

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many of the best known men of Richmond about him in the leisurely days when Mule cars ran up Ninth street and when men had time to make the acquaintance of each other.”

He was a well known business man of Richmond, a veteran of the Confederate service, and has been for the past twenty years an entertainer of nation-wide reputation.

From tobacco factories in the neighborhood of Richmond, he selected a quartet of negroes with untrained but melodious voices. Very soon he began making engagements for lectures and entertainments and for the past twenty years had been in constant demand in every state of the union. In recent years he traveled less, almost retiring completely from the lecture platform. He last appeared in Manassas during the winter of 1912-13 at a farewell performance with Colonel Booker. Manassas was the only town of its size on the route.

“Few, if any, have done more,” says *The Times-Dispatch*, “to teach the people of the North and true history of the ante-bellum Southern plantation and the real relations which then existed between master and servant.

“In the midst of all his fun and frolic, he never failed bitterly to condemn the injustice to the negro himself, of an act which set free millions of people hither-to entirely dependent on their masters, without at the same time providing in any way for their maintenance or support. Never descending to the burlesque of minstrelsy, the black-face or other stage tricks for his effects, Mr. Miller was able to make almost any audience see the real character of the Southern darkey with both the humor and the melody which are native to the race.”

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Second Presbyterian church at Richmond, in which Mr. Miller was at one time a member of the board of deacons.

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**Pennypacker, Emmor J.**

Mr. Emmor J. Pennypacker died at his home in Washington Tuesday [*October 21, 1913*] at the age of 61 years. Mr. Pennypacker moved away from Manassas more than ten years ago but there are many friends in town who will be sorry to learn of his death. He is survived by a widow, one daughter and two sons.

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**Douglass, Virginia T.**

Mrs. Virginia T. Douglass died last Saturday [*October 11, 1913*] in Culpeper. Funeral services were conducted in Alexandria Sunday by Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Episcopal church, and interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery. Mrs. Douglass, who was a first cousin of Mrs. B. F. Iden, spent some time here last summer as a guest in the home of Mrs. Lou Nicol on Main street.

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**Tansill, George William**

Mr. George William Tansill, aged 29 years, died after a long illness, last evening [October 23, 1913] at his home on the Blandsford road, near town. He is survived by a widow, who was a daughter of the late Major John H. Renoe, and three young children. The funeral will be held from Woodbine church next Sunday afternoon, with interment in the graveyard there. The Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was a prominent member, will attend the funeral.

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**Farquhar, William C.**

Mr. William C. Farquhar, a policeman of the seventh precinct, died at his home in Washington Wednesday [October 22, 1913], as a result of an attack of paralysis following the taking of the Pasteur treatment for a dog bite. The funeral was held at Holy Trinity church this morning at 9 o'clock, with interment at Mount Olivet. A delegation from the Modern Woodmen and a police escort attended. Mr. Farquhar was a son of Capt. and Mrs. Chas. B. Farquhar, who live near town.

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**Kincheloe, Mabel Lee**

**IN MEMORIAM.**

Mabel Lee, little daughter of Willie and Ruth Kincheloe, died at her home in Dumfries, October 5, 1913, after a few days' illness. She was six years, eleven months and five days old. Little Mabel was a bright, loving little girl, and loved by all who knew her. She leaves father, mother, one sister and brother, and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But we feel sure that our loss is her eternal gain, and that she is now resting in the dear Saviour's arms, who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "The Lord gaveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We know that she is better off, but oh! We did hate to give our darling up. Her little body was laid to rest on Tuesday evening in the burying-ground at the Episcopal church, Dumfries, Va., to await the resurrection morn.

Parents, weep not for your darling,  
Mabel is supremely blest,  
Jesus Christ, the faithful Shepherd,  
Folds her gently to his breast.  
Written by her aunts,  
Nannie and Lucy

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## **October 31, 1913**

**Henkel, Ambrose L.**

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel, of Newmarket, editor of *The Shenandoah Valley*.

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**Tharpe, Martha V.**

Mrs. Martha V. Tharpe, who was born May 23, 1845, died on October 26, 1913. The deceased leaves two sons, two daughters, one sister and eleven grandchildren to mourn her loss, besides many friends. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, known as the old school Baptist, of Prince William county. She was a devoted mother and was loved throughout the community for her kind and generous disposition. She had been a great sufferer for the past three years, but bore all her pain with patience and cheerfulness until she passed into eternity. Her funeral was preached by Rev. V. H. Council, and was buried at her home, near Calverton, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**Robinson, Rachel**

“A’nt” Rachel Robinson, an old and highly respected colored woman, died last Friday [*October 24, 1913*] evening in Washington, and was buried here Sunday afternoon. A’nt Rachel lived in the old house in the lumber yard, destroyed by fire since, and has many friends in the community who will regret to learn of her death.

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## **November 7, 1913**

**Akers, John Calvin**

### **JOHN CALVIN AKERS DIES**

**End Came Wednesday Morning After a Lingering Illness. Funeral Yesterday.**

John Calvin Akers died last Tuesday [*October 28, 1913*] morning after a long illness of pulmonary affection. The funeral was held at three o’clock Tuesday afternoon from the Primitive Baptist Church, and interment was made in the cemetery near town. Elder S. T. Dalton, of Falls Church, conducted the services.

**Akers, John Calvin (Cont.)**

The pallbearers were six young men from Manassas—Messrs. Edward Lynch, Cleveland Fisher, Frank May, Carroll Rice, Ralph and Lawrence Gregory.

Mr. Akers is the third son of Mrs. Mildred Akers and the late George F. Akers who was a prominent contractor and builder during his residence here. He was born in Brentsville twenty-three years ago and came to Manassas with his parents in '98 or '99; he attended the Manassas schools and made many friends who were very sorry to learn of his death. During the past few years he held positions with The Hopkins Company and Mr. L. E. Beachley, of this city, and with a large concern in Charlottesville.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the sorrowing family. "Their loss is his eternal gain."

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**Yankey, Julia Ann**

Mrs. Julia Ann Yankey died Wednesday [*November 5, 1913*] morning at her home near Greenwich at the ripe age of 80 years. She suffered a stroke of paralysis last Thursday and became steadily worse until the end. The funeral will be held this afternoon from Oak Dale church and the remains will be laid to rest in the graveyard there.

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**Molair, Mollie**

Miss Mollie Molair, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. Robert Molair, died Thursday [*November 6, 1913*] morning at her home near Brentsville, after an illness of six weeks. The funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. T. W. T. Noland, of the Baptist church, with interment in the cemetery there. This brings to mind the words of Bryant, "Yet not unmeet it was that one like this young friend of ours, so gentle and so beautiful, should perish with the flowers."

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## **November 14, 1913**

**Merchant**, Benjamin N., Mrs.

### **MRS. B. N. MERCHANT DIES**

**End Comes After Brief Illness in Washington Hospital. Funeral Here Tuesday.**

Mrs. Benjamin N. Merchant passed away last Sunday [November 2, 1913] morning after a brief illness in George Washington University Hospital, in Washington. While her condition had been critical nearly ever since she entered that institution, her death comes as a distinct shock to the many friends in this community.

The funeral was held in Trinity Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The rector, Rev. J. F. Burks, conducted the brief service, and interment followed in the cemetery near town. The pallbearers were Dr. Carter, Dr. Merchant, and Messrs. Bernard Trimmer, W. H. Cather, William Cather and John Carter.

Mrs. Merchant was before her marriage Miss Belle Pridmore, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benson L. Pridmore, of this county, where practically all of her life was spent up to two years ago, when she removed to Baltimore. She was thirty-five years old at the time of her death.

Surviving members of the family are her husband, Mr. B. N. Merchant, who has been in business for some time in North Carolina; a son, Benjamin Warren Merchant, aged twelve years, who is in the McDonogh School in Baltimore, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Cather, of Manassas.

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**Helman**, Ray

The many friends of Mrs. Ray Helman will be sorry to learn of the sad death of her husband which occurred at their home in Endicott, N. Y., on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, after an illness of seven days following two unsuccessful operations. Mr. Helman was married to Miss Louise Brigg, a daughter of Mr. C. W. Brigg, now of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in October, 1903, while they were living near Bristow. Two children, a son aged five and a daughter of eight years, also survive.

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**Clark**, Almaria

Mrs. Almaria Clark, widow of the late John Clark, of Gainesville, died at her home in that place on Tuesday *November 11, 1913*] night, after a long and painful illness. Her funeral took place from her home on Thursday afternoon and the service was conducted by Rev. Morris Eagle, rector of St. Paul's church, Haymarket. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Gainesville. Mrs. Clark is survived by two daughters, Miss

**Clark, Almaria (Cont.)**

Belma Clark, of Washington, Miss Hannah Clark, of Gainesville, and five sons, Burghalter, Hames, John, Zebbi and Somerville Clark, all of Gainesville. She was a consistent and faithful member of St. Paul's church, Haymarket.

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## **November 21, 1913**

**Clark, Almira Ernstein**

**Death of Mrs. A. E. Clark.**

Notwithstanding the devoted care of mother, daughter and sons, united with the untiring attention of her physician, Dr. Wade C. Payne, during a very long and painful illness, borne with God-given strength, Mrs. Almira Ernstein Clark passed from earth to paradise on Tuesday, Nov. 11, [1913] there to await the coming of her sorrowing ones left for a little while.

The funeral took place Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, according to the rites of the Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. Morris S. Eagle, the rector, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. P. C. Coe, of Gainesville M. E. church, and amidst a large gathering of relatives and friends her remains were laid to rest beside the grave of her husband.

“She is not dead, this dear one—not dead,  
But in the path we morals tread  
Got some few trifling steps ahead  
And nearer to the end;  
So that we, too, once past the bend,  
Shall meet again as face to face this dear one  
We fancy dead.”

One Who Loved Her

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**Bowen, Henrietta**

Mrs. Henrietta Bowen died last Sunday [November 9, 1913] in Baltimore, where the funeral service and interment also took place. Mrs. Bowen was a daughter of Mrs. J. Morgan Beavers and a sister of Mrs. Ella Keys, both of Token, this county.

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**Blackwell, Julia**

Mrs. Julia Blackwell, widow of Mr. William Blackwell, of Greenwich, died at the home of her son, near Remington, and was buried at Greenwich Tuesday. She was a Miss Nutt of this county, and was about 75 years old. She has been an invalid and sufferer for many years. She leaves four sons, Messrs. William and Leroy Blackwell, of this county; Gordon and Richard Blackwell, of Baltimore, and one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Broad Run.

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**Molair, Mollie**

**DEATH OF MOLLIE MOLAIR**

Last spring the subject of this notice contracted the measles. Left in a weakened condition she fell an easy prey to that more dreaded disease, tuberculosis.

She faded rapidly away until Nov. 6, [1913] when her spirit took its flight.

Two years ago I presented her with a Bible, requesting that she make it the lamp to her feet and the light to her path. So quiet was her mien and so reserved her manner, I little dreamed of how good use she was making of her Bible. To be sure she had told me that she loved and trusted in the Savior, but it was a revelation to find how familiar she was with the saving truths and precious promises of the word of God.

How gratifying, too, to know she knew by memory and could sing so many of the sweet Gospel hymns.

The last time I went in to see her I read at her request from her Bible and sang and had a word of prayer.

As she neared the end she called the loved ones around her, and with a goodby and God bless you she bade them farewell, besides many a goodby and God bless you which she sent out to others whom she loved and remembered and who could not be present, and then putting her emaciated hands together and lifting her eyes toward heaven, she began singing:

“I’m Going Home to Heaven By and Bye.”

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul.”

“Jesus Paid It All.”

“Down at the Cross.”

“Softly and Tenderly.”

“I’m Going Home to Die No More.”

As thus she sang her spirit went out to God and she threw open her arms as if to be received into the open arms of Jesus.

Never in my life have I known of so touching an appeal to the loved ones left behind to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and never have I seen in a more marked degree the comforting influences of the Gospel. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope.

Goodby, dear Mollie,  
Sure when thy gentle spirit fled

**Molair, Mollie** (Cont.)

To realms beyond the azure dome,  
With outstretched hands God's angels said,  
Welcome to heaven's home, sweet home.

The funeral took place from the Hatcher Memorial Baptist church, of Brentsville, of which her father, Mr. Robert Molair, is a deacon and trustee, and was attended by a large throng of sympathizing friends and neighbors making the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1913, memorable in the annals of our little village.

The deceased was only 16 years old, and, besides her parents, leaves one brother and four sisters to mourn their loss.

By her pastor.

T. W. T. Noland

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## **November 28, 1913**

**Brandt, Kenworth**

### **A LITTLE CHILD AT REST**

**Kenworth Brandt, Youthful Son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Brandt, Passes Away.**

Early on Wednesday [*November 26, 1913*] morning, the angel of death entered "Bonnie View," the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Brandt, and bore to the heavenly rest the youthful spirit of little Kenworth, their only son, who had known but eight summers of this life.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in Asbury Methodist church, and the little body will be laid to rest in the cemetery near town. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Slick, will conduct the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt are tendered the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. Though a newcomer the little boy had won a place in the hearts of his young companions. May the little sister's grief be assuaged by the affectionate interest of her friends.

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**Lickle, G. Albert**

### **DEATH OF MR. G. A. LICKLE**

**Brother of Mrs. R. W. Merchant, of Richmond, and Miss Lickle, of This Place.**

Mr. G. Albert Lickle, 67 years old, died in Stetson hospital, Philadelphia, at an early hour on Friday [*November 21, 1913*] morning of last week of uraemic poisoning.

**Lickle, G. Albert (Cont.)**

The funeral took place from his late residence, 2010 N. Eleventh street, and interment was made in Fernwood Cemetery, beside his wife who preceded him to the tomb about three years ago.

The pallbearers were chosen from his most intimate colleagues in the department store of Gimble Brothers, in which establishment he has had charge of the hosiery and underwear department for a number of years.

The deceased was the second son of Francis and Sarah Lickle, of Newmarket, Frederick county, Md., where he was born and spent the years of his minority. He is survived by three sisters: Miss Ida M. Lickle, of Manassas; Mrs. W. W. Windsor, of Ellicott City, Md., Mrs. R. W. Merchant, of Richmond, and by an invalid brother, E. Dorsey Lickle, of Baltimore.

Although the immediate cause of Mr. Lickle's death was as stated, the prime cause of his dissolution was, no doubt, due to a severe burn which he received about a month ago. After undergoing a tiresome day's work at the store, Mr. Lickle seated himself in his Morris chair, after his evening meal, to enjoy a smoke. While still with the lighted cigar in his mouth he fell asleep to be awakened with one of his shirt sleeves in flames, which caused a severe burn of his arm. He was taken to Stetson hospital where, in spite of medical skill and careful nursing, serious complications, as the result of his injuries, set in causing his death.

Mr. Lickle was a gentleman of kind, sympathetic nature, making friends of all with whom he came in social or business contact. His last visit to Manassas was in July last when he appeared to be in his usual health and spirits. His many friends, both here and elsewhere, will be pained to learn of his tragic death.

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**Mayhugh, L.**

**DEATH OF MR. MAYHUGH.**

Mr. L. Mayhugh, a prominent business man of the county, passed away last Tuesday [November 18, 1913] morning at his home near Greenwich. The funeral took place Wednesday evening from the Greenwich Presbyterian church and interment was made in the cemetery there. Rev. J. Royal Cooke conducted the services.

Mr. Mayhugh was a well-known Prince William citizen, having conducted an undertaking estabment at Greenwich for a number of years. The sorrowing family is extended the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

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## **December 5, 1913**

### **Teates, Robert M.**

Robert M. Teates, aged 65 years, died Sunday [*November 30, 1913*] at his home in Bealeton. He was a native of Pennsylvania but had made his residence in Bealeton, for a number of years. Surviving are ten children, including Mr. J. W. Teates, of Manassas, who is employed by the Southern Railway. The funeral services were held at Bealeton Tuesday afternoon. The officiating ministers were Rev. Mr. Bivins of the Methodist Episcopal church at Remington, Rev. Mr. Harper of Bealeton Presbyterian church, and Rev. E. A. Roads, of Grace M. E. Church, South, Manassas.

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### **Manuel, Sara Jane**

Mrs. Sara Jane Manuel died Tuesday [*December 2, 1913*] morning at four o'clock at her home in Morrisville, having reached the advanced age of 86 years. The funeral was held at Morrisville Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Manuel was a sister of Mrs. Basil Robertson, of Bristow. She is survived by seven children, four daughters and three sons.

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### **Jones, Olin C.**

Mr. Olin C. Jones, aged 25, only son of Dr. T. O. Jones, of Harrisonburg, died last Friday [*November 28, 1913*] after three days' illness of brain trouble. Mr. Jones was levelman for the part under Mr. N. Wilson Davis, which was engaged some weeks ago in making a set of profiles of the streets of Manassas on which the proposed sewers will run.

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### **Lewis, Ben**

Ben Lewis, a respected colored citizen, met a tragic death last Saturday [*November 22, 1913*] morning at Rixlew, a milk station on the Southern railway, between Manassas and Wellington. While working on a lever car in his position of section hand, he saw an approaching freight. Jumping from the car he tried to pull it hastily from the track, but his clothing became entangled in the engine and his body was soon crushed beneath the wheels.

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**Hall, Victory Vastie Wyant**

**MRS. SAMUEL HALL DIES**

**Daughter of Alexander Wyant, of Rockingham county, Passes Away in Her 54<sup>th</sup> Year.**

Mrs. Victory Vastie Wyant Hall, wife of Samuel Hall, of Nokesville, departed this life Nov. 29 [1913] in the 54<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

She was the daughter of Alexander Wyant, of Rockingham county, who was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville in 1863. Her mother, one brother and one sister still live in Rockingham county.

She was the mother of four sons, George S., of Marlinton, W. Va.; A. K., of Marfa, Tex.; C. E., of Malven, Pa., and R. W. at home. There are six daughters, Mrs. E. B. Riddle, of Elkton, Va.; Mrs. J. V. Sneed, of Richmond, Va.; Misses V. C., Josie E., Addie M., and Bertha A., at home. The above named with many other friends are left to mourn.

The funeral was preached by Rev. A. S. Hammack, D. D., presiding elder of the U. B. church, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Jas. W. Brill. The body was laid to rest in the Valley View cemetery. The deceased was a member of the U. B. church and died in the faith. A wife, mother and friend has gone to rest. We weep but not as those who have no hope.

May the blessing of the good Lord be upon the sorrowing ones. J.W.B.  
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## **December 12, 1913**

**Tavenner, Edgar H. (Mrs.)**

**DEATH OF MRS. TAVENNER**

**Mother of Mrs. James R. Dorrell Passes Away at Daughter's Home in Maryland.**

Mrs. Edgar H. Tavenner died last Saturday [November 29, 1913] at Catonsville, Md., at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Arthur H. Callow. She was taken about a month ago to the Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment but surgeons regarded her case as too critical for an operation and she since remained at her daughter's home in Catonsville.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday by Rev. Robt. Coles at St. Paul's Episcopal church, at Hamilton, of which Mrs. Tavenner had been for many years a communicant.

Surviving members of the family are four daughters and two sons, Miss Laura Tavenner, Mr. Charles Tavenner, of Laurel, Md.; Mr. John Tavenner, of Kentucky; Mrs. Stuart Bevans, Mrs. Jas. R. Dorrell, of Manassas; and Mrs. Callow, of Catonsville, Md.  
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**Anne, Sister**

Sister Anne died on Tuesday [*December 9, 1913*] at St. Edith Academy and was buried on Thursday morning at the cemetery there. It is our regret that we are unable to give full particulars this week owing to defective phone connections and receiving the news too late to use the mails.

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**Randall, Ivan Earl**

Little Ivan Earl Randall died last Friday [*December 5, 1913*] evening at the Children's Hospital, in Washington, where he had been suffering for more than a week from pneumonia and complications. Little Earl was the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Randall and had not quite reached the age of nine months. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Asbury M. E. church and the little body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Bradley. Rev. J. F. Slick conducted the service.

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## **December 19, 1913**

**Cushing, Robert B., Mrs.**

**MRS. CUSHING PARALYZED**

**Death Comes Several Hours Later—Sister of Mrs. Wm. M. Wheeler, of Manassas.**

Mrs. Robert B. Cushing died Saturday [*December 13, 1913*] evening at her home at Wellington, following a stroke of paralysis suffered earlier in the day.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at Sudley M. E. church, the Rev. W. P. C. Coe, officiating. Interment was made in the burying ground at the church.

Before her marriage Mrs. Cushing was a Miss Lynn, a daughter of the late Luther L. Lynn. At the time of her death she was about 67 years of age.

Surviving members of the family are her husband, Mr. R. B. Cushing; a daughter, Mrs. James R. White, of Dublin, Pulaski county,; a son, Mr. Lynn Cushing, of Wellington; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Sanders and Mrs. LK. B. Pattie, of Catharpin, and Mrs. Wm. M. Wheeler, of Manassas; and three brothers, Messrs. Currell and Clarence Lynn, of Catharpin, and Oscar Lynn, of Alexandria.

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**Liming, Mary L.**

Mrs. Mary L. Liming died last Sunday [*December 7, 1913*] at her home at Joplin at the advanced age of 80 years. The funeral and interment took place on Wednesday. *The Manassas Journal, December 19, 1913 p-4*

## **December 26, 1913**

**Liming, Marion L.**

**MRS. LIMING.**

After months of illness and suffering Mrs. Marion L. Liming, wife of B. F. Liming and daughter of the late Wesley Abel, died at her home in Joplin on Monday on Dec. 15, in the 51<sup>st</sup>. year of her age. Mrs. Liming was a kind neighbor and a loving mother devoted to her home and family. She leaves her husband, four daughters and three sons, and many other relatives and friends. Her family have the sympathy of our community in their sorrow. A Friend.

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**McFaddon, John**

**Found Dead By Railway Track.**

John McFaddon, an aged resident of Quantico, in Prince William county, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, where he had been a wood inspector, was found dead on the railroad track Friday [*December 19, 1913*] near Quantico, his body badly mangled. It is supposed that he was struck by a train.

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**Cunningham, Sumner A.**

Sumner A. Cunningham, the well-know editor of the Confederate Veteran, was found unconscious in his office one morning last week and carried to a Nashville hospital where he died Saturday [*December 20, 1913*] night. He was born in 1843, served in the Confederate army and after the war entered newspaper work, at one time owning the Chattanooga Times.

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**Lipscomb, Elizabeth M.**

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lipscomb, the aged mother of Mr. P. D. Lipscomb, died Tuesday morning at her home near Bristow. The funeral will be held this afternoon at Grace M. E. Church, South, Rev. E. A. Roads officiating. Interment will be made in the cemetery here. Mrs. Lipscomb had reached the age of 94 years, 3 months and 3 days. She was the widow of the late P. D. Lipscomb, a clerk of Prince William county before the war.

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## **January 26, 1914**

**Lee, Richard B., Jr. (Mrs.)**

**CAR HITS MRS. R. B. LEE**

**Joy Riders Race Away from Scene of Fatal Accident. Husband Seriously Hurt.**

Coming down Broadway at 30 miles an hour early last Friday [*December 26, 1913*] morning in New York City, a big maroon-colored limousine struck Richard B. Lee Jr., and his wife, hurling them in front of a taxicab which ran over both, killing Mrs. Lee and inflicting injuries upon Mr. Lee from which he will recover unless complications arise. The accident occurred at the corner of sixty-sixth street.

The limousine, in which there were three women and a man, struck them as it approached the curb and kept on its rapid flight down the street. The taxicab, close behind the limousine, bounded over the prostrate forms. Two eyewitnesses say the women jumped from their seats but the car only increased its speed. Its tail light was adjusted so that Harry DeForrest, the taxi chauffeur, could not read the number of the machine. Witnesses also testify that the occupants of the car knew what had happened.

Mrs. Lee is a daughter of Col. Philip L. Harvey, a retired U. S. army surgeon. She was 42 years old and Mr. Lee was her second husband.

He is a son of Mr. R. B. Lee, of Buckland, this county, and is superintendent of transportation of the American Sugar Refining Company of Williamsburg with which company he has been connected for years.

When the maroon limousine struck them he was holding an umbrella over himself and his wife as they were returning from a Christmas dinner with friends. She wore many jewels, including a pearl necklace, five diamond rings, and two diamond studded bracelets.

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**Lombard, Susanna de la Haye**

Mrs. Susanna de la Haye Lombard, wife of Mr. Andrew Jackson Lombard, died Monday [*December 29, 1913*] morning at her home in Washington at the age of 62 years.

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Mrs. Lombard was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Margaret Barbour of this place, being a sister of her husband, the late Dr. C. C. Barbour.

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**Wilson, Edward**

DIES AT WESTERN HOME

**Edward Wilson, Native of Prince William, Passes Away at Lone Tree, Montana.**

Edward Wilson, of Lone Tree, Mont., a son of Mr. Edward Wilson, of "Enfield," this county, died at his western home on Tuesday, Dec. 16, his death being due to pneumonia. He was buried in Riverside cemetery near Fort Benton, Mont.

Mr. Wilson was a man of high character and admirable disposition; a most exemplary son, husband and father. He had lived in the West for many years and was identified with the growth of his community. For some time before his death he was postmaster at Lone Tree, the office being named for his ranch.

He married Miss Fannie Ewell, a daughter of Mr. John S. Ewell, of "Edge Hill," near Hickory Grove. She survives him with three sons, Edward, Francis and James Ewell Wilson, the eldest not yet thirteen. They have the sympathy of many relatives and friends in this sad bereavement.

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## **January 9, 1914**

**Williams, Thomas**

Thomas Williams, a respected colored man living about two miles southeast of town, was paralyzed last Sunday and death followed on Tuesday [*December 30, 1913*] night. He was about sixty years of age.

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**Ish, Alice**

Mrs. Frank Ish (nee Alice Adams,) late resident of near Aldie, Loudoun county, and a sister-in-law of Mrs. Westwood Hutchison, of this place, died last Saturday [*December 27, 1913*] and was buried in the Middleburg cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Little River Baptist Church for many years. Her friends and relatives, many of whom are residents of Manassas, mourn with her family.

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**Dyer, Nathaniel C.**

Mr. Nathaniel C. Dyer, of Hoadley, died of cancer yesterday [*January 8, 1914*] at the Charlottesville hospital. The remains will be brought to Manassas today and taken to Hoadley for burial. Several children survive, among them being Mrs. Aubrey Mills, of Manassas. Mrs. Dyer preceded her husband to the grave about a year ago.

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**Catlett, Fannie**

News came by wire Thursday [*January 8, 1914*], of the death of Mrs. Fannie Catlett, wife of James M. Catlett, of Haddinfield, N. J. Mr. Catlett was raised in this town and his wife in upper Prince William county. They resided here several years and after their marriage went to Kansas, and finally back to Philadelphia, where Mr. Catlett was a salesman for Nye & Frederick Knitting Machine Co.

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**Faris, Emerella Ashford**

Mrs. Emerella Ashford Faris, widow of the late Charles Faris, died at an early hour Monday [*January 5, 1914*] morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John C. Brooke, at Hyattsville, Md. Mrs. Faris is survived by four daughters and one son, among whom is Mrs. James Reid Larkin, of Washington. Her husband, Mr. J. R. Larkin, and son, Mr. Norvell Larkin, of Manassas, were in Washington to attend the funeral which took place on Wednesday at the home of another daughter, Mrs. H. B. Hanger, of Gresham street. Mrs. Faris was 70 years old.

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## **January 16, 1914**

**Stone, Katherine Flagler**

**MRS. ORMOND STONE DIES**

**Passes Away at Flagler Farm Near Centreville. Wife of Prof. Ormond Stone.**

Mrs. Katherine Flagler Stone, wife of Prof. Ormond Stone, formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Virginia, departed this life last Friday [*January 9, 1914*] morning at 2 o'clock after a long and serious illness at "Flagler Farm," her beautiful home near Centreville, Fairfax county.

**Stone, Katherine Flagler (Cont.)**

The funeral was held on Saturday at the Methodist Church of Centreville. Rev. Mr. Lee, of Charlottesville, and Rev. J. F. Burks, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, conducted the service. The interment was made in the Episcopal lot at Centreville.

Mrs. Stone was born in New York about eighty years ago and moved with her parents to the Flagler Farm, which is about seven miles from Manassas, just before the war between the States.

Although they have resided among us but a short time, since the professor's retirement from his chair at the university, a large circle of friends awaited with deep interest for encouraging news of her illness. The people of this county extend to Prof. Stone their sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

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**Hinton, Infant**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hinton, of Fredericksburg, was buried Wednesday at Minnieville. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. W. T. Noland, of Brentsville. The mother of the child is in a critical condition and the sympathies of this community go out to the sorrowing loved ones.

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**Liming, Marion L.**

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear aunt, Marion L. Liming, who departed this life December 15, 1913, aged 50 years, 2 months and 11 days. She leaves a husband, four daughters and three sons. Has gone but not forgotten.

Oh how hard we tried to save her,  
Prayers and tears were all in vain;  
Happy angels came and bore you,  
From this world of toil and pain.

In the graveyard softly sleeping,  
Where the trees so gently wave,  
Lies the one we loved so dearly,  
In the lonely silent grave.

**Liming, Marion L.** (Cont.)

We miss her kind and willing hand,  
Her fond and earnest care;  
Our home is dark without thee,  
We miss her everywhere.

Home is sad, oh God, so dreary,  
Lonesome, lonely every spot,  
Listening for her voice till weary,  
Weary for we hear her not.

We often sit and think of her  
When we are all alone,  
For memory is the only friend  
That grief can call its own.

A beautiful life is ended,  
Our dear aunt laid to rest  
Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on his gentle breast.  
Written By Her Neices,  
Addie and Mamie.

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## **January 23, 1914**

**Clarke, Elmer**

### **SUDDEN FATAL ACCIDENT**

#### **Elmer Clarke, of Minnieville, Pinned Under Weight of Two Horses and Killed.**

A distressing fatal accident occurred late last Friday [*January 16, 1914*] evening on Chamberlain's hill, near Minnieville, when the two-horse team driven by Elmer Clarke, aged 25, of that place, went down an embankment of twelve or fifteen feet to the old road and the driver was crushed to death under the weight of the horses.

Young Clarke was returning from Woodbridge with a load of groceries for his father, Mr. C. E. Clarke, who runs a general store at Minnieville. His brother, John Clarke, was driving a team just ahead and another wagon followed close behind. Ascending Chamberlain's hill in the black darkness about 8 p.m., the horses of the middle team plunged down the steep embankment and the driver ahead heard no sound of the accident.

**Clarke, Elmer (Cont.)**

The man in the rear, however, heard smothered cries from the darkness and ran ahead to stop the first driver to aid in the rescue. Together they carefully made their way to young Clarke who, by this time, had breathed his last. The weight of both horses was upon him, one above the other, and yet the horses escaped serious injury.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Greenwood Primitive Baptist church. Elder Charles H. Waters, of Washington, conducted the service after which the body was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery.

Surviving members of the family are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke, a sister, Miss Lucile Clarke, and two brothers, Messrs. John and Paul Clarke, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

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**Roney, Cornelia M.**

Mrs. Cornelia M. Roney died last Friday [*January 16, 1914*] at her home in Burlington, N. C., in her 90<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs. Roney is a grandparent of Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant, of this place.

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**Armstrong, Annie T.**

Mrs. Annie T. Armstrong, widow of the late Samuel J. Armstrong, died Tuesday [*January 20, 1914*] evening at Clifton. Interment was made yesterday at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia.

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**Hall, James D.**

Mr. James D. Hall died last Thursday [*January 15, 1914*] at his home near Linden, and interment was made at Upperville. A sister and several brothers survive. His mother, Mrs. Susan Fitzhugh Grayson Hall, widow of the late Henry Arthur Hall, died last Monday.

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**Fletcher, William H.**

Mr. William H. Fletcher died Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 8:30 p. m. at his home at Thoroughfare, this county. The funeral took place at Antioch, Rev. W. P. C. Coe conducting the service.

Surviving members of the family are four daughters; Mrs. M. E. Nalls, and Mrs. Daisy Nalls, of Catharpin, Mrs. Alice Polen, of Broad Run, and Mrs. Minnie Beavers, of Arcola; and five sons: Messrs. W. W. Fletcher, of Coshocton, O., Ashby Fletcher, of Loudoun county, and Walter, Clay and Clarence Fletcher, of Thoroughfare.

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## **January 30, 1914**

**Clarke, Elmer M.**

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of Elmer M. Clarke, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke, who departed this life January 16, 1914, aged 25 years, four months and eleven days. Gone from earth.

Gone from earth, yes, gone forever,  
Tear-dimmed eyes shall gaze in vain;  
We shall hear his voice, oh, never,  
Never more on earth again.

Home is sad, oh God, how lonely,  
Lonesome, lonesome every spot,  
Listening for his voice till weary,  
Weary for we hear it not.

'Tis hard to break the tender chord,  
When love has bound the heart,  
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the word,  
We must forever part.

Dearest loved one we have placed thee  
In the peaceful grave's embrace,  
But the memory will be cherished,  
Till we see your heavenly face.

He is waiting, ever waiting,  
For the friends he loved the best,  
And he'll gladly hail their coming  
To the mansions of the blest.

**Clarke, Elmer M. (Cont.)**

One by one the Lord will call us,  
As our labor here is done  
And then as we cross the river,  
We may meet him one by one.  
By his Friend, W. Y. E.

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**Spindle, Asbury**

ASBURY SPINDLE.

Little Asbury Spindle, of Bristow, died Sunday [January 25, 1914] morning in Washington after an illness following Pasteur treatment for a mad dog bite suffered some time ago.

Surviving members of the family are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Spindle, two brothers and a sister who is, at this writing, critically ill.

The funeral was held at Asbury M. E. church Wednesday afternoon. The pastor in charge, Rev. J. E. Slick, and Rev. C. K. Corkran conducted the service and interment was made in the cemetery near town. The pall bearers were Floyd Braynt, John Bell, Gordon Brown and Emmett Cather.

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**Thomson, E. F.**

DEATH OF LIEUT. THOMPSON

**Manassas Friends Will Regret to Learn of Death of One of Mosby's Rangers.**

Lieut. E. F. Thomson, first lieutenant of the famous Mosby rangers during the Civil War, died at his residence in Clarendon, Alexandria county, last Saturday [January 17, 1914] of pneumonia after an illness of about a week. He was seventy-six years old.

Lieut. Thomson was born in Fairfax county in 1837 and resided in that county until the opening of the war when he enlisted in the command of Gen. Mott Ball who held the city of Alexandria at the time of its capture by Union troops when Capt. Ellsworth was killed. With other Confederates captured at that time he was sent to a military prison in Baltimore and upon his exchange he again entered the service of the Confederacy with Gen. Rosser's command.

**Thomson, E. F. (Cont.)**

He was promoted for bravery and assigned to the command of Gen. Stuart, after which he was assigned with the rank of first lieutenant to Mosby's rangers, participating in all of the fights in the Valley until the close of the war.

Surviving members of Mosby's command here will regret to learn of the death of Lieut. Thomson under whom they served. He attended all the reunions of Mosby's command, some of which were held at Manassas, and at the Fredericksburg reunion last year expressed a feeling that it would be his last attendance.

Some time after the war he became a resident of Alexandria county where he took an active part in its public affairs. Up to the time of his death he was actively engaged in business, representing a New York tea company with which he had been associated for nearly forty-five years.

Shortly after the war he married Miss Lucy Green, of Frederick, Md., who, with nine children and one grandson, survives him. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic church, of Clarendon, where funeral services were held Tuesday morning. The burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington.

The bar of Alexandria county met Tuesday morning to pass resolutions on his death and as a further mark of respect Judge J. B. T. Thornton adjourned the court at Fairfax Tuesday to enable the attorneys and court officials to attend the funeral.

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**Moore, Alexander Beard**

**ANOTHER VETERAN GONE**

**Adjutant Alexander Beard Moore of 8<sup>th</sup> Va. Regiment Crosses Over the River.**

(By Col E. Berkeley.)

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> [1914], Alexander Beard Moore, Adjutant of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, crossed the river and joined his beloved comrades on the further shore at the age of 77. No braver soldier, truer friend or better neighbor ever lived than Adjutant Moore. For many years past he had been a great sufferer from rheumatism, but bore his trouble with uncomplaining resignation. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss.

When Gen. Beauregard left his breastworks on the south side of the James a short distance below Richmond to throw his forces between Gen. Grant and Petersburg, Gen. Lee ordered those who were on the north side of the river to cross over and take possession of the vacated works. We accordingly crossed in haste, I being in the advance with the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and threw out a party of skirmishers under Adjutant Moore and Lieutenant John Ashby. We had proceeded some miles down the Chester Pike when my skirmishers were fired upon by a party of Yankees who were in ambush near the road and Lieut. Ashby was wounded. Halting my men I placed them in the wood on either side of the road when the Yankees commenced shelling us from their batteries. One of my men, Newton Fox, was lying on his back with his knapsack under him when a shell entered the

**Moore, Alexander Beard** (Cont.)

ground immediately beneath his knapsack and exploding hoisted him and his knapsack into the air without fatally injuring him and he is still living, or was when I last heard from him. When the rest of our force got up we formed our line and charged our breastworks which the Yankees vacated without firing a shot and rushing back took possession of their own. Gen. Lee fearing that we would lose heavily in recapturing our breastworks, sent an order to Gen. Pickett not to attempt it but to throw up fresh breastworks parallel with the first. He was so pleased with our retaking our works without loss that he indulged in pleasantries in an order next day in which he stated that he tried hard to prevent Pickett and his command from retaking their breastworks but was unable to prevent them from doing it.

I will mention a piece of magnanimity shown by the enemy on this occasion. When our works were again occupied by us, Gen. Pickett ordered Gen. Hunton to reoccupy our rifle pits which were some two hundred yards in front of our works. I remonstrated with Gen. Hunton against doing so, as when night came on he could do so without loss, but he said Gen. Pickett's orders were imperative. Accordingly when our men jumped over our breastworks and rushed for our pits they were fired upon and one fell with a broken leg. While he lay there he cried for water and Sergt. John James took a canteen of water and rushed over the breastworks to him under fire from the enemy in their rifle pits who, however, as soon as they realized his object did not fire another shot.  
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## **February 6, 1914**

**Wroe, Mary J.**

MRS. WROE PASSES AWAY

**Funereal Took Place in Manassas—Number of Distant Friends In Attendance.**

The death of Mrs. Mary J. Wroe, widow of the late Lieut. A. D. Wroe, removes one of the most esteemed of Prince William's former residents, a woman of unusual memory and of rich experience during the war between the states, and a woman in whose welfare a host of Prince William friends were interested.

Mrs. Wroe died last Saturday [*January 24, 1914*] afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Mims, at Springfield, S. C., after a very brief illness, although she had been bed-ridden for a period of three years following a fracture of the hip. She was in her eighty-fourth year.

The funeral was held here Monday afternoon at the Primitive Baptist church. Elder Charles H. Waters, of Washington, conducting the service. The pallbearers were her nephews, Messrs. J. C. Weedon, John H. and C. P. Nelson, of Washington, A. O. Weedon, of Warrenton, W. J. Chapman, of Baltimore, and James E. Nelson, of Manassas. Interment was made in the cemetery here, beside the grave of her husband.

**Wroe, Mary J. (Cont.)**

Mrs. Wroe was a daughter of the late Judge John C. Weedon, of Prince William, and has lived in this county until recent years. She is an aunt of Mrs. Albert Speiden, Mr. James E. Nelson and Mr. P. P. Chapman, of this place. The immediate relatives surviving are a daughter, Mrs. L. M. Mims, of Springfield, S. C., a son, Mr. John C. Wroe, of Baltimore, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Chapman, of Roanoke.

Among the persons from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wroe, Mrs. E. H. Wroe, Messrs. Chancellor and Clark Wroe and Mr. W. J. Chapman, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mims, of Springfield, S. C.; Mr. H. A. Robson, of Charlestown, W. Va.; Miss Frances Weedon, Messrs. J. C. Weedon, C. P. and J. H. Nelson and Dr. C. H. Waters, of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Weedon, of Warrenton, and Miss Nannie Weedon, of Roanoke.

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**Newson, Margaretha Dorsey**

**PASSES AWAY IN BRISTOL**

**Mrs. Margaretha Dorsey Newson Dies Within Few Weeks of Her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday.**

Mrs. Margaretha Dorsey Newson, widow of Joseph Morrison Newson, of Berkeley county, died last Saturday [*January 24, 1914*] in Bristol, Tenn., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Saunders. The body was shipped for burial to Westminster, Md., where another daughter, Mrs. Henry C. Cushing, now resides.

Mrs. Newson was born in Georgia February 23, 1813. In 1835 she was married to Prof. Newson who died in 1884 at the age of 77 years. Their union was blessed with 15 children though but two daughters and one son now survive.

Our old residents will remember Mrs. Newson as the mother of Mrs. Cushing who lived among us before her departure for Maryland, while more recent residents may only recall the celebration last February of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. At this time the venerable lady received an interesting letter from Miss Lillian Russell, the actress:

Fulton Theatre,  
New York City  
Feb. 24, 1913.

My dear madam:

I am desired by Miss Lillian Russell to offer you her sincere congratulations on attaining your one- hundredth birthday. She has just started a series of talks to the women of America with the intention of showing them how she intends to arrive at the same age while she is on earth, and with this end in view she is telling them of what she is doing and what she is avoiding to insure her efforts to keep her evolution.

**Newson, Margaretha Dorsey (Cont.)**

She hopes in her campaign to induce women to bring more thought upon their everyday life. /She firmly believes that both men and woman have in them the power to emulate your splendid example with a little simple care.

Yours very truly,  
LOUIS NETHERSOLE,  
Secretary

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**Walker, Herman**

Little Herman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Reeves, died last Sunday [January 25, 1914] at the home of his parents on the Wellington road.

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**Lowe, George**

Mr. George Lowe died at his home at Independent Hill about 7 a. m. Tuesday [February 3, 1914]. The funeral was held at the Primitive Baptist church Wednesday. Mr. Lowe was seventy-odd years old. He is survived by his wife and one son, Mr. G. B. Lowe.

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**Dove, Addison**

Mr. Addison Dove, aged 65 years, died Saturday [January 31, 1914] at 4 p.m., at his home about 3 miles from Nokesville. The funeral was held at Valley View Church Sunday at 1 p. m., Rev. I. N. H. Beahm officiating. Mr. Dove is survived by a widow, four sisters and four brothers.

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**Keys, John L.**

Mr. John L. Keys died yesterday [February 5, 1914] afternoon at his home at Independent Hill, following a stroke of paralysis last Sunday and a second stroke Wednesday evening. Mr. Keys was unmarried; he is survived by a sister, several nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives. For some time he was a supervisor of Coles

**Keys, John L. (Cont.)**

District. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Oak Grove church, near Hoadley. Interment will be made in the burying-ground there.

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**Shaw, Frank E.**

FRANK E. SHAW

Mr. Frank E. Shaw, of Clifton Station, Fairfax County, died at a Richmond sanitarium Monday, January 26, [1914] after suffering more than a year from Addison's disease and other complications. He had spent much time at different sanitariums and employed the best medical skill but failed to improve. He returned to the sanitarium at Richmond two weeks before the end came.

The body was taken to Colo, Story county, Iowa, where funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. A. Binder. Rev. C. W. Heald, of Nevada, Story county, conducted the service and interment was made in the Colo cemetery.

Mr. Shaw was a son of James W. and Margaret Zook Shaw and was born in Cherokee county, Kansas, August 29, 1866. In youth his parents removed to Livingston county, Ill., where he lived until 1891 when, with his brother, Mr. W. F. Shaw, he entered the grain and lumber business in Colo.

At Champaign, Ill., October 29, 1892, he was married to Miss Cassie B. Wilson who died six years later at their Colo home, leaving two young sons, Jesse W. and Harold C. Shaw. March 19, 1902, he married Miss Ella Danskin and with his family moved to Andover, S. D., where they lived for about five years, going thence to Clifton Station where they have since resided.

Surviving members of the family are his wife and youngest son who live at Clifton, and his elder son, aged father, one sister and one brother, all of whom live in Colo, Iowa.

Mrs. Shaw has a host of friends in Manassas, many of whom were acquired during her long and faithful connection with the Woman's Auxiliary to the Farmer's Institute. The sympathy of this community is extended to the family.

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**Reeves, Herman**

DIED.

On the morning of February 1, 1914, little Herman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Reeves.

A flower loaned to us awhile  
To bud but not to bloom;  
It has blossomed now in heaven  
And will beckon for us soon.

By his loving sister, Mary.

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## **February 13, 1914**

**Harnsberger, Mary Sprinkel**

PASSES AWAY IN SLEEP

**Mrs. Mary Harnsberger Dies After Long and Useful Life. Funeral Here Tuesday.**

Mrs. Mary Sprinkel Harnsberger, widow of the late Joseph Harnsberger, died of pneumonia early Monday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lou Nicol. Sleeping quietly, this lovely woman passed away. She was in her eightieth year.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Grace M. E. church, South, of which she was a member. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Roads, assisted by Rev. T. D. D. Clark. Interment was made in the cemetery here beside the grave of her husband, who died six years ago.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Nicol; a brother, Dr. Gorge Sprinkel, of Greenwood, and several nieces and nephews, including Misses Lorna and Grace Nicol, Mrs. John S. Wilson, Mrs. Annie Kelly, Messrs. R. B. Sprinkel and Drumond Nicol, all of Manassas.

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**Bland, Mary**

Mrs. Mary Bland is quite ill at her home near Minnieville. Her brother, Mr. George E. Maddox, was called to Minnieville to see her but, not being well himself, he has returned to Manassas.

**Later**—Mrs. Bland died yesterday [*February 12, 1914*] but we are unable to give particulars this week.

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**Spindle, Ashbury B.**

IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of Ashbury B. Spindle, aged 4 years and 1 month, who died January 25, 1914, of bronchial pneumonia.

Those little lips, so sweet to kiss  
Are closed forever now;  
Those sparkling eyes that shone so bright

Beneath that pearly brow;  
That little heart that beat so high,  
Free from all care and gloom,  
Are hidden now from those he loved  
Beneath that silent tomb.

'Tis hard to break the tender chord  
When love has bound the heart;  
'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words:  
We must forever part.  
Dearest, loved one, we must lay thee  
In the peaceful grave's embrace.  
But thy memory will be cherished  
Till we see thy heavenly face.

Three little angels now on high,  
They, hand in hand, together roam;  
Three links now bind us to the sky,  
Three angels beckon us to come.  
Lord, give us strength our loss to bear,  
And lead us in the heavenly way;  
Oh, may we meet our children there  
In realms of everlasting day.

Written by Mother

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## **February 20, 1914**

**Bland, Mary C.**

### DEATH AT MINNIEVILLE

**Mrs. Edward Bland, Sister of Mr. George E. Maddox, Passes Away.**

Mrs. Mary C. Bland, wife of Mr. Edward Bland, passed away at her home near Minnieville about 3 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 12, [1914] after an illness of several weeks. She was recovering from an attack of la grippe and suffered a relapse which finally resulted in her death. She was about seventy years old.

The funeral was held Saturday at one p. m. at Greenwood Primitive Baptist church of which she had been a faithful member for over forty years. The body was laid to rest in the churchyard there.

Mrs. Bland was first married to Mr. Luther Windsor, of the Occoquan neighborhood, who was a member of the Prince William Cavalry. A son and daughter, Mr. Luther Windsor, of Minnieville, and Mrs. Mattie Colvin, of Washington, survive this marriage.

Mrs. Bland is also survived by her husband, Mr. Edward Bland; another son, Mr. Henry Bland, who lives near Quantico; and two brothers, Mr. James Maddox of the Minnieville neighborhood, and Mr. George E. Maddox, of Manassas.

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**Brawner, Thomas M.**

### DIES IN MARYLAND CITY

**Thomas M. Brawner, Died Last Saturday at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman.**

Mr. Thomas M. Brawner, a former resident well-known to all the people of Prince William, died very suddenly in Baltimore last Saturday [February 7, 1914] morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. William N. Norman. Mr. Brawner was 71 years of age.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning in Baltimore and the body was brought to Manassas Tuesday afternoon for interment.

He is survived by four sisters and one brother, Mrs. Emily B. Cocking, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Kate Smith, of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Fannie Hamilton, of Canada; Mrs. L. L. Nicholson, of Rockville, Md., Mrs. William Shields, of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Douglas Brawner of Indian Head, Md. His wife preceded him to the grave some years ago.

Mr. Brawner's death will be a source of deep regret to the many friends acquired during his long residence here at his farm on the Wellington road about five miles from town.

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**Merchant, W. E., Mrs.**

DEATH OF MRS. MERCHANT

**Wife of Mr. Elmer Merchant Passes Away at Clifton Home—Interment at Fairfax.**

Mrs. W. E. Merchant died Saturday [*February 14, 1914*] at 5:30 a. m. at her home at Clifton after an illness of several months.

The funeral was held from her late residence Sunday at 11 a. m. the service being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Edwards, pastor of the Clifton Presbyterian church, of which she was a faithful member. Interment was made in the cemetery at Fairfax Courthouse.

Before her marriage to Mr. Merchant, who is a brother of Mrs. C. E. Nash and Miss Lizzie Merchant, of Manassas, she was Miss Susie Ford, a daughter of Mr. John Ford, who still resides at Clifton. She is also survived by two children, Ford and Alice; a sister, Mrs. Mentiply; and two brothers, Frank and Robert Ford, all of whom reside at Clifton. Mr. Merchant is stationed near Alexandria as a telegraph operator on the R. F. & P. railroad.

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**White, Nora Carter**

TRAGIC DEATH BY FIRE

**Mrs. John G. White, of Haymarket, Victim of Distressing Accident.**

Mrs. Nora Carter White died last Friday [*February 13, 1914*] at her home, near Haymarket.

Perhaps in no more unwelcome form could death have come as a visitant to Woodburne, the hospitable and happy home of John Godsborough White, a survivor of the civil war, and an honored citizen of the Haymarket vicinity, respected and beloved by all who knew him.

Mrs. White, his wife, sitting before her parlor fire, quite unsuspecting of any harm, was accidentally so extensively burned, before she could call for or receive help, that in twenty-two hours after she was relieved by death. She met the sad end consciously, calmly, and with Christian fortitude. Her death was characteristic of the noble life which she had led, and such as was to be expected from the daughter of a hero and the wife of a soldier, both of whom were distinguished in battle, the former, Lieut. Winston L. Carter, of Company F, Seventeenth Virginia regiment, laying down his life for the South at the memorable battle of Williamsburg, and the other receiving a serious wound in the life and death struggle of Gettysburg.

Forty-two years ago Miss Nora Carter became the beloved wife of Mr. J. G. White, from which union have sprung a family of accomplished sons and daughters, of whom any parents may be proud.

While Mrs. White, beloved for many acts of kindness and of charity, was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, yet she was popular with persons of all denominations and of every station in life.

**White, Nora Carter (Cont.)**

She was an active member of the U.D.C. and carried always on her person the badge of the Eighth Virginia chapter, which badge was buried with her. She was laid to rest in the family lot at the feet of her sainted mother, and on the casket were laid flowers emblematic of the Confederacy, while her grave was completely hidden by the many flowers sent by loving friends.

Fall lightly on her grave, oh! snow, tonight,

Fall softly on her grave—

Fit symbol of her soul so pure and white,

Her heart so true and brave.

H.M.C.

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**Marshall, Thomas**

Mr. Thomas Marshall died last Thursday [*February 12, 1914*] at his home at Markham. He was a relative of Mr. G. G. Tyler, of Haymarket.

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**Robinson, Jennie**

Jennie, wife of J. P. Robinson, died suddenly of heart failure Thursday, February 12, [*1914*] at her home on the Warrenton Pike, west of Centreville, Fairfax county. She was born in the neighborhood where she died, and was 63 years of age at the time of her death. She left 11 living children and 29 grandchildren. "Aunt" Jennie was a woman of singularly beautiful character and was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

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**Grossman, Adolph (Mrs.)**

MRS. ADOLPH GROSSMAN

Mrs. Adolph Grossman died of cancer Tuesday [*February 17, 1914*] about midnight after an illness of several months. She was fifty-five years old.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the Lutheran Church, Dr. H. L. Quarles and Rev. J. F. Burks officiating in the illness of the pastor in charge.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Adolph Grossman; four daughters and two sons: Mrs. M. E. Simpson and Mr. R. W. Bowman, of Daytona, Fla., children of a former marriage; Misses Ida L. Josephine and Rebecca Grossman, of Manassas, and Frank M.

**Grossman, Adolph (Mrs.) (Cont.)**

Grossman, of Philadelphia; five grand children: Richala, Alice G., Rose Lee and Robert W. Bowman, Jr., and Wilmer M. and Albert H. Simpson, all of Daytona, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. S. E. Fisher, and two brothers, Messrs. J. M. and J. E. Hubbard, all of Washington.  
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**White, Nora Carter**

DIED

Entered into rest from her home, near Haymarket, Va., on February 13, 1914, Mrs. Nora Carter White, wife of John Goldsborough White and daughter of the late Winston Lafayette Carter.  
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**Speiden, William L.**

WILLIAM L. SPEIDEN

William L. Speiden brother of Councilman Albert Speiden, died on pneumonia at 6 p. m. yesterday [*February 19, 1914*] at his home in Washington. He was the senior member of the Washington firm of Speiden & Speiden, Architects.

Funeral services will be held from the First Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member, Sunday at 3 p. m. Interment will be made in the family lot in the Congressional cemetery.

Great sympathy is felt for our townsman.  
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## **February 27, 1914**

**Bettis, Sarah J.**

MRS. SARAH J. BETTIS.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bettis died of paralysis Tuesday [*February 24, 1914*] at 9 a. m., at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Bettis, of Maple street. She was 84 years old.

**Bettis, Sarah J. (Cont.)**

The remains will be shipped to Catlett today. The funeral service will be conducted in Grace M. E. Church, South, Fauquier county, of which the deceased was a member. Interment will follow in Fauquier. Her sons will act as pallbearers.

Mrs. Bettis is survived by three daughters—Mrs. Allen Dodd, of Greenwich; Mrs. Ella Heflin, of Catlett, and Mrs. George Ellington, of Grove Church, and eight sons—Messrs. William Bettis, of Manassas; B. F. Bettis, of Alexandria; Mitchell Bettis, of Forestburg; James L. Bettis, of Nokesville; Cumberland Bettis, of Washington; David Bettis, of Bristersburg, and M. D. Bettis, of Culpeper.

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**Molair, Robert**

ROBERT MOLAIR.

Robert Molair died at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday [*February 25, 1914*] morning at his home near Brentsville, following a long illness of tuberculosis. He was 58 years old.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2 o'clock. The service was in charge of Bull Run Council, No. 15, Order Fraternal Americans, of which he was a member. Interment was made on the home place, near Brentsville.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the widow and five children who survive. His young daughter, Miss Mollie Molair, preceded him to the grave but a few months ago.

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**Osborn, Catherine J.**

Mrs. Catherine J. Osborn, formerly of Lenah, died suddenly Wednesday [*February 25, 1914*] morning in Washington at the home of her son, Chas. L. Osborn. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from her son's residence.

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**Davis, Lizzie M.**

Lizzie M. Davis, wife of James S. Davis, died suddenly last Friday [*February 20, 1914*] in Washington at the age of 52 years. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the Second Baptist church.

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**Wyckoff, James W.**

Mr. James W. Wyckoff, of Burke, died in a Washington hospital last night [*February 26, 1914*] at about 7 o'clock. Mr. Wyckoff was a former Manassas resident, a Confederate soldier, and had many friends in this community who will regret to learn of his death.

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## **March 6, 1914**

**Tredick, Edward**

**EDWARD TREDICK DEAD**

**Former Resident and Great Friend of the Late Congressman E. E. Meredith.**

Died suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, February 17<sup>th</sup>, of pneumonia, Edward Tredick, a man of the most upright character and genial manners, a man whose friendship was a privilege to claim. His unselfish and unchangeable friendship endeared him to those who knew and loved him; every ready to sympathize with those in trouble, and help the weak. He has a noble son and brother, and proved worthy of the confidence placed in him.

Mr. Tredick came to Virginia from New Hampshire after the war and lived eighteen years in Prince William. After his father's death, he went to Philadelphia and went into business—was made president of the Nye & Tredick Co. He was prominent in Masonic circles in Philadelphia—was a member of the Elks, the Union League and Patriot and Founders' Society.

He was the closest and most intimate friend of Hon. E. E. Meredith and ever since Mr. Meredith's death, Mr. Tredick has been a loved and valued friend of the family. He always spoke of going to Virginia as "going home." He knew there was a warm and loving welcome awaiting him. Though a republican, he always voted for his friend, Mr. Meredith. It is seldom nowadays to find so true and steadfast a character.

The writer has known Mr. Tredick for forty years and appreciated his many noble qualities, and it is for us to love him and mourn his death. His friendship was like a pearl above price. Though the shell is broken, the pearl is safe, and he sleepeth well.

S. L. M.

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**Larkin, Josephine Elizabeth**

DIES AT HOME OF NIECE

**Miss Josephine Larkin Passes Away—Funeral Yesterday—Interment at Larkinton.**

Miss Josephine Elizabeth Larkin died Tuesday [March 3, 1914] morning at the residence of her niece, Mrs. C. M. Larkin, with whom she had made her home the past three months since leaving the home of her girlhood.

The funeral was held from her late residence Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. H. L. Quarles, assisted by Rev. T. D. D. Clark and Rev. J. F. Burks. Internment was made in the family burying ground at Larkinton beside the graves of her parents.

She was the youngest daughter of William and Elizabeth Larkin and was born at Larkinton in September, 1846. She was a sister of the late W. W. and Thomas N. Larkin, of Lynchburg, L. A. Larkin and George W. Larkin for many years commonwealth's attorney for Prince William county.

Miss Larkin is the last of twelve children. Her closest living relatives are nieces and nephews. Among these are Mrs. John P. Finley, Mrs. Verona Pollock Roach, Channing Pollock, of New York; Miss Ella Larkin, of Washington, Misses Mary and Maude Larkin, Thomas and William W. Larkin, of Lynchburg; William P., Rozier B., J. R. Larkin, Mrs. C. M. Larkin and Mrs. T. J. Ashford, of this county.

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**Howe, William Henry**

ACCIDENT NEAR CATLETT

**Employee of the Signal System Struck by Passing Train—Body Shipped to Indiana.**

Near Catlett Wednesday [March 4, 1914] morning, William Henry Howe, a young man employed in the installation of the electric block signal system between Alexandria and Orange, was killed by Southern train No. 35. He was operating a drill, boring a hole through the rail, when the train struck him. His skull was crushed and death resulted in about three-quarters of an hour.

The body was brought to Manassas on the afternoon train and was shipped yesterday afternoon to relatives in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Howe was thirty years old. He had been in Manassas about three weeks during which time he boarded at the home of Mr. J. G. Kincheloe. A young wife survives.

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**Ruffner, Linwood**

Mr. Linwood Ruffner died of pneumonia Sunday [March 1, 1914] at his home at Clifton. He is survived by a wife and three young children.

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**Hite, W. F.**

Mr. W. F. Hite died Monday [March 2, 1914] night at his home at Gainesville. He had been station agent at Gainesville the past thirty years. Much sympathy is extended his wife who was a Miss Love, of Fairfax.

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**Cole, James Lawrence**

Mr. James Lawrence Cole died Sunday [March 1, 1914] at the home of his son near Kopp in the seventy-sixth year of his age. Two sons survive. Mr. Cole was a member of the 59<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of Infantry.

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**Wyckoff, James W.**

Mr. James W. Wyckoff, of Burke, who died last Thursday [February 26, 1914] evening in a Washington hospital, was buried in the cemetery here Sunday Morning. Manassas Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, placed a beautiful floral tribute on the grave. Mr. Wyckoff was seventy-five years old.

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**Rodgers, Cuthberth Bailey**

Mr. Cuthberth Bailey Rodgers died Tuesday [March 3, 1914] at his home near Middleburg at the age of 85 years. He was buried yesterday in the Middleburg cemetery. Mr. Rodgers was born in Loudoun, served in the Eighth Virginia Cavalry, and participated in the famous charge at Gettysburg. His wife was Miss Anna Hutchison, a sister of Mr. Westwood Hutchison, of Manassas.

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**Cole, Jim Lawrence**

Mr. Jim Lawrence Cole, an old soldier, passed away at his home near here Sunday [March 1, 1914] evening. He leaves two sons, Irvin and Gumie Cole.  
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**Molair, Robert Lee**

OBITUARY.

Robert Lee Molair was born in Prince William county, Va., April 4, 1856, and died after a lingering illness of tuberculosis, February 25, 1914.

He spent the greater part of his life in the neighborhood of Brentsville. When twenty-one years old, he was married to Miss Martha McCuen who, together with five children, survive to mourn their loss.

Mr. Molair was an industrious and frugal man and though possessed of little means when he entered the married relation, by industry and economy, aided by a faithful wife, he accumulated considerable property.

About six years ago he united with the Baptist church, which he generously supported till the time of his death. His brethren honored him in electing him a deacon and a trustee. He loved his church for what he believed it had done for him. He loved it also for what he hoped it would mean to others—his kindred and his friends.

The unreal took place from the Hatcher Memorial Baptist church, which was filled to its capacity with sympathetic relatives and friends, services being conducted by the pastor, assisted by his Brother Juniors, of Manassas, of which order he had been a member for some fourteen years.

The sympathy of this entire community goes out to this sorrow-stricken widow and her family who, only last November were bereft of their lovely young daughter and sister, Mollie, and now, another breaking of the home ties, the husband and father says his last farewell to earth and earthly scenes.

Weep not, dear friends, for while they cannot return to us in this sin-cursed world, we, by trusting in the blessed Jesus, can some day go to them.

Sleep on beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;  
Lay down thy head upon thy Savior's breast.  
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best;  
Good night, good night, good night.

His Pastor, T. W. T. Noland.

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## March 13, 1914

Hite, William Fowler

### DEATH OF WM. F. HITE

#### **Prominent Citizen of Gainesville Passes Away—Great Loss to that Community.**

Again has our district of Gainesville been visited by the heavy hand of death, this time removing from our midst one of our most useful and valued citizens; one whose place it will be difficult to fill. There was no man in our community who will more be missed, an official who in the discharge of his arduous duties measured up fully to all requirements. Unimpeachable in every relation of life, socially he was one of the most perfect of gentlemen. Often before and since his death it has been said of him that he was never known to be unkind in act or speech. His life and his character will long remain amongst us an example and heritage.

William Fowler Hite was born in 1847 in Frederick county, Virginia, one of the twelve children of Hugh Holmes Hite and his wife, Ann Randolph Meade, two of whom survive him, Mrs. C. Shirley Carter, of Thoroughfare, and Rev. Lewis Field Hite, D. D., Ph. D., of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

At eight years of age, Mr. Hite with his parents moved to "Buckland Farm," in this county, where he was carefully educated by private tutors. After the civil war he was sent to Rappahannock county and lived there on a large estate with his father and brothers, and moved to the village of Gainesville in 1872, where he established a large store house and for several years was postmaster of the village.

In the same year he was appointed to the position of depot agent, which office he held for forty-two years, serving continuously until the day before his death, on the first day of March, 1914.

M. Hite was married on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 1892, to Miss Bella F. Love, a sister of Major James M. Love, of the Fairfax bar.

As evidence of his remarkable faithfulness and efficiency in office, the subject of this sketch, on the eve of the day on which death released him from his labors, turned over to his successor the books of his business correct and complete.

"The longer on earth we love  
And weigh the various qualities of men,  
The more we feel the high stern-featured beauty  
Of plan devotedness to duty.  
Steadfast and still, nor poid with mortal praise,  
But finding ample recompense  
For life's ungarlanded expense  
In work done squarely, and unwasted days."

H. M. C.

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**Flaherty, James Timothy**

JAMES T. FLAHERTY

Mr. James Timothy Flaherty died early Tuesday [*March 10, 1914*] morning at the home of his daughter, Miss Jane Flaherty, on Maple street. He was eighty-nine years old and was probably the oldest citizen of Manassas.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at Grace M. E. Church, South, and interment was made in the cemetery here. Rev. E. A. Roads conducted the services.

He is survived by four children, Miss Jane Flaherty, Messrs. Levi and J. R. Flaherty, of Manassas; James E. Flaherty, of Ashburn, Loudoun county, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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**Weedon, Horace Austin**

DIES AT WARRENTON HOME

**Horace Austin Weedon, Aged Nineteen Years, Grandson of the Late Lieut. Nelson.**

Horace Austin Weedon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Weedon, of Warrenton, died suddenly at his home on Sunday [*March 1, 1914*] last, of spinal trouble. He was in his twentieth year—a grandson of the late Lieut. Edwin Nelson of Manassas.

Accompanied by his father, he attended services at the Baptist church that morning and while there was taken ill. Although every medical attention was rendered, his brief life was brought to a close in just two hours.

Horace was a dear boy and one who endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his gentleness of manner and his strict adherence to truth and morality. As evidence of the great esteem in which he was held, the schools of Warrenton and New Baltimore closed their sessions on Tuesday afternoon that his teachers and classmates might attend the funeral services which were conducted at the home of his parents at 2 p.m. The rev. Eugene Jackson, of the Warrenton Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. V. H. Council, of the New Baltimore church, officiating. Interment was in the Warrenton cemetery. The choir rendered sweet and impressive music. The numerous floral tributes were mute tokens of the wide-spread sympathy felt for his broken hearted loved ones.

Hiss pall bearers were selected from his schoolmates and were as follows:

I. B. Grant, of Eastern College, K. B. Hynson, Judson Concill, Hampton Skinker, and Thurston Brown. The sixth was Prof. F. O. Smith, of the Warrenton High School.

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**Quigg, Louis**

LOUIS QUIGG.

Truly within the past few months the little village of Clifton has been deeply afflicted. A loving mother and three devoted fathers have been called away leaving their families and many friends who loved them, to mourn their loss. Each one has left a good record in this little community.

But a few days ago after long years of faithful service as postmaster and church member, the earthly remains of Mr. Quigg were laid to rest beneath the soft coverlet of freshly fallen snow. Mr. Quigg was a valuable citizen and highly respected by all who knew him. He will be long missed in this little centre of enterprise and progress, and the strength of his upright and honorable life will not soon pass away.

Of him was said by one who knew him intimately, "I do not suppose Mr. Quigg ever knowingly did a wrong thing in his life. There was no one who would not have absolutely trusted him." What a beautiful record! Such a heritage left for those who loved him most! "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor than silver or gold."

C.

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## **March 20, 1914**

**Curry, Peter**

PETER CURRY DEAD.

Peter Curry died of pneumonia Tuesday [March 17, 1914] afternoon at his home, near Buckhall.

The funeral was held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at All Saints' Catholic church. Interment followed in the cemetery near town.

Mr. Curry was born in Ireland 68 years ago but had lived in this country a number of years. He was unmarried and moved several years ago from the Catlett neighborhood to the farm near Buckhall, where he lived with his only sister, Miss Kate Curry, who is now ill of the same disease.

He also leaves a brother, Mr. James Curry, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was at one time proprietor of the Curry House, a well known Manassas hotel in the nineties. The building was destroyed by fire in recent years while leased by Mr. R. W. Payne, the present proprietor of the New Prince William Hotel.

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**Collins, Charles E.**

DEATH OF C. E. COLLINS

**Occurs at Marshall, Fauquier County, Following Brief Illness of Pneumonia.**

News reached here last night of the death of Charles E. Collins which occurred yesterday [March 19, 1914] afternoon at his home at Marshall, Fauquier county. Mr. Collins left his post at Hynson's department store last Saturday going from here to his Marshall home. Pneumonia developed and his brief illness and death comes as a great surprise to friends in this community.

Mr. Collins came to Manassas nearly five years ago and has since been in the employ of Mr. R. S. Hynson. He was a valued member of the choir of Grace M. E. Church and often sang with other male voices on various public occasions among which was the recent celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of General Ewell's birth.

He leaves one sister, Miss Nannie Collins, and one brother, Mr. Clements Collins, both of whom live at the family home at Marshall.

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**Spengler, Roberta**

Mrs. Roberta Spengler, widow of Daniel H. Spengler of Harrisonburg, died suddenly Saturday [March 14, 1914] in Strasburg where she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Goods, a former resident of Manassas. Besides Mrs. Goods she leaves one daughter, Miss Mozelle Spengler, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Maxwell, Edgar, Harry, Sam and Ray Spengler.

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**Freeman, Allen**

Mr. Allen Freeman died Monday [March 16, 1914] at his home in Fredericksburg after a long illness at the age of 80 years. He was a native of Fauquier county, a member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, Pickett's Division, Longstreet's Corps, the first two years of the war and the remaining years was a scout for Mosby. He was also the son of a veteran, his father being killed in the Confederate service at the battle of Manassas.

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**Mills, Mrs.**

Mrs. Mills, who lived just across the line in Stafford county, died last week at the advanced age of 96 years. She was buried at Chappawamsic church.

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**Howard, Kitty**

Aunt Kitty Howard, of Joplin, this county, an old and highly respected colored woman, died February 18<sup>th</sup>, death resulting from old age. Her husband, James Howard, preceded her about two and a half years ago. Aunt Kitty was 76 years old and a consistent member of the Mount Zion Baptist church, near Bellfair Mills, for 50 years. She leaves two sons and five daughters and thirty-three grandchildren. She commanded the respect of all who know her, both white and colored. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the family burying ground at Joplin. She met death with true Christian fortitude, firmly believing in Christ and the resurrection to come.

J.

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**Davis, Russell**

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Davis have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their youngest child, Russell, aged 7 months. The funeral took place from the Baptist church, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Starke, the pastor, who spoke in an appropriate and touching manner from the text, "Is it well with thee?" The little form was laid tenderly to rest in the family burying ground and the mound hidden under a profusion of beautiful flowers. Four boys—Percy Dawson, Louis Myers, Walter Haislip and Leslie Dawson, acted as pallbearers and a group of smaller boys bore the flowers ahead of the casket.

"There is no fireside howsoe'er defended,  
But has one vacant chair;  
There is no flock however watched and tended,  
But one dead lamb is there."

Stranger.

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## **March 27, 1914**

**Tyler, Annie Hunton**

MRS. TYLER DIES SUDDENLY

**Passes Away in Her Sleep at Her Home in Buckland Last Friday Night.**

Mrs. Annie Hunton Tyler, wife of the late Col. Grayson Tyler, entered into rest from her home, "Cerro Gorda," at Buckland last Thursday [*March 20, 1914*] night. Apparently in good health when she retired at her usual hour, she was found early Friday morning, lying calmly and peacefully in her bed, having passed away while asleep.

**Tyler, Annie Hunton (Cont.)**

Her funeral took place Sunday from St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Rev. M. S. Eagle officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. George G. Tyler, William M. Jordan, Marion White, Lewis Burwell, Robert Meade and Wallace Sanders. She was laid to rest in the family lot in the churchyard.

Mrs. Tyler was a loyal and devoted church member, and as long as circumstances permitted, was a regular attendant and active member of St. Paul's church. Of late years he life had been chiefly spent in loving and unselfish ministrations to those of her family dependent upon her.

She is survived by her sister, Miss Bell Hunton, her son, Mr. Grayson Tyler, and three little grandsons, children of her only daughter, the late Mrs. Spencer A. Buckner.

M.

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**Johnson, Mary A.**

Mary A., wife of Jack Johnson, a well-known colored shoemaker of Manassas died on Tuesday [March 17, 1914] last, her death being due to an attack of paralysis. She was in her 68<sup>th</sup> year. The funeral took place on Thursday.

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**Kidwell, Eli T.**

Eli T. Kidwell, a widower, 73 years old, died Sunday at his home at Fairfax station. He was a deacon of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist church, Manassas, and leaves one son, Walter. The burial was in Jerusalem cemetery, Fairfax county, on Wednesday last.

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**Boothe, Mary G.**

Mrs. Mary G. Boothe, widow of the late William J. Boothe, died in Alexandria, last Friday [March 20, 1914], in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Funeral services were on Monday and interment private. Mrs. Boothe was the mother of J. L. Gardner Boothe, of Alexandria and an aunt of Mr. Albert Speiden, of Manassas, who was one of the pallbearers.

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**Martin, William**

William Martin, the last surviving member of the famous jury which convicted John Brown, died Saturday [March 21, 1914] at his home near Chantilly, Fairfax county. He was 83 years old and leaves his wife, whom he married three years ago. She was formerly Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson, and at the time of her marriage to Martin was 81 years old.

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**Curry, Kate**

**Death of Miss Kate Curry.**

Following quickly the death of her brother, Mr. Peter Curry, Miss Kate Curry departed this life on Friday, March 20, [1914] from the same dread disease, pneumonia.

Miss Curry was in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of her age and born in Ireland, but for several years has been a resident of near Manassas, having moved here from Catlett a number of years ago.

She leaves a brother, Mr. James Curry, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who conducted the Curry House at one time.

The funeral took place from All Saints Catholic church on Sunday and interment was made in the cemetery at this place.

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**Sanders, S. B., Mrs.**

Mrs. Sanders, wife of Mr. S. B. Sanders, died at her home here Wednesday [March 25, 1914] evening after a long and suffering illness. She is survived by her husband and three children, Mr. Harry Sanders, and Misses Carrie and Nellie Sanders, who have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement. Her remains were taken to Marshall for interment.

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## **April 3, 1914**

**Kosheba, Anna**

### WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

#### **Wife of Michael Kosheba Takes Her Life With Winchester Rifle—Independent Hill Tragedy.**

Mrs. Anna Kosheba, aged 38, years was found dead at noon Tuesday [*March 31, 1914*] with the bullet wound of a .44 calibre Winchester rifle in the hollow of her neck. Coroner Meredith and Commonwealth's Attorney Lion went immediately to the scene of the crime and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide. The jury comprised Michael Olyear, foreman, John Olyear, Philip Weber, Fred Weber, Grover Keys and James Luck, Jr.

Mrs. Kosheba was apparently of unsound mind and had threatened on several occasions to end her life. On the morning of the tragedy her husband and another man left her in a happy frame of mind and began their work in the fields. Her two elder children went off at nine o'clock to the public school at Hayfield and she was left alone with her two little children, one aged three years and the other an infant of six months. It is thought that she took her life about ten o'clock that morning though no cries were heard and the rifle shot went by unnoticed. When she was found at noon life was extinct.

She leaves her husband, Michael Kosheba, and three young children. They came from Hungary about sixteen years ago and settled in Pennsylvania, removing last June to the old Klatt place near independent Hill, this county.

The funeral was held yesterday at All Saint's Catholic church here, Rev. L. Smet officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery near town.

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**Martin, Bettie**

### MRS. MARTIN DEAD.

Mrs. Bettie Martin, widow of William A. Martin, the last surviving member of the jury which convicted John Brown, died Saturday [*March 28, 1914*] at her home near Legato, Fairfax county. She was eighty-three years old. Mr. Martin died one week before. He was buried in Loudoun county and Mrs. Martin, by special request, was buried at Fairfax.

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**Hooff, Allison A.**

DIES AT HOME OF SISTER

**Mrs. Allison A. Hooff Dies at Age of Thirty-three—Husband And Two Sons Survive.**

It was with deep regret that our townspeople learned of the death of Mrs. Allison A. Hooff which occurred Saturday [March 28, 1914] morning in Upper Marlboro, Md., at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert L. Hall. Mrs. Hooff had been in ill health for some time but that her condition was grave was hardly suspected until recent weeks, when she left her Grant avenue home here going to the Maryland home of her sister where she died.

The funeral took place Monday morning from St. Mary's Catholic church at Upper Marlboro, Father P. di Poalo officiating.

Mrs. Hooff was thirty-three years old. She was the daughter of John and Millie Plummer Bowling and leaves her husband, Allison A. Hooff, member of the local firm, Brown & Hooff, lumber merchants, and two sons, Allison A., jr., and John Bowling Hooff, aged ten and six years. Great sympathy is expressed for the grieved husband and children.

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**Buckley, William A.**

DEATH AT GAINESVILLE

**William A. Buckley Buried Monday at Haymarket—Widow and Children Survive.**

William A. Buckley died Saturday [March 28, 1914] about 11 p.m., at his home near Gainesville after a week's illness of pneumonia. He was sixty years old and was a life-long resident of this county. The Gainesville neighborhood and the county in general feels the loss of a valued citizen.

He leaves his wife, who was Miss Belle Simpson; four sons, Simpson, W. M., Norman and Harry Buckley, and three daughters; Misses Sallie and Marian Buckley, of Gainesville, and Miss Ella Buckley, of Washington.

The funeral took place Monday at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Haymarket, and interment was made in the churchyard there. The rector, Rev. Morris S. Eagle, officiated. The pall bearers were W. L. Sanders, L. B. Pattie, Stuart Carter, Charles R. McDonald, C. L. Lynn and Thos. S. Meredith.

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**Tharp, Hazel H. Virginia**

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Hazel H. Virginia Tharp, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tharp, died Wednesday [April 1, 1914] morning at the family home. The funeral took place yesterday.

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**Stribling, Robert M.**

Col. Robert M. Stribling, a Confederate veteran for many years prominent in public life, died Friday [March 27, 1914] at his home, "Mountain View," near Markham. Col. Stribling was one of the most famous artillery officers of Northern Virginia, his original command being known as the Fauquier Battery and afterwards known as Stribling's Artillery. Taking his stand in front of the Confederate infantry at the battle of Second Manassas, Capt. Stribling's artillery opened the battle for the advance and gallantly supported the attack of the Southern cavalry.

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**Stone, Emma**

Mrs. Emma Stone, widow of the late Caleb S. Stone, died Monday [March 30, 1914] at the Central State Hospital in Staunton, of which institution she had been an inmate for about fifteen years. She was buried Wednesday near Aldie, Loudoun county. Mrs. Stone was a native and resident of this county, and was the last surviving child of the late James Vermillion, of Hickory Grove. Her nearest relatives are a number of nieces and nephews, all children of her late brother, Alexander Vermillion, of this county, and of her late sister, Mrs. Susan Wrenn, of Fairfax county.

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**April 10, 1914**

**McClary, Frank M.**

The body of Frank M. McClary, of Alexandria, was taken to that city Saturday and interred in Bethel cemetery. Mr. McClary was killed by a train at Clifton March 24, [1914] and as the remains were not identified at that time he was buried at Clifton.

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**Davis, J. T. J.**

J. T. J. DAVIS DIES.

Mr. J. T. J. Davis, eldest brother of Mr. R. H. Davis of Bristow, died yesterday [April 9, 1914] morning in Washington. The funeral will take place at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Lee's Undertaking Chapel, 332 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, and interment will be made in the Davis-Purcell cemetery at Brentsville.

Mr. Davis had been in the railway mail service for eighteen years during which time he was engaged in the mercantile business at Brentsville and Bristow and was a large real estate owner there and in other sections of this county and in Washington. Mr. Davis had the post-office established at Fayman and named after his father-in-law, the late Ralph Fayman, a prominent government official, of Washington, who was also identified with valuable patents. He was postmaster at Fayman and was also engaged in the mercantile business there. At the time of his death he was engaged in the grocery business in Washington.

He leaves his wife and seven children, all of Washington, and three brothers, Messrs. R. H. Davis, of Bristow; Herbert A. Davis, of Washington, and Wilbur L. Davis, of San Francisco, Cal.

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## **April 17, 1914**

**Webb, Ernest M.**

Ernest M. Webb, husband of Mrs. Augusta Webb (nee Lynn) died at his parental home near Warsaw, Richmond county, on Monday, April 6 [1914]. Interment was made in the family cemetery the following Tuesday.

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**Payne, Charles E.**

Charles E. Payne, formerly of Culpeper county, died Wednesday [April 15, 1914] at his home in Washington after a lingering illness, aged forty-five years. He is survived by his wife, ten children, his parents, two sisters and five brothers, among which is Mr. R. W. Payne, of the New Prince William Hotel. The body will be taken to Culpeper county and interment made in the Lael Baptist Church Cemetery at Lignum.

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**Glasscock, Ernest**

Ernest Glasscock died early Monday [April 13, 1914] morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Glasscock, near Hoadley. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at Bethel Methodist church, and interment was made in the churchyard there. Mr. Glasscock had been in a hospital at Richmond, in which city he was engaged in business, and returned home only a few days before his death. He was unmarried and leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Glasscock, one sister, Miss Ida Glasscock, and five brothers, Messrs. Albert, Milton, Ashby, David and Aubrey Glasscock.

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## **April 24, 1914**

**Bland, James**

James Bland, aged 62 years, who died Wednesday [April 22, 1914] at his home in Alexandria, will be buried tomorrow at Occoquan. He leaves his wife and several children.

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**Clark, James**

James Clark, engineer, was killed; John Henry, fireman, and R. A. Godwin, baggagemaster, were slightly injured Wednesday [April 22, 1914] night when the engine, baggage car and one coach of a Southern local train left the track and turned over in a ditch near Rockfish. We understand that Mr. Clark moved from Manassas to Clifton some time ago.

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## **May 1, 1914**

**Russell, Sarah A.**

Miss Sarah A. Russell died Wednesday [April 28, 1914] at the home of her great-nephew, Mr. T. M. Russell, near Canova. She was 87 years old and her death was primarily due to old age. Miss Russell was the last of her immediate family, but is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

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## **May 8, 1914**

**Elgin, Elizabeth**

Mrs. Elizabeth Elgin, wife of Mr. Ernest Elgin, died Wednesday [May 6, 1914] at their home in Washington. The funeral took place this morning at the Elgin place in Fairfax, several miles from Clifton.

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## **May 15, 1914**

**Rexrode, J. H., Mrs.**

DEATH OF MRS. REXRODE

**Passes Away After Long Illness—Husband and Nine Children Survive.**

Mrs. J. H. Rexrode died at her home Sunday [May 10, 1914] after a serious illness lasting over a period of ten weeks. She was taken to a Washington hospital not long since, but physicians advanced no hope for her recovery and her death was momentarily expected. She was 42 years old.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at the Lutheran church and interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery. The services were conducted by a friend of the family, Rev. J. E. A. Doermann, of Washington, D.C., assisted by Rev. O. W. Aderholdt, pastor of the church here.

She leaves her husband, who is employed as a railway mail clerk, and nine children, Paul, Mary, Roy, Martha, Margaret, Clara, Harry, Walter and Irene. She is also survived by her parents, three brothers and one sister, all of whom, with the exception of one brother, live at Woodstock. Before her marriage she was Miss Sallie Kibler, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kibler, of Woodstock.

"Mrs. Rexrode was a model woman," writes a friend. "As a Christian she never departed from the faith implanted in Holy Baptism in infancy and nourished by her constant use of God's word and the instruction of the Lutheran church. Not only did she hold fast to the faith, but she lived it and taught it without fear or favor. As a wife she was thoughtful, harmonious, affectionate, cheerful, consoling; as a mother, she was frank, kind, loving, attentive, considerate, and as a neighbor, she was friendly, courteous, peaceful, helpful."

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**Violett, Annie N.**

Mrs. Annie N. Violett, wife of Charles A. Violett, died Saturday [May 9, 1914] at her old home near Clifton, aged 48 years. Funeral services were conducted Sunday by Rev. Mr. Edwards and interment was at Clifton. She leaves her husband, four children, Mrs. William Butler, Messrs. Elmer and Herbert Violett, of Alexandria, and Fred Violett, of Baltimore; one brother and three sisters, including Mrs. S. W. Cooksey, of Manassas.  
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## **May 22, 1914**

**Note: Pages 1 & 2 are missing from the microfilm copy.**

## **May 29, 1914**

**Mory, Morgan**

DIES AT AGE OF EIGHTY

**Morgan Mory, Former Manassas Lumber Dealer, Dies at Home in Pennsylvania.**

Morgan Mory, for many years a resident of Manassas, died last Saturday [May 16, 1914] morning at his late home, No. 123 North Jefferson street, Allentown, Pa. He had been suffering the past year from hardening of the arteries which was followed by several strokes of paralysis, culminating in his death Saturday at the age of eighty years.

He was born in upper Saucon, Pa., October 25, 1833, and was the son of John and Lydia Mory. He was married on May 9, 1867, to Malinda Wind, the couple recently celebrating the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. Mory came to Manassas eighteen years ago and entered the lumber business, building the resident on Centre street now occupied by Mr. J. B. Trimmer, and conducting his business on the adjacent corner. Five years ago he returned to Allentown, Pa., and has since lived a retired life.

He leaves his wife, two children, Geo. A. Mory and Mrs. Mary Weaver, and three grandchildren, Paul L., Marguerite and Charles Weaver.

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**Warrington, George Franklin**

George Franklin, the six-months' old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Warrington and grandson of Mrs. F. P. King, of Delray, was recently buried in the cemetery here.

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**Wyckoff, Clarence**

Funeral services for Clarence Wyckoff, 31 years old, were held Tuesday afternoon at Lee's Chapel, Fairfax county. Mr. Wyckoff died Sunday [May 24, 1914] night at his home at Burke's Station. He leaves his wife and one child.  
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**June 5, 1914**

**Note: Page one incorrectly shows the date as May 29, 1914.**

**Gorrell, Joseph B.**

Dr. Joseph B. Gorrell died at Culpeper last Thursday [May 28, 1914] at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was Miss Mary Norris, died several years ago. Surviving him are three children, Mrs. Robert Booton and Miss Sallie Gorrell, of Culpeper, and Prof. Glenn C. Gorrell, of Washington, who has taught music in Manassas a number of years.  
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**Spittle, William Randolph**

Funeral services for William Randolph Spittle, who died Friday [May 29, 1913] in Alexandria, took place Sunday afternoon at Wheatley's Chapel, and interment was made in Bethel cemetery. The Spittle family formerly lived in the neighborhood of Token, this county. Mr. Spittle was a Confederate veteran and while here, was a contractor and builder.  
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**Robinson, Mary**

IN MEMORIAM

On Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, the remains of Mary Robinson, a highly respected member of the 19<sup>th</sup> street Baptist church, of Washington, D. C., were laid to rest at Olive Branch church on the Bull Run mountain near Waterfall, the place in which she was born some 70 years ago. She moved to Washington when quite young and joined the church there. Her faithfulness to the duties of her church, her sweet amiability that was one of

**Robinson, Mary (Cont.)**

the strong traits of her Christian character endeared her to all who knew her, all who came in contact with her, willing and ready always to do whatever she could to uphold the cause of Christ. She loved the house of God and whether at home or away she sought to be attendant upon the service of the church. She would oftentimes be found there when her physical condition demanded her being at home. Her beautiful Christian life has been as a beacon light in her family and her wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Truly she lived the life and died the death of a saint. She served in the family of Senator O'Gorman for some thirty-five years and nursed his daughter, Maude, from infancy, by whom she was always called Mammy and who accompanied her remains from Rochester, N. Y., to their final resting place, being joined at Washington by her uncle, Mr. Clark. Mary's father was a servant of the Berkeley family a hundred years ago, some of the members of which attended the funeral. The funeral sermon, which was a very fine one, was preached by the Rev. Mr. Brook, of Washington, her pastor, and some appropriate remarks were made by the Rev. Mr. Smith, who has been the pastor of Olive Branch for nearly forty years. The floral tributes were very handsome and numerous, and the attendance a very large one. She is survived by two sisters, two brothers and an adopted daughter, a beloved niece, Rosetta Nalls. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord for they rest from their labors.

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**Peake, Edgar**

We regret to report the death of Mr. Edgar Peake, who died at his home near Hopewell n Tuesday [May 26, 1914] last. Interment was in the family burying ground there.

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## **June 12, 1914**

**Note: No reports of death were found in this issue.**

## **June 19, 1914**

**Gough, Harold**

### ACCIDENT AT NOKESVILLE

#### **Young Man Killed by Fumes in Well—Skull Fractured in Fall—Funeral.**

Harold Gough, 26 years old, son of Mr. Joseph Gough, of Nokesville, met his death Saturday [June 13, 1914] morning while working in a well on the property of Mr. I. N. Wittig, near Nokesville. To avoid possible accident, the well had been covered the evening before and the air was foul as a result of the dynamite used. He remarked the heavy odor when lowered into the well and his fellow workman urged him to come out quickly lest he be overcome.

As he neared the surface he slipped into unconsciousness, and dropped to the rocks below. It took some time to lift his body to the ground and shortly after the rescue he breathed his last. Upon examination it was found that his skull was fractured.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. L. R. Markwood, of the Methodist circuit, and interment was made at Gainesville.

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**Brown, W. H., Mrs.**

Mrs. W. H. Brown died of tuberculosis this morning [June 19, 1914] at her home near Orlando. She was about thirty years old.

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**Allen, Sallie M.**

Miss Sallie M. Allen died last Friday [June 12, 1914] at her home at Gainesville. She had been suffering from progressive paralysis.

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**Shepherd, Eliza**

News reached here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Eliza Shepherd, widow of Richard Shepherd, who died Sunday [June 14, 1914] morning at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Shepherd, near Minnieville. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Mahlon Glascock, of this county, Mrs. Charles Norman and Mrs. Henry Myers, of Loudoun, and two brothers, John F. Gulick, of Kansas, and Milton Gulick, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Shepherd is a first cousin of Mr. James F. Gulick and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, of Manassas.

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## **June 26, 1914**

**Rosenberger, George W.**

### SHOCK TO THE COMMUNITY

#### **Mr. George W. Rosenberger Circums After a Sudden Stroke of Paralysis.**

At 8 o'clock last Saturday morning, June 20<sup>th</sup>, this good and valuable man suffered a sudden and severe stroke of paralysis from which he died at 5 o'clock the following morning [*June 21, 1914*]. The Grace Methodist church, Manassas, could not seat the crowd that attended his funeral there on Tuesday afternoon, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. An appropriate and discriminating sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Roads. The text, selected by the family, was 2 Cor. 5:1—"For we know that if this earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Rev. Dr. Quarles, pastor of the Manassas Baptist church, assisted in the services. The body was interred in the Manassas cemetery.

All of the members of his immediate family and all of his near relatives were present except one brother, Nathaniel of Florida. Some of those attending were: His step-mother, Mrs. Levi Rosenberger, of Washington; his brother Abraham and his wife, from Jeffersontown, Va.; his sister, Mrs. Nalls, and his brother John, both of Manassas. He leaves his widow, who was Miss Kate B. MacDonald, of Culpeper, and seven children—three sons, George L., of Manassas; Allen E., of Norfolk, and J. Wellington, of Willimantic, Conn., all of whom are electricians, and four daughters, Mrs. George W. Wilson, of Washington, whose husband also was present, and Misses Mary, Nellie and Sadie at home in the recently established family residence about five miles from Manassas.

Mr. Rosenberger was 63 years old, a native of Shenandoah county, Va., having lived many years in Culpeper county, near the town of Jeffersontown, but having been for the past twenty-two years a resident of Prince William.

Mr. Rosenberger was of the quiet, gentle, unpretending type. Very early in life he became a Christian—joining the Methodist church—and in all the walks of life, to the end of his life he exemplified the beauty of holiness. Implicitly trusted in business and highly esteemed as a neighbor and friend, his death inflicts a real loss upon our community. But it was in the home that the brightest luster of his character shone. His loving loyalty and gentle kindness to his family and their tender affection for him were beautiful to behold and were most admired by those who knew them best.

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**Nourse, James M., Mrs.**

From the Washington papers we learn of the sudden death in Alexandria at 2 o'clock p. m., last Friday [*June 19, 1914*], of Mrs. Jas. M. Nourse, of Vienna, Fairfax

**Nourse, James M., Mrs. (Cont.)**

county. Many years ago she was a resident of Manassas, her husband having been pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

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**Halpenny, Mrs.**

Mrs. Halpenny, the mother of Mrs. J. M. Bell and the wife of Rev. J. Halpenny, a superannuated minister of the M. E. Church, died in Manassas last Sunday evening, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Asbury Methodist church by the Rev. Mr. Slick, and the remains were interred in the Bradley cemetery. All the members of her family came from various points to attend the funeral.

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**Shepherd, Eliza**

**MRS. SHEPHERD DIES.**

The people of lower Prince were shocked June 14, by the news of the death of Mrs. Eliza Shepherd.

Mrs. Shepherd was at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Shepherd, of near Neabsco, where she had gone a short time before to nurse her sister-in-law. Mrs. Shepherd was stricken Saturday evening about three o'clock, and although medical aid was given she could not be relieved.

For many years Mrs. Shepherd had been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Bethel. After her marriage to Mr. R. H. Shepherd, of Fairfax, she united with Cranford Memorial Church. Mrs. Shepherd was in her sixty-third year.

She leaves to mourn her loss three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Mahlon Glascock, of Agnewville; Mrs. C. E. Norman, of Purcellville; Mrs. J. H. Myers, of Paeonian Springs; Mr. Milton Gulick, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. John F. Gulick, of Kansas, and a wide circle of friends and distant relatives. X.

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**Coons, Ada**

Miss Ada Coons, who died at her home in New York on Thursday [June 18, 1914] last, was well known in Haymarket, having at one time made her home with Mrs.

**Coons, Ada (Cont.)**

H. M. Clarkson. She was a woman of charming personality, and the news of her death was received with much sorrow and regret by her friends here.

*The Manassas Journal, June 26, 1914 p-8 Haymarket Happenings*

## **July 3, 1914**

**Wolfenden, Mabel**

### **Death of Mrs. Wolfenden.**

The people of the lower end of the county were grieved to hear of the death, on Monday [June 22, 1914] last, of Mrs. Mabel Wolfenden, the wife of Thomas Wolfenden, from heart failure. She was the daughter of Mr. Edward Wright and is survived by her husband, Thomas Wolfenden, jr., and seven interesting children, one of whom is only one week old. She was the center of a large group of relatives and friends who are deeply afflicted by her loss.

Rev. A. J. Cummins, the pastor of the Belle Haven Baptist church, conducted the memorial services on Tuesday afternoon which were largely attended.

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**Halpenny, Annis Dorothy**

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Annis Dorothy Halpenny, a native of Quebec, but of New England and Huguenot ancestry, was born Nov. 8, 1847, thus being in 67<sup>th</sup> year at the time of her death. Being very ambitious she so overtaxed her powers by overstudy that while yet in her girlhood she seriously, indeed, permanently impaired her health. Becoming in youth a member of the church she remained steadfast to the end. She was an affectionate wife and a most devoted mother. X.

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## **July 10, 1914**

### **Evans, George R.**

George R. Evans, 6 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Evans, died Wednesday [July 8, 1914] at the home of his parents in Alexandria and was shipped yesterday for burial at Dumfries.

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### **Meade, Lucy B.**

Mrs. Lucy B. Beade, widow of Rev. Dr. Everard Meade, for many years rector of the historic Pohick Episcopal church, near Mount Vernon, died Monday [July 6, 1914] at her home near Courtland. The funeral took place Wednesday from Pohick church, Rev. Dr. Frank Page and Rev. S. A. Wallis officiating. Dr. Meade died six months ago.

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### **Hunsberger, Hettie**

Mrs. Hettie Hunsberger died Sunday, June 28, [1914,] at her home near Clifton. She leaves her husband and ten children. The funeral was conducted July 1 by Rev. Wm. H. Edwards, of the Presbyterian church, and interment was made in the cemetery near Clifton. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than fifty years.

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## **July 17, 1914**

### **Hoskins, Charles**

#### **DIES FOLLOWING ACCIDENT**

#### **Charles Hoskins, Colored, Injured By Falling Rock in Sewer Trench Near Town.**

Charles Hoskins, a colored man employed in the sewer construction works in Manassas, died this morning following a cave-in yesterday which resulted in a broken leg and possibly other injuries. The accident occurred at the lower end of the sewer in the northwest section of the town.

**Hoskins, Charles (Cont.)**

Coroner Meredith empanelled a jury—Messrs. Ernest Utterback, G. D. Baker, Will Marstellar, George Leith, J. S. Gaither and Ira C. Reid—to inquire into the cause of his death.

The verdict was, “We, the jury, find that Charles Hoskins came to his death by an unavoidable accident.”

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**July 24, 1914**

**Eckloff, R. J.**

Mr. R. J. Eckloff died suddenly at Montpelier, Idaho. His remains will reach Washington today and interment will be made tomorrow in Rock Creek cemetery. Mr. Eckloff is a brother of Mrs. H. Lee Willis and Mrs. E. S. Thomson.

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**July 31, 1914**

**Note: No reports of death were located in this issue.**

**August 7, 1914**

**Keys, Sydnor I.**

Diving overboard last Thursday [*July 30, 1914*] afternoon from a little lumber schooner several miles south of Alexandria, to recover a small gasoline tender gone adrift, Sydnor I. Keys, twenty-three years old, of Quantico, became entangled in long sea grass in less than six feet of water, and was drowned. Young Keys and his father, Capt. C. M. Keys, composed the crew of the lumber boat, which was sailing slowly toward Alexandria.

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**Thomas, Church**

With his face blown off and in a dying condition, Church Thomas, colored, was found early Monday [August 3, 1914] morning on the front porch of his home near Bristow. Death resulted a few minutes later. A shotgun lay in the cornfield near by and it was suggested that he had been awakened during the night by chicken thieves and was struck by an accidental discharge of the weapon. By some, this was scouted as impossible on account of the distance between the porch and the cornfield, which, it was said, could not possibly have been traveled by a man in his condition. Coroner Meredith and the jury visited the scene of the accident Monday and will meet at Bristow this afternoon to make a decision. The jury is composed of Messrs. A. B. Carr, A. M. Wright, P. D. Lipscomb, W. A. Cline, E. E. Hale and Mahlon Seese.  
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## **August 14, 1914**

**Schultz, Louise Hoelscher**

**MRS. LOUISE SCHULTZ DEAD**

**Succumbs to Paralysis Saturday In Home on West Street—Funeral Sunday Evening.**

(Contributed)

Mrs. Louise Hoelscher Schultz, widow of the late Augustus Schultz, died Saturday [August 8, 1914] morning of paralysis after an illness lasting several months. The funeral was held Sunday evening at her late residence on West street, Rev. J. F. Burks, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, officiating. The remains were shipped to Washington for cremation.

Mrs. Schultz was born in Hilbronn, Wurtemberg, over eighty years ago and was very proud of being a German, being convinced that the culture and traditions that had moulded her character made her a better citizen of her adopted country. She considered herself fortunate in belonging to the United States, the most wonderful country in the world, as she like to call it; and she brought up her only son with an exalted idea of his American citizenship. She was a true friend and a kind neighbor; original and fearless in her opinions, full of shrewd common sense, endowed with that firmness of will which never degenerates into obstinacy. For thirty years she was the true helpmate of her husband, supporting him in all the trials of an inventor's life. (Augustus Schultz, as our readers know, invented the method of chrome tannage, which has completely revolutionized the manufacture of leather.)

During her last illness Mrs. Schultz was surrounded by her nearest relatives, her niece, Mrs. Ferdinand Henrici, of Chicago; her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Albert Schultz, of Philadelphia; her adopted daughter, Mrs. J. H. Dodge, of Manassas, and an old friend, Miss Anna Bahlmann, of Paris, France.

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## **August 21, 1914**

**Sweeney, Richard**

### **RICHARD SWEENEY DEAD**

Died July 29, [1914] at his hone, near Buckland, Va., Richard Sweeney, aged 85. Born in Ireland, he came to this country when he was twenty years old, and lived the rest of his life in this neighborhood.

He purchased a farm here and by his honesty and integrity made friends of all who knew him. He was a good neighbor and a very kind husband and father and was rewarded by having every one of his children and grand children by his bedside when the end came—which, we hope, was a comfort for he was never happier than when his children and grand children were around him. He raised a large family which is a credit to any community.

He is survived by his wife and four children, one son and three daughters—J. R. Sweeney, of Gainesville; Mrs. John Harrington, Mrs. Carey Grimsley and Mrs. M. J. Collins, of Washington.

One Who Knew Him Well.

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**Myers, D. J., Mrs.**

### **SUCCUMBS TO TYPHOID**

Mrs. D. J. Myers died of typhoid fever Tuesday [August 18, 1914] in the family home on Main street and Centerville road. The body was shipped to Rockingham county yesterday for burial.

She was born in Rockingham county in 1875, and lived there until eleven years ago, when with her husband she went to Illinois. They have since lived for a short time in Nokesville and moved to Manassas last winter. Her maiden name was Etta C. Sandey.

She leaves her husband, five children—four girls and a boy, the eldest being 13 years old—and one sister and two half brothers. Four of the children are ill of typhoid fever, but their condition is said to be improved. The baby, who is being cared for by Mrs. John A. Nicol, has not developed the disease.

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**Farquar, Patrick**

News was received here Monday [August 17, 1914] of the death in Washington of Mr. Patrick Farquar, until a few months ago a respected citizen of this county. Mr. Farquar was living at the home of his son, Mr. Charles Farquhar.  
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**Hulfish, James**

Mrs. James Hulfish died Tuesday [August 18, 1914] at her home at Haymarket. The funeral took place Wednesday at the Haymarket Baptist church, Rev. T. D. D. Clark officiating, and interment was at Antioch. She was seventy-two years old, and leaves three sons and a daughter.  
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**Sparks, May Pauline**

Mrs. C. E. Nash received a message yesterday [August 20, 1914] announcing the death of her cousin, Mrs. May Pauline Sparks, of Bridgeport, N. J. Mrs. Sparks was the state temperance lecturer of New Jersey and had been heard several times in Manassas and other sections of this state. Her presence will be missed in the field.  
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## **August 28, 1914**

**Deakins, Bessie**

**DEATH OF MISS DEAKINS**

**Expires Friday After Illness of Several Months—Funeral at Trinity Church.**

Miss Bessie Deakins, 46 years old, died after a lingering illness Friday [August 21, 1914] at the home of her relative, Mrs. J. A. Morgan. Her funeral was held Saturday afternoon at Trinity Episcopal Church Rev. J. F. Burks officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery here.

Miss Deakins was a niece of the late Rev. George F. Beaven, for many years rector of St. Paul's Church, Hillsboro, Md. She was a native of Maryland where she taught for a number of years in the public schools. The latter part of her life was spent in Charlestown, W. Va., until in recent months she came to make her home with Mrs. Morgan.

**Deakins, Bessie (Cont.)**

Her surviving relatives are her cousins, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. R. Weir Waters, Mrs. W. M. Brown, Mrs. C. H. Yarborough, jr., and Master John Gordon Morgan.  
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**Frame, Virginia Lee**

Virginia Lee Frame, 11-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Frame, of Gassaway, W. Va., died Sunday [August 23, 1914], following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Frame will be remembered as Miss Clair Longwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Longwell, who formerly resided here.  
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**Long, Sue**

Mrs. Sue Long, wife of Dr. John F. Long and well-known to many in this county, died of typhoid fever Tuesday [August 25, 1914] at her home in Luray. She was about sixty years old and leaves her husband and four children, Mrs. Edgar Brubaker, of Missouri, Mr. Will Brubaker, Mrs. John Spidler and Dr. George H. Long, of Luray.  
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## **September 4, 1914**

**Johnson, George W.**

George W. Johnson, member of the Black Horse Company of Virginia, has exchanged the cross of the Confederate Soldier for the crown of Eternal Life. Always courteous, always kind, always generous, his friends mourn his departure from us.

The Relief Committee, Manassas Chapter, U. D. C.

Miss Myra B. Payne, Ch'n.

Mrs. A. Speiden

Mrs. C. M. Larkin

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**Johnson, George William**

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE

**Mr. George W. Johnson Dies After Long Illness—Funeral Sunday Afternoon**

Mr. George William Johnson, a life-long resident of this county, died last Friday [August 28, 1914] morning at his home near Manassas. He had been in ill health for some time, but his death came as a shock to his many friends in the community.

His funeral was held Sunday afternoon from his late residence, Elder Vaughn, of the Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in the town cemetery where the services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Quarles, pastor of Manassas Baptist Church and chaplain of Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans.

The pallbearers were his sons, Messrs. Lee and Ralph Johnson, his sons-in-law, Messrs. Egbert Harrell and G. L. Hutchison, his nephew, Mr. W. M. Johnson, and his grandson, Mr. Maurice Harrell.

Mr. Johnson was born in this county on October 22, 1845, his parents being Col. Joseph Johnson and Mrs. Emily Eliza Wheatley Johnson. In 1868 he was married to Mrs. Hannah Lamb Lindsley, who, with their five children—Mrs. Minnie J. Harrell, Mrs. Maud M. Hutchison, and Messrs. R. Lee Johnson, Willis L. Johnson and Ralph V. Johnson, all of this county—survives him. He leaves also two sisters, Misses Sarah and Annie Johnson; one brother, Mr. Joseph B. Johnson, and eight grandchildren, Misses Mildred and Georgie Harrell and Myrtle and Gladys Johnson, and Maurice Harell, George and Eugene Johnson and John Julian Hutchison.

He was a Confederate veteran, having joined the Black Horse cavalry in 1862 and served until discharged on account of failing health in 1864; a member of the Primitive Baptist Church; and a member of Ewell Camp, C. V., and of the Manassas chapter of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, and was treasurer of both organizations.  
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**Smith, William M.**

Mr. William M. Smith, 50 years old, died of typhoid fever Wednesday [September 2, 1914] morning near Sudley. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon and he was buried in the Sudley cemetery.  
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**Trimmer, Fannie Sanford**

Mrs. Fannie Sanford Trimmer, widow of J. E. Trimmer and youngest daughter of the late William S. and Elizabeth N. Fewell, died Monday [August 31, 1914] at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wade Goodwin, in Harrisonburg. Her death came from exhaustion following a fracture of the hip sustained about six weeks ago. She was 57 years old and

**Trimmer, Fannie Sanford**(Cont.)

is survived by her sister, Mrs. Margaret Whittington, and four children, Mrs. Wade Goodwin and Messrs. J. B. Trimmer, of Manassas; Charles Trimmer, of Tiffin, Ohio, and William Trimmer, of Philadelphia. The funeral was held Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, and interment was made in the cemetery here.

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**Senseney, Edward D.**

SOLDIER DEAD AT EIGHTY

Mr. Edward D. Senseney, died Monday [August 31, 1914] at his home near Sudley after an illness of several months. He was a Confederate soldier, having served during the Civil war in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia cavalry. He was eighty years old, and is survived by eight children, Misses Freddie and May Senseney and Messrs. Ellsworth, Philip, Emory, Harvey, Leonard and Edward Senseney. He was twice married, first to Miss Hockman, and then to Miss Mary E. Hoffman.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at Sudley Methodist Episcopal Church, where the service was conducted by Rev. W. P. C. Coe. Interment was made in the cemetery there.

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**Hulfish, Mary Virginia**

DEATH OF MRS. HULFISH.

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, [1914] when it became known that death, the insatiable gleaner, had taken from us in the still hours of the night Mrs. Mary Virginia Hulfish, widow of the late Jas. P. Hulfish, a feeling of profound sorrow swept over this entire community. Few if any of the residents of the village were more beloved.

Mrs. Hulfish was born in this county Feb. 22, 1842, and had lived in Haymarket all of her married life, a period of nearly forty-eight years. Although she had passed the allotted time of man, "three score and ten," with her kindly acts, genial ways and cheery face, she seemed ever young to us who knew and loved her. Ever ready to do a kindness, she greeted many a little stranger who came to tread life's way and smoothed many a dying pillow when life's journey was over. In her home, her church, the Sabbath school and in all good works she always held out a helping hand, ever willing to take the bitter that others might have the sweet. It can truly be said her price was far above rubies "and her children will rise up and call her blessed."

Mrs. Hulfish is survived by three sons and one daughter: Messrs. Jas. A. Hulfish, of Alexandria, Randolph and Lawrence Hulfish and Miss Ruth Hulfish, of Haymarket;

**Hulfish, Mary Virginia (Cont.)**

also four grandchildren and two brothers, J. P. Smith, of Waterfall, and Jos. B. Smith, of Colorado, and one sister, Mrs. Jas. W. Bell, of this county.

The funeral service was at her home church, conducted by her former pastor Rev. T. D. D. Clark.

Interment as at Antioch, the church of her early years. There in the quiet cemetery, where sleep father and mother, husband and child, covered with a canopy of beautiful flowers which bore testimony to the love and sympathy of kindred and fiends, she will await the summons: "Child, come up higher and hear the plaudit: Well done thou good and faithful servant." B.

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## **September 11, 1914**

**Harris, John**

John Harris, colored, 69 years old, died Wednesday [September 9, 1914] at his home near town. He leaves his wife, who is a daughter of "Aunt" Bert Coleman Brown, and several children.

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**Mathias, Grace Susan**

Grace Susan Mathias, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mathias, died yesterday [September 10, 1914] at their home near town. The funeral will be held tomorrow at the Cannon Branch church of the Brethren, and interment will be made in the cemetery there.

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**Beavers, Levi (Mrs.)**

Mrs. Levi Beavers died this morning [September 11, 1914] after a short illness. Her funeral is to be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Woodbine Baptist church. She leaves her husband and four young children.

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**Scott, Taylor**

KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

**Taylor Scott's Neck Broken—A. M. Keith and A. M. R. Charrington Injured.**

Warrenton, Va., Sept. 5.—Taylor Scott, son of Judge R. Carter Scott, of Richmond, was killed and A. M. Keith, of Richmond, and A. M. R. Charrington, of Warrenton, seriously hurt in an automobile accident near The Plains, early to-day [September 5, 1914]. The injured were brought here.

Keith is the son of Judge James Keith, of the Virginia court of appeals.

The accident occurred just outside of The Plains, at 4 o'clock this morning while the party was returning from a dance at Middleburg.

The car was going down grade at a high rate of speed, when a front tire blew out. The car ran into a tree, and all the young men were thrown to the ground with great force.

Scott, who was sitting on the floor of the car, suffered a broken neck and died instantly. Charrington and Keith were hurried to the home of Dr. Robert Shackelford, at The Plains.

FOUND BY ANOTHER PARTY.

A party being taken back to Warrenton in a five-passenger car followed the auto in which Scott and the others were riding, and the driver, Fleet Galloway, found the three boys a few moments after the accident occurred. The car was smashed into many pieces. Both Keith and Charrington were unconscious. Galloway returned to Middleburg with his party, and leaving all of them there he then returned to the scene of the accident and carried the boys to Dr. Robert Shackelford's home. The parents of young Scott were phoned for, being at Warrenton. Mrs. Astley Cooper and E. M. Spillman, a cousin of Keith's also were notified. They hurried to The Plains in autos. The body of Scott, in care of J. A. C. Keith, an uncle, was taken to Richmond this afternoon, where burial will take place on Monday.

Judge and Mrs. Scott and Misses Ellen and Fannie Scott, Carter Scott, jr., Miss Camilla Wellford, of Richmond; Mrs. Taylor Scott and Heyward Spillman, of Warrenton, also left for Richmond.

DEAD YOUTH BRILLIANT STUDENT.

Keith soon regained consciousness, and while suffering from a broken rib and severe cuts and bruises, his condition is not considered grave. He is expected to return to Warrenton to-morrow. Charrington, to whom the car belonged, and who was driving, is more seriously injured. He was cut about the head and chest, and is supposedly injured internally. He has not been as yet advised of the death of Scott or any particulars of the accident.

Judge Scott, who has been recuperating from an extended illness in Warrenton all summer, stood the shock well.

**Scott, Taylor (Cont.)**

The dead boy was a student of the University of Virginia, where he had recently won a scholarship in the legal department. He had been employed during the summer in the clerk's office in Richmond. Ex.

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## **September 18, 1914**

**Beavers, Levi (Mrs.)**

The funeral of Mrs. Levi Beavers, who died last Friday [*September 11, 1914*] morning, was largely attended Sunday afternoon at Woodbine Baptist Church, about eight miles from Manassas. Interment was made in the cemetery there. Rev. H. L. Quarles conducted the services.

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**Jordan, Alice B.**

Mrs. Alice B. Jordan died last week in Bridgeport, N. J. She was before her marriage Miss Brawner, of this county. She was an aunt of Mrs. C. E. Nash, of Manassas, and the mother of Mrs. Mae Pauline Sparks, the temperance lecturer who died two weeks before.

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**Whedbee, Minnie Waters**

### TRAGIC DEATH

Mrs. Minnie Waters Whedbee, wife of Mr. Thomas B. Whedbee, died yesterday [*September 17, 1914*] afternoon at the University Hospital, at Charlottesville, from a wound inflicted while handling a revolver last Sunday morning at the family home near Manassas. The bullet entered her body just below the heart. She was taken immediately to Charlottesville, but medical skill could not effect a recovery. She was about forty years old.

No plans for the funeral are yet arranged.

Mrs. Whedbee was a daughter of Mr. R. W. Merchant, of Richmond, formerly of Manassas. Her husband and three children survive.

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**Hicks, Gladys**

The people of Cherry hill were greatly grieved over the sudden death of Gladys Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks, who died suddenly on September 1 [1914]. Little Miss Gladys was thirteen years old and had been ill of typhoid fever. Miss Gladys was very popular with the younger people of this community as well as with her elders, and all extend their profound sympathy to the parents.

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## **September 25, 1914**

**Comstock, Elma A.**

Miss Elma A. Comstock, 23 years old, daughter of Mrs. Mary F. and the late Orville Comstock, died Tuesday [September 22, 1914] at her home in this county. The funeral was held yesterday with burial in the Presbyterian cemetery at Greenwood.

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**Minor, Strother**

Strother Minor, a well-known colored citizen, died Saturday [September 19, 1914] afternoon. He was 98 years old, the date of his birth being March 25, 1816. He leaves three daughters, Julia Brown, Roberta Bolden and Josephine Anderson; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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**Bradley, Andrew Jackson**

Andrew Jackson Bradley, for many years a resident of Nokesville, died last Friday [September 18, 1914] in Providence Hospital, Washington. He was 65 years old and leaves a sister, who lives in Alexandria, and a brother, who lives in Washington. His funeral was held in Alexandria and interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

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**Lynn, James B.**

James B. Lynn, 57 years old, died of pneumonia Saturday [September 19, 1914] afternoon in Alexandria Hospital. His funeral was held Monday afternoon, Dr. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, officiating, and he was buried in Bethel cemetery. Mr. Lynn is survived by his wife and seven children. He was for many years a resident of this county and is a brother of Mr. J. B. Lynn, the blacksmith and wheelwright.

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**Arnold, Clay**

Clay Arnold, 11 years old, died yesterday morning of typhoid fever, after an illness of several weeks. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Arnold, and two young sisters, Misses Blanche and Josephine Arnold. The funeral is to be held this afternoon at Manassas Baptist church, and interment will be made in the cemetery here town. Rev. Dr. H. L. Quarles is to conduct the services. He will be assisted by Rev. T. D. D. Clark.

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## **October 2, 1914**

**Comstock, Elma**

IN MEMORIAM.

On the morning of September 22, 1914, Miss Elma Comstock passed quietly away. She has been to her many friends and relatives like a beautiful flower, which bloomed but for a short time and scattered its fragrance for everyone around. She was born near Minnieville, May 22, 1880, and lived there the greater part of her life. Although she has been a great sufferer for about five years, she has borne her pain with Christian-like fortitude. She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her mother, three brothers and three sisters.

It would be selfish to wish her back  
To pain and earthly care,  
Although she has left us here to grieve,  
She is happier over there.

**Comstock, Elma (Cont.)**

Where she has a brother and sister,  
Who will meet her on the strand,  
And lead her through the streets of gold,  
By her slender little hand.

So dry your eyes, dear brother,  
And also sister dear,  
You can meet her there some day,  
Tho' it may be many a year.

And then she will come to meet you  
In spotless robes of white,  
Where all is happiness above  
And no more dreary night.

E. M. B.

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## **October 9, 1914**

**Breeden, W. M., Mr.**

Mr. W. M. Breeden died Tuesday [October 6, 1914] morning at his home near Brentsville. His funeral took place Thursday afternoon at Aden U. B. Church, Rev. Jas. W. Brill officiating.

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**Lynn, Henry Fairfax**

### **PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES**

#### **Death of Henry Fairfax Lynn Occurs Monday at Home Near Catharpin.**

Henry Fairfax Lynn, prominent citizen and farmer, Confederate veteran and president of the National Bank of Manassas, died Monday [October 5, 1914] at his home near Catharpin. He had been in infirm health for many months but his death came as a distinct shock to friend and acquaintance the county over.

The funeral services were held from his late residence Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the graveyard of the Church of Our Savior at Little Georgetown, near Thoroughfare. The services were conducted by Rev. W. P. C. Coe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Gainesville. A large attendance and numerous floral tributes attested to high esteem in which he was held.

**Lynn, Henry Fairfax (Cont.)**

The pallbearers were Hon. Thomas H. Lion, of Manassas; Mr. Nicholas Adams, of The Plains; Mr. Wallace Tiffany, of Landmark; Dr. C. F. Brower, Mr. F. H. Sanders and Mr. Charles R. McDonald, of Catharpin.

Mr. Lynn was seventy-one years old. He was born November 8, 1842, near Leesburg, Loudoun county, and when about seven years old came to this county with his parents, William Lynn and Mary Fairfax. He was married to Miss Mary Holmes, who with their daughter, Mrs. S. W. McCarty, of The Plains, survives him. He also leaves five grandchildren, Messrs. Walter Holmes Robertson, Bowling Lynn Robertson and Rolse Robertson and Miss Rita Fairfax Robertson, children of Mrs. McCarty, and Mr. Henry Fairfax Lynn, of Stonecastle, son of the late Fairfax Lynn.

Mr. Lynn has been prominently connected with the growth and progress of Prince William county. When the Prince William county court house was moved from Brentsville to Manassas he was one of the commissioners who selected the site now occupied by the present structure. He was a Confederate soldier, having served in the Prince William cavalry from '61 to '65 and has since been identified with the Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans. He was for a long time the chief official of the National Bank of Manassas, which was draped in mourning in tribute to its departed president.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

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**Kincheloe, Mabel Lee**

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of little Mabel Lee Kincheloe who died at her home in Dumfries, Va., one year ago today, October 5, 1913. Gone but not forgotten.

Little Mabel, how we miss you,  
Miss you more than tongue can tell,  
But every hour and day that passes,  
Brings us nearer with thee to dwell.

Thou art gone, but not forgotten,  
Fresh our love will ever be,  
For as long as there is memory,  
We shall always think of thee.  
Aunt Nannie.

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**Moseley, Robert Dan**

News has reached here of the recent death in Winston-Salem, N. C., of Mr. Robert Dan Moseley, a widely-known Confederate veteran. Mr. Moseley will be remembered in Manassas as the artist who painted the small haversacks sold several years ago by the Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. Moseley was an artist of singular talent in depicting Southern scenes, though a great part of his time was given to the painting of the Confederate emblem.

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**Harris, T. B., Mrs.**

Mrs. T. B. Harris, 45 years old, died Wednesday [October 7, 1914] morning at her home near Buckhall. Her remains were sent to Page county for burial. Mrs. Harris was before her marriage Miss Maggie S. Mearica. She leaves her husband, six children, her father, Mr. B. F. Mearica and one sister, Mrs. Mollie Mearica, of Furnace, Page county.

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**Payne, John A.**

Mr. John A. Payne died yesterday [October 8, 1914] after a brief illness at his home near Culpeper. The funeral services are to be held this afternoon at Laer Baptist church and interment is to be made at Lignum. Mr. Payne is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. G. Warren Nash and Mrs. A. Stuart Jones, of Fredericksburg, and five sons, Messrs. John A. Payne, jr., Hugh R. Payne and Ashby L. Payne, all of Culpeper; R. W. Payne, of the New Prince William hotel, Manassas, and Dr. Wade C. Payne, of Gainesville.

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**Phillips, Richard L.**

IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of our departed friend, Richard L. Philips, of Haymarket, who died in the Charlottesville hospital September 22, 1914. His remains were laid to rest in the Episcopal church yard at Haymarket.

**Phillips, Richard L** (Cont.)

Why should we weep for those who die?  
They fall, their dust return to dust,  
Their souls shall live eternally,  
Within the memories of the just;  
They die, to live they sink to rise,  
They leave this wretched mortal shore,  
But brighter suns and bluer skies  
Shall smile on them for evermore.

Why should we sorrow for the dead?  
Our life on earth is but a span,  
They tread the path that all must read,  
They die the common death of man,  
The soul, the eternal soul must reign  
In worlds devoid of pain and strife,  
Then why should mortal man complain  
Of death which leads to happier life.

Written by a Friend, H. R. G.

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## **October 16, 1914**

**Arnold, Clay**

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of little Clay Arnold, who died in Manassas three weeks ago. Gone, but not forgotten.

Little Clay, how we miss you,  
Miss you more than tongue can tell,  
But every hour and day that passes  
Brings us nearer with thee to dwell.

Thou art gone, but not forgotten,  
Fresh our love will ever be,  
For as long as there is memory  
We shall always think of our dear, dear Clay.

By his Aunt.

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**Pratt, Augusta**

Miss August Pratt, of Washington, sister of Dr. A. L. Pratt, died Tuesday [October 13, 1914] in Garfield hospital. She was buried yesterday at Catlett.  
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**October 23, 1914**

**Martz, D. H. Lee**

Col. D. H. Lee Martz, 77 years old, distinguished Confederate veteran and clerk of the court at Harrisonburg, died several days ago. He was a military guard at the trial and execution of John Brown.  
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**Hayes, Albert, Mrs.**

Mrs. Albert Hayes died Tuesday [October 20, 1914] at her home near Kopp. She was about fifty-four years old and had been in ill health for the past six months. Surviving members of the family are her husband, a son, Mr. Roland T. Hayes, of Marshall, and a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Addie Myers, of Marion, Iowa. The funeral was held yesterday at Belle Haven church, Rev. Mr. Cummings officiating. Interment was made in the churchyard there.  
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**Lewis, Samuel**

**DEATH OF SAMUEL LEWIS**

**Funeral Held Thursday at M. E. Church, South, Hamilton, Loudoun County.**

Samuel Lewis, a life-long resident of Loudoun county, died Monday [October 19, 1914] evening at his home in Hamilton. He had been in failing health for many years but appeared as usual on Saturday upon the streets of Hamilton.

The funeral took place Thursday morning at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which he had been a member for thirty years. The services there and in the harmony churchyard, where he was buried, were conducted by Rev. G. T. Tyler.

Mr. Lewis was born February 13, 1840. He had followed the occupation of wheelwright for fifty years and was known as the best mechanic in the county.

He was married just before the Civil War to Miss Sarah Bell, of Hillsboro, Loudoun county, who died about twenty years ago. Twelve children were born of this

**Lewis, Samuel (Cont.)**

union. Eight of these are now living and were present at the funeral. They are Mrs. Rosa B. House, of Newman, Ill.; Mrs. W. E. Popkins and Mrs. Levi Cockran, both of Rockville, Md., Mrs. Frank L. Smith and Miss Laura Lewis, both of Alexandria, Mrs. Joseph Tribbey, of Hamilton, Mr. John W. Lewis, of Economy, Pa, and Mr. D. R. Lewis, of Manassas, who is manager of The Journal.

He is also survived by his second wife, who was Miss Virginia Fritts; a brother, Mr. George W. Lewis, of Frederick City Md., and three sisters, Mrs. Andres Beach, of Lincoln, Loudoun county; Mrs. Mary Gray, of Rockville, Md., and Miss Catherine Lewis, of Frederick City.

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**Lee, Robert E.**

**SON OF GEN. LEE EXPIRES**

**Capt. Robert E. Lee Dies at Age of Seventy Years—Buried at Lexington.**

Capt. Robert E. Lee, youngest son of Gen. Robert E. Lee, died at his home near Upperville, Va. Last Monday [*October 12, 1914*] night.

Captain Lee was born in the historic Arlington house, October 27, 1843. he was educated in private schools and later attended the university of Virginia. He was still attending the University when the War broke out. At the beginning of the war he enlisted as a private in the Rockbridge Artillery. He served as a private during the whole war until the armies were drawn up around Petersburg. At this time his older brother, Gen. William Henry Fitzhugh Lee was released from Federal prison and resumed his command. He then appointed his brother as an aid on his staff with the title of captain.

Since the war Captain Lee has been engaged in farming on his estate on the Pamunkey river. For several years it has been his custom to spend his summers at his summer home near Upperville and his winters on the Pamunkey.

Captain Lee was married twice, first to Miss Haxall and second to Miss Juliet Carter, of Richmond. His wife and two daughters, about fourteen and fifteen years old, survive him.

He was buried in the vault beneath the Chapel of Washington and Lee University beside his great father.

Captain Lee is the sixth Lee who now sleeps in the vault of the chapel of the University. Gen. Robert E. Lee, Mrs. Lee, Gen George Washington Custis Lee, Miss Mildred Lee, Gen. Light Horse Harry Lee and Capt. Robert E. Lee, jr. It is intended to have the entire Lee family buried in this vault.

It will be remembered that Gen. Lee had seven children, only one of whom, Miss Mary, now survives him. She at the present time is in Germany on a visit.

Capt. Robert Lee was a jovial, light-hearted man, much like his first cousin, Gen. Fitz Lee. A few years ago he collected his father's letters and published them as "Recollections and Letters of Gen. Robert E. Lee."

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## **October 30, 1914**

**Polen, Peter**

### DEATH OF PETER POLEN

#### **Well Known Citizen of Upper Prince William Dies at Age of Sixty-five.**

Peter Polen, a prominent and well-known citizen of upper Prince William county, passed away Saturday [October 24, 1914] morning in his sixty[sixth] year. Mr. Polen had been sick but little over a week. Death was due to paralysis of the brain. He had been suffering with his head for several days, but on the evening before he was taken sick he remarked that he felt well. All that medical skill and loving hands could do for him was of no avail.

Mr. Polen was a man who as liked by all who knew him. He extended an ever ready hand to all who were in need. None ever came to him for aid but they received it. He numbered his friends by the score.

Being upright and honest in all his dealings, a man whose word was his bond, a man of excellent judgment along the lines of farming and stock raising, he amassed quite a fortune and owned a large estate in the counties of Loudoun and Prince William, which took most of his time. He was seldom seen, except when driving his stock to market or on an errand of business.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. M. S. Eagle, of Haymarket. The pallbearers were Messrs. Jon Adams, James George, Robert Costello, A. Zerega, J. S. Patton and C. C. Saffer. Interment was in the family burying ground. He is survived by his wife, five children, one brother and three sisters. May he rest in peace. X.

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**Jones, George Russell**

### TRAGIC DEATH

Friends of Miss Lillian M. Jones were distressed last week to learn of the tragic death of her brother, George Russell Jones, twenty-five years old, who was poisoned by a dose of barium sulphide, taken in mistake for medicine.

A coroner's jury, investigating his sudden death, rendered a verdict fixing no responsibility for his death beyond stating that he died from poisoning caused by taking an ounce and a half of barium sulphide procured from a Baltimore pharmacy.

The dose was bought from a prescription reading "barium sulph.," the physician having intended the abbreviation to mean "sulphate."

The funeral took place Wednesday and interment was made in Lorraine cemetery, Baltimore.

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**Hayes, Albert Mrs.**

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Albert Hayes died recently at her home, near Kopp, after a long illness. Mrs. Hayes is survived by her husband and two children, Roland T. and Mrs. Addie J. Mayers. She was an earnest worker for the cause of Christ and a faithful member of Belle Haven Baptist church. She was laid to rest in Belle Haven cemetery by the side of her youngest son, who died June 16, 1908.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Cummings, pastor of Belle Haven church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Frank Hill, J. A. Hill, L. F. Merrill, E. C. DeWitt, Walter M. and Thomas J. Woolfenden. The I. O. O. F. conducted services at the grave. Beautiful tributes were given by relatives and friends. The community in which Mrs. Hayes lived sympathize with the bereaved ones.

By Two of Her Sunday School Scholars—H. L. A. M. D.

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## **November 6, 1914**

**Suthard, Cora**

Mrs. Cora Suthard, wife of Mr. C. S. Suthard, of the Bristow neighborhood, died Tuesday [November 3, 1914] at the age of 43 years. The funeral was held Wednesday and interment was made in the Valley View cemetery. Dr. H. L. Quarles, pastor of Manassas Baptist Church, officiated.

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**Hayes, Ellen Fleming**

IN MEMORIAM

Hayes—On the 2 th of October, 1914, at her home, near Kopp, Va., Mrs. Ellen Fleming Hayes passed from the scenes of this life to the glories of the heavenly land. The last three months of her life developed symptoms of the disease which proved fatal. During this time her sufferings were intense. Descended from families possessing mental endowments of a high order, she shared their intellect. Gifted with a mind ready and versatile, with manners gentle and engaging, with a heart full of sympathy, she was one whose companionship was ever delightful. The members of her family she loved with a beautiful and unswerving loyalty, which the cares and perplexities of life only intensified.

To them in the freshness of this sorrow comes unspeakable longing for the gentle woman, whose presence brought sunshine to their hearts. As the passing years allay the

**Hayes, Ellen Fleming (Cont.)**

bitterness of grief, she will be, as long as life shall last, a blessed memory, a bright link that binds them to the hallowed past, and in time to come she will be as a voice that calls them from pain and vicissitude of this world to the glories of the home of the soul. The spirit so bright here on earth shall shine with added luster in the city of the new Jerusalem, in the companionship of her devoted son, and in the presence of Christ, upon whom, in perfect trust, she called just before she passed away from earth.

In the good providence of God, her last years were years of temporal as well as spiritual comfort. She had the means needed for her physical comfort, and her last years were bright by reason of a conscious fellowship with her Saviour and a pleasing prospect of a blissful immortality.

While living friends bore her remains to the grave, saying, "She is dead," the angel which conveyed her spirit to the realms of glory, as they neared the pearly gates, and exclaimed, "Behold, she is alive for ever more." How rich and glorious must be her reward, how bright her crown!

Her funeral on Thursday evening was numerously attended by sorrowing relatives and friends.

A Friend

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**Crump, Lamor**

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear brother, Lamor Crump, who died on October 8, 1914. He leaves father, mother, three brothers and many relatives and devoted friends to mourn his loss.

God in his wisdom has recalled  
The boon his love ad given,  
And though the body slumbers here,  
The soul is safe in heaven.

How long he struggled against disease  
That baffled skill and care,  
How long he lingered racked with pain  
And suffering hard to bear.

What grief and pain he suffered here  
We will never know  
For Jesus took him home with him  
Where no tears will ever flow.

**Crump, Lamor (Cont.)**

Farewell, dear brother,  
No more on earth we see thy face,  
But we hope some day with thee  
To find a resting place.

Written by his brother Lloyd.

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**November 13, 1914**

**Tyler, Bailey**

**DIES AT HICKORY GROVE**

**Mrs. Bailey Tyler Buried Thursday in Churchyard at St. Paul's, Haymarket.**

The Haymarket community is much grieved and shocked at the death of Mrs. Bailey Tyler which occurred at her home, "The Shelter," near Hickory Grove, on Tuesday [November 10, 1914] night.

Mrs. Tyler was Miss Annie Moss Aldrich, of Fairfax county, the daughter of Rev. William Aldrich, who was the first rector after the war of St. Paul's church, Haymarket, and later rector of Zion P. E. church at Fairfax court-house. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom survive her, the youngest being an infant three weeks old. She is also survived by her husband, Mr. Bailey Tyler; three sister, Miss Mary Love Aldrich, Miss Sue Aldrich, of Haymarket, and Mrs. Joseph Verden, of Baltimore, Md.

Her funeral took place from St. Paul's church, Haymarket, on Thursday afternoon, the rector, Rev. M. S. Eagle, officiating. Interment was in the churchyard. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. C. Dulany, Cary Smith, P. H. Stansbury, T. R. Galleher, Marion White and Dr. Wade C. Payne.

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**Florance, Adeline**

The body of Mrs. Adeline Florance, 87 years old, who died Oct. 29 [1914] at her home near Cameron Run, Fairfax county, was shipped to Haymarket for burial. Mrs. Florance is survived by two sons.

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**Mason, Kate**

Mrs. Kate Mason, sister of W. D. Green, of Buckhall, died this morning [November 13, 1914] in Washington after suffering from an illness due to a stroke of paralysis. The body of the deceased will be carried to Culpeper for burial. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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**Howdershell, Humphrey**

We regret to report the death of Mr. Humphrey Howdershell which occurred late Saturday [November 7, 1914] afternoon at his home near here. Interment was in the family burying ground near Hopewell. S.

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**Carruthers, Joel**

**LOUDOUN RESIDENT DEAD**

**Mr. Carruthers Dies After Long Illness at His Home Near Hickory Grove.**

Joel Carruthers, an esteemed resident of Loudoun county and a devoted member of the Methodist church, died Sunday [November 8, 1914] morning at his home three miles north of Hickory Grove. He was seventy-three years old and had been in ill health about a year.

His is survived by his wife, who was Miss Sarah F. Thomas; one son, Mr. Elmer I. Carruthers, bursar of the University of Virginia; four daughters, Mrs. W. O. Beasley, of Norfolk, Miss Lelia E. Carruthers, Miss May Carruthers and Mrs. Walter George, of Loudoun county, and one brother, Mr. John Carruthers of North Fork.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Zion Church, Rev. Mr. Michael, of Aldie, officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. E. Douglass, C. E. Jordan, John White, James George, Robert Costello and John Bodman.

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## **November 20, 1914**

### **Howdershell, Humphrey**

(Contributed.)

Humphrey Howdershell died November 7 at his home near Waterfall, at the age of seventy years. He was a soldier of the Confederacy, having served through the civil war in the Sixth Virginia cavalry.

He was married in, 1869 to Miss Armenia Peake, who died four years ago. Their two children, Mr. Lee Howdershell, of The Plains, and Mrs. Edith Bell, of Waterfall, survive. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Scott and William Howdershell, both of Loudoun county, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Sinclair, of Hopewell, and Mrs. Cora Dawson, of Alexandria.

His funeral took place Monday evening from the Episcopal church at Hopewell, of which he was a member. Interment was made in the family burying ground nearby. The officiating minister was the rector, Mr. Woodyard.

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### **Leachman, Mary Virginia**

MRS. J. P. LEACHMAN DIES

**Had Been an Invalid for Several Years—Funeral Thursday Afternoon.**

Mrs. Mary Virginia Leachman, wife of Mr. John Pendleton Leachman, died Tuesday [*November 17, 1914*] morning at the family home near Bristow. She had been in failing health for several years.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at her late residence and interment was made in the family burying ground. The services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Burks, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Leachman was the daughter of the late George and Mildred Strother, of Markham. She was born 55 years ago, and was married at the age of 26 to Mr. Leachman, who is now the treasurer of Prince William county.

She leaves five daughters, Mrs. D. B. Smith and Mrs. Allen Laws Oliver, both of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Misses May, Lillian and Marie Leachman, all of Bristow; three sons, Mr. J. P. Leachman, jr., of New Mexico, and William and Keith Leachman, of Bristow; a sister, Miss Kate Strother, and three brothers, Messrs. Thomas, James and Edward Strother, all of Markham.

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**Cornwell, Ida**

Mrs. Ida Cornwell, mother of Mrs. Salome Nalls, of Manassas, died Monday morning, November 2, at her home, Lakota, Va.  
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**Flory, Daniel C.**

Funeral services for Rev. Daniel C. Flory, founder and first president of Bridgewater College, took place Friday at the Church of the Brethren, at Middle River, Augusta county.  
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**Mertz, Julius**

Julius Mertz, a citizen of the Nokesville neighborhood, died Wednesday [November 18, 1914]. Funeral services were held to-day from his late residence and interment will be made in Manassas. Mr. Mertz was about 70 years old. He had his leg broken several weeks ago and had since been confined to his home. Surviving members of the family are his wife and children, among whom are Miss Hilda Mertaz and Mr. Henry Mertz, of Nokesville.  
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## **November 27, 1914**

**Runaldue, James E.**

**KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK**

**James E. Runaldue Burned to Death in Railroad Accident—Funeral Yesterday.**

Pinned beneath the mass of wreckage of a caboose of north-bound freight train No. 74, of the Southern Railway, James D. Runaldue, twenty-five years old, was crushed and burned to death at 4:55 o'clock Tuesday [November 24, 1914] morning, near Seminary Crossing, three miles west of Alexandria. Mr. Runaldue, a freight brakeman, "deadheading" to the Potomac yards, was asleep at the time a northbound freight of the Chesapeake and Ohio crashed into the rear of the caboose he was in. The wreckage took fire almost instantly. Two other brakemen who were in the caboose with Mr. Runaldue when the crash came, escaped injury. It is believed that the view of the block signal was obstructed so that the engineer of the C. & O. freight did not know there was danger ahead.

**Runaldue, James E. (Cont.)**

Young Runaldue was unmarried and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Runaldue, of Manassas. He is survived by two sisters, Misses Sidney A. and Elizabeth Runaldue, and six brothers, Messrs. Henry R., H. H., J. Benjamin, Thomas J., William S. and J. G. Runaldue, Jr. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the home near Manassas, at 1 o'clock. The Rev. O. W. Triplet, of the Second Baptist church, Alexandria, preached the funeral service. Mr. Runaldue's death occurred in his twenty-fifth year and sixth month to the day.

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**Robinson, Maria**

The funeral of Maria Robinson, an old and respected colored woman, took place Tuesday afternoon.

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**Hynson, Meaker**

Mrs. Meaker Hynson, wife of Sedwick Hynson, died Wednesday [November 25, 1914] at her home in Washington after an illness of several months. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John H. Burke.

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**Cole, Frank**

Frank Cole, colored, a roomer at 1317 S street, northwest, Washington, committed suicide Tuesday [November 24, 1914] by inhaling illuminating gas. Cole, who was a native of Manassas, had been employed as messenger in the bureau of engraving and printing for thirty-five years. The death of Cole's wife is believed to have caused his despondency.

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## **December 4, 1914**

**Greene, W. W., Mrs.**

MRS. W. W. GREENE DIES

**Widow of Episcopal Clergyman Dies From Old Age at the Home of Her Daughter.**

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. W. W. Greene, 85 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frances Breazeale, near Manassas, at 6 o'clock on Monday [November 30, 1914] morning. Mrs. Greene sometime ago sustained injuries to her hip in a fall and this with her advanced years, are the causes of her death. She was the widow of the late Rev. W. W. Greene, an Episcopal clergyman, who, for sometime, was minister of a church in Church Creek, Md.

The funeral took place at Church Creed on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Greene is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Mattie Marshall, Mrs. W. G. Willis, Mrs. B. J. Linthicum, all of Washington; Mrs. Frances Breazeale, of Manassas, and one son, Mr. Thomas E. Greene, of Washington. Her mother was the late Mrs. Henrietta Daus, of Farmville.

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**Mertz, Julius Augustine**

IN MEMORIAM.

Julius Augustine Mertz died November 18 at his home, near Nokesville.

Mr. Mertz was born in Saxony, Germany, July 22, 1839, and moved to this country in 1867. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He leaves a widow, six daughters and two sons—Mrs. E. F. Cudliff and Mrs. E. E. Campbell, of new York City; Mrs. E. Tenthery, of Atlantic City; Mrs. F. J. Montague, of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. H. C. Hegden, of Portland, Ore., and Miss Hilda Mertz and Mr. Henry J. Mertz, of Nokesville, and Mr. H. E. Mertz, of New York City.

Weep not that they toils are over,  
Weep not that thy race is run,  
God grant we may rest as calmly,  
When our life is done,  
Till then we yield with gladness,  
Our father him to keep  
And rejoice in the sweet assurance  
He giveth his loved one sleep.

**Mertz, Julius Augustine (Cont.)**

Peaceful be they slumber,  
Peaceful in thy grave so low,  
Thou no more will join our number,  
Thou no more our sorrows know,  
Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled,  
When in heaven with joys to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Call not back the dear departed,  
Anchored safely where storms are o'er,  
On the border land we left him,  
Soon to meet o part o more,  
When we leave this world of chance,  
When we leave this world of care,  
We shall find our missing loved one,  
In our Father's mansion fair.

Written by a friend, D. M. D.

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**Harris, Minnie**

**Left 103 Living Grand and Great Grand-Children.**

Aunt Minnie Harris died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at the advanced age of ninety-three, at her home on the Warrenton pike, near Cub Run bridge. Before the war, she belonged to Capt. John Lee, who lived on the Sudley road, not far from the Stone House, and was well known in those days.

She had seven children, six of whom are living, and in addition left 103 living grand-children and great grand-children. Aunt Minnie was a remarkable woman, and though uneducated, had the gracious manners of a Virginia gentle woman of the olden type.

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**Morris, Minnie Lee**

**DEATH OF MRS. M. L. MORRIS**

Mrs. Minnie Lee Morris, only daughter of Mr. Joseph A. Florence and wife of Mr. E. D. Morris, died November 13, [1914] at her home near Gainesville. Mrs. Morris was, for

**Morris, Minnie Lee (Cont.)**

many years, a member of the Methodist church at Gainesville. For years she maintained the home for her father; she was a devoted sister. Her married life, beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> of this year, though so brief, was very happy. By her uniform kindness, by her friendly disposition, by her many excellencies, she endeared herself to the community at large. The funeral service was conducted at her home by her pastor on Sunday afternoon, November 15. The interment was at the Greenwich cemetery. W.P.C.C.  
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## **December 11, 1914**

**Lamb, George F.**

**DEATH OF MERRITT LAMB**

**Brother of Mrs. G. W. Johnson and the Late George F. Lamb Dies in Michigan.**

(From The Rockford (Mich.) Register)

Merritt M. Lamb was born in Marcellus, N. Y., June 30, 1845, and died at his home south of this place, November 17, 1914, aged 69 years, 4 months and 17 days. He was one of a family of nine children and when about six years of age, his parents moved to Manassas, living there until about 1864, when his father died.

His mother and family then returned to New York and later came to St. Joseph county, Michigan.

July 11, 1876, he was married to Lucy J. Warren, and in 1881, they moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., where they spent several years. In January, 1914, they moved to Rockford where his last few days were spent.

Mr. Lamb united with the Methodist church several years ago. He was a quiet man and much thought of by his many friends, who showed their appreciation by many beautiful flowers sent for decoration.

He is survived by his widow, one sister, Mrs. Hannah Johnson, of Manassas, and three brothers, Messrs. Lucian, of Fulton, N. Y.; Adrain and Thomas K., of Rockford. The funeral was held Friday, Rev. J. M. Jensen officiating.

Mr. Lamb and brother, Mr. T. K. Lamb, in 1913, visited his sister and the family of his late brother, Mr. George F. Lamb. While here he renewed acquaintance with many of his former friends. A faithful husband, brother and uncle has passed away. Niece.  
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**Hunter, Lucy**

MRS. LUCY HUNTER DIES.

Funeral services were held in Alexandria yesterday of Mrs. Lucy Hunter, who died Tuesday [*December 8, 1914*] at he home in Occoquan. Mrs. Hunter's illness was a long one and death was due to heart failure. The burial service was held in Bethel cemetery. She was the wife of Mr. G. W. Hunter.

Mrs. John Thornton, of Kentucky, a sister; a brother, Mr. John Sinclair, of Washington; an aunt, Mrs. Margaret Barbour, Mr. A. W. Sinclair and Mrs. Ada Davis, both cousins, all of Manassas, and her husband survive Mrs. Hunter. The deceased was a life long resident of Prince William and Washington.

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## **December 18, 1914**

**Nicholas, George S.**

CLUBMAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

**George S. Nicholas, Prominent in Baltimore Society, Commits Suicide.**

Believed to be despondent over failing health George S. Nicholas, 33 years old and unmarried, prominent in club and society circles of Baltimore, Md., shot and killed himself sometime between 11 p. m. Tuesday [*December 15, 1914*] night and 11 a. m. Wednesday morning while attending a house party at the home of Mr. E. R. Dulin, near Catlett Station. The revolver, of .32 caliber, was found by the body in the bed to which the deceased had retired. An inquest was called and the decision of the jury was that death was due to suicide. The body was carried to Baltimore yesterday for burial.

After a party on Tuesday night Mr. Nicholas retired at the same hour as the rest of the family. The next morning on being called to breakfast he did not answer but no investigation was made until an hour later when, no reply being received the room was entered. The body was found in bed clothed in night clothes showing that he had retired before committing the act.

LOST POSITION RECENTLY.

Until recently Mr. Nicholas had been a traveling representative for the United States Fidelity Guaranty Company but lost his position and he is also believed to have brooded over this.

He was a son of the late Capt. Wilson Carey Nicholas and Mrs. Nicholas, of Atamasco, the family estate near St. Thomas Church, in the Green Spring Valley. His father was a member of a well-known Maryland family and distinguished himself as a Confederate soldier, having served on the staff of Gen. Bradley T. Johnson. He died about two years ago. Young Mr. Nicholas made his home with his mother, sisters and two of his brothers at the Green Spring Valley home, where he was born.

**Nicholas, George S. (Cont.)**

After attending Loyola College Mr. Nicholas devoted a large part of his time, when his business permitted, to sports, being a horseman of no little reputation. As a gentleman jockey he had ridden at Pimlico and had carried off laurels in the cross-country events such as the Brooklandwood and Grand National cross-country runs.  
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**Haydon, Francis E., Mrs.**

DEATH OF MRS. HAYDON.

Mrs. Francis E. Haydon, husband of Mr. Francis E. Haydon, died in Wilmington, Del., on Saturday night, December 12, [1914] of heart failure. Mr. Haydon is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haydon, of Manassas, and his wife was Miss Lottie D. McCauley, daughter of Mr. John W. McCauley, of Sparrows Point, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Haydon have been married seven years and have lived the past several years at Wilmington, where Mr. Haydon was employed at the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation.

The funeral was at Haymarket Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the cemetery of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Rev. Morris S. Eagle conducted the services and the pallbearers were—Messrs. George G. Tyler, Carl Clarkson, Simpson Buckley and W. M. Buckley, of Haymarket, and J. D. Wheeler and Robert Lewis, of Manassas.

Mrs. Haydon is survived by her husband and two children—Francis Elizabeth, age two years and an infant son, Wesley Craven.

Mr. Francis E. Haydon deeply appreciates the kindness and sympathy of his friends in Wilmington and in Prince William. X.

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**Harris, Richard**

With no one near to render assistance Richard Harris, an aged negro, was cremated in a fire that started from an unknown source and destroyed his cabin near Cub Run on Tuesday [December 15, 1914] night. Harris had been ill for some time and it is thought was unable to escape from the flames for that reason.

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## **December 25, 1914**

**Lynn, J. Shirley**

### **DEATH OF NOTED MINISTER**

#### **Rev. J. Shirley Lynn, Formerly of Prince William Succumbs After Brief Illness.**

After a short illness of heart disease Rev. James Shirley Lynn, seventy-eight years old, died at his home in Bedford City, last Friday [*December 18, 1914*] evening. He was born in Prince William county and belonged to one of the oldest families of Virginia. During the Civil War he served in Brauder's Cavalry and later became a member of Mosby's Rangers. For several months he was held a prisoner at Point Lookout. Shortly after the war he entered the Baptist ministry and devoted his entire time to missionary work in southern Virginia. Mr. Lynn's father was Seymour Lynn who was one time a member of the General Assembly in antebellum days.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Margaret Daniel Lynn and six daughters, Misses Mary, Esther, Nannie, Lucy, Leah and Ruth Lynn, and two sons, Shirley S. Lynn, surveyor of Bedford county and Robert M. Lynn, of Richmond. He also leaves two brothers, Rev. A. T. Lynn, of Stafford, and Benjamin Lynn, formerly surveyor of Prince William county, who lives near Belfair Mills. Mr. Benson Lynn, of Manassas, is a cousin of the deceased.

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**Badger, Joseph N.**

### **ELDER BADGER SUCCUMBS**

#### **Dies After Short Illness Unexpectedly at Home—Well Known in County.**

Elder Joseph N. Badger died Wednesday [*December 16, 1914*] night at 11 o'clock at his home after a short illness following a paralytic stroke suffered last week. He was 76 years old and came to Prince William county forty years ago from Maine. The funeral and interment will be at Mt. Zion church in Loudoun county, tomorrow at 1 o'clock. Elder Badger had charge of the primitive Baptist churches in this state and made his home in Manassas during the past years.

He is survived by his wife, Mr. J. N. Badger, a sister, Mrs. Sarah Curtis, of Brunswick, Md., a daughter, Miss Nellie Badger, of Philadelphia, and two sons, Gilbert J., of Rome, Ga., and Herbert J., of Newark, N. J.

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**Ellis, J. B., Mrs.**

IN MEMORIAM.

ELLIS.—In loving remembrance of our dear friend, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, of Gainesville, Va., who departed this life on Friday, December 11, 1914, in her fifty-ninth year, after a long illness. She leaves to mourn her a husband, eight children—three daughters and five sons—and many friends. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother.

We know her place in that loving home can never be filled  
But God has called her to her home in heaven,  
Where there can be no pain or sorrow.  
Sleep on our dear friend, take thy rest.

By a Friend, A. J. B.

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**Hutchison, Benjamin Hixson**

DEATH OF B. D. HUTCHISON

**Old Confederate Veteran Passes Away at Home Near Aldie—Death Unexpected.**

Although in failing health the death of Lieutenant Benjamin Hixson Hutchison on Saturday night at his home near Aldie was a surprise to the family. He was born in Loudoun county, near Aldie, in 1836 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Hutchison. Mr. Hutchison distinguished himself for bravery during the Civil War and was promoted for this as a color bearer at the battle of Balls Bluff to a first lieutenancy. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment serving throughout the war. At the battle of Gettysburg he was captured in the trenches following Pickett's famous charge and was carried to Morris Island with 600 Confederate officers and placed in a stockade under the fire of the union army. Lieutenant Ben Merchant, of Manassas, was a compatriot with Lieut. Hutchison at this prison. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Annie Rogers, and five brothers, John, Ludwell, and Dr. Fred H., all living near Aldie, and Westwood Hutchison, of Manassas, and Dr. H. G. Hutchison, of Vonore, Tenn. The funeral took place at the family burying ground, near Hickory Grove, on Monday.

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**Stevens, P. L.**

**P. L. Stevens Dies From Pneumonia.**

The funeral of P. L. Stevens, who died from pneumonia at his home near Nokesville on Wednesday [December 23, 1914] morning at 1 o'clock, was held at the

**Stevens, P. L. (Cont.)**

house this morning at 10 o'clock and the interment was made at Gainesville this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. L. R. Markwood conducted the services.

Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife, Mrs. I. B. Stevens, a son, Mr. J. H. Stevens, and four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Burke, Mrs. Lily Whitmer, Mrs. Robert Robertson, all living near Nokesville, and Mrs. Ella Martin, of Manassas.

He was 57 years old and came to this country some years ago from the province of Quebec, Canada.

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**Flannery, Thomas**

**Death of Thomas Flannery.**

Advanced years and a slight attack of pneumonia are believed to have been the causes resulting in the death of Thomas Flannery, 88 years old, at his home near Bristow, 5 o'clock Tuesday [December 22, 1914] morning. For thirty years Mr. Flannery had lived in Prince William county, having some here from Wilmington, Del. The funeral took place Wednesday at 2 p. m. in that city where Mr. Flannery's wife is buried. He is survived by two sons, Edward, and John Flannery, who resides in Washington, and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Devlin, who lives near St. Edith Academy, Bristow. Mr. Flannery's wife died fourteen years ago.

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## **January 1, 1915**

**Gardner, Alice Winston**

**DEATH OF MRS. GARDNER**

**Widow of the Late Dr. Gardner Dies Sunday—Funeral Held Here on Tuesday.**

Mrs. John Flagg Gardner, wife of the late Dr. Gardner, died Sunday [December 27, 1914] morning at "LOCUST Hill," the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. K. Moss, near Markham, Fauquier county. Funeral services were held in Manassas Tuesday afternoon at Trinity Episcopal church and interment was made in the Manassas cemetery. Rev. J. F. Burks, rector of the church, officiated. The pallbearers were Messrs. F. H. Moss and George Cable, of Markham, and C. M. Larkin, R. S. Hynson, C. R. C. Johnson and G. W. Leith, of Manassas.

Mrs. Gardner was before her marriage Miss Alice Winston Mosby. She was born seventy-eight years ago in Buckingham county, the daughter of John W. Mosby and Virginia Cabel. She leaves two daughters—Mrs. W. K. Moss and Miss Virginia C.

**Gardner, Alice Winston (Cont.)**

Gardner, of Fauquier county; a son, Mr. J. C. Gardner, of Bradentown, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. C. H. Walpole, of Charlottesville; a stepson, Mr. F. K. N. Gardner, of Covington; a granddaughter, Mrs. Hugh W. Davis, and two grandsons, Messrs. F. Phillips Gardner and K. Nelson Gardner. Colonel John S. Mosby is a cousin of Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. Gardner was a woman of vigorous mind and bright disposition. She always evinced a keen interest in people and events and made a wide circle of friends wherever she went. Y.

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**Bell, Nina**

**DEATH OF MRS. NINA BELL**

**Wife of Mr. Frank K. Bell Passes Away Suddenly at Her Home In Roanoke.**

The burial of Mrs. Nina Bell, wife of Mr. Frank K. Bell, formerly of Manassas, who died suddenly in Roanoke on Friday [December 25, 1914], was held at the family burying ground near Strasburg, on Monday last. Funeral services were conducted in Roanoke on Saturday. Mrs. Bell was nineteen years old and had been married for three years.

She is survived by her husband, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vetter, of Wellington; six brothers and four sisters. Mrs. Bell had not been confined to her bed and two hours before her death had been sitting in a chair. A half hour before death occurred, she told her husband that she was going to die and bade him goodbye. Death was due to consumption.

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**Tryon, Mary L.**

**Mother of Mrs. A. M. Fetzer Dies as Result of Burns.**

Burns caused by an oil stove igniting the clothing of Mrs. Mary L. Tryon, mother of Mrs. A. M. Fetzer, formerly of Manassas, resulted in her death in Washington on Sunday [December 27, 1914] afternoon. Her husband, Mr. N. W. Tryon, was severely burned in attempting to save his wife. Mrs. Tryon had been an invalid for about a year and while lighting an oil stove preparatory to cooking breakfast, her dress was ignited. Mr. Tryon will probably recover. His wife's age was sixty-eight years.

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**Hutchison, Benjamin H.**

FEW OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> REMAIN

**Death of Lieut. Hutchison Takes Away Another of Famous Confederate Regiment.**

Lieut. Benjamin H. Hutchison, a dearly beloved comrade, has left the small band remaining of the old 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment and crossed over to the larger one on the farther shore, on December 19, [1915] in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Lieut. Hutchison was one of three brothers who served most gallantly from the commencement of the war till its close and no one ever met three more honorable or brave soldiers. His genial and affectionate disposition endeared him to all who knew him, and I have never heard a man speak of him but to praise him.

At the battle of Frazier's Farm the regiment was lying down as a partial protection from the fire of the enemy who were in a wood opposite. As I passed by him, to make an observation of the enemy, he said, "Major, they have got me at last; a ball has just struck me in the back of my neck, but I don't know whether it has entered or not." It had, however, penetrated three inches and had to be cut out after inflicting a very serious wound.

He was one of the 53 who volunteered to go down and capture 1,500 Yankees, the night of the battle of Balls Bluff.

Lieut. Hutchison was made color bearer of the regiment by Col. Hunton at Yorktown and was injured while carrying them at the Second Manassas. He was captured at Gettysburg and never fully recovered from the effects of his long imprisonment. There were six families who furnished the Confederacy three sons in the 8<sup>th</sup> regiment; among them two pairs of twins and one that furnished four. It seemed as if they bore charmed lives and with one exception, that of Cook Luckett, who was killed at Gaines's Mills, they all came out of the war alive.

There were numerous couples of brothers in the 8<sup>th</sup> who were not so fortunate. When I raised my company I had two Pennsylvania brothers working for me who enlisted in my company and who both lost their lives at the battle of Seven Pines. They were Uriah and Andrew Fletcher both Gallant soldiers. It will be but a few years now before they last member of the sold 8<sup>th</sup> will be left on this side the river awaiting the summons to cross over. God bless him, whoever he may be.

Colonel Edmund Berkeley.

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**Cline, Mary M.**

Mrs. Mary M. Cline, seventy-six years old, of Middleburg, Loudoun county, died Saturday [December 26, 1914] in Winchester. She leaves five children, Mr. Alfred T. Cline, of Alexandria; Miss Carrie V. Cline, of Leesburg; Misses Beulah and Frances Cline, of Winchester, and Mrs. Selwyn K. Cockrell, of Leesburg.

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## **January 8, 1915**

**Martin**, Lucy Chambliss

Mrs. Lucy Chambliss Martin, wife of Senator Thomas S. Martin, died yesterday in Charlottesville, after a seven year's illness of throat affection. Her husband, a son and daughter survive Mrs. Martin.

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## **January 15, 1915**

**Roseberry**, John Y.

JOHN Y. ROSEBERRY DIES

**Succumbs to Heart Failure After Month's Illness—Buried in Washington.**

The burial of John Y. Roseberry, 71 years old, formerly of Brentsville, and who died Saturday [*January 9, 1915*] at his home, at Madison Run, Orange county, took place in Washington, on Tuesday at noon. The funeral services were conducted at Madison Run, on Monday, the Rev. J. R. Cooke, of the Greenwich Presbyterian church, officiating. Mr. Roseberry's death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Roseberry was the eldest son of Michael Mackey Roseberry and Rachael Young, and was born at Philipsbury, N. J., on January 22, 1843. He moved with his parents to Brentsville in 1853 where he resided, having lived on the same place which his father purchased, until a year before his death, when he moved to Madison Run, Orange county, with his son on December 21, 1913. He married Parmelia P. Young on March 12, 1879, who died October 1, 1894.

Mr. Roseberry is survived by one son, Albert H., two daughters, Rachel M. Y. and Helen McM. Roseberry; also two sisters, Mrs. John M. Young and Mrs. Alice B. Kincheloe, and two brothers, Michael M. and Edward H. Roseberry.

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**Martin**, Thomas S. Mrs.

Mrs. Thomas S. Martin, wife Senator Martin, of Virginia, was buried at Charlottesville on Saturday. Two of the pallbearers, Congressman H. D. Flood and Mr. Joseph Button, of Appomattox, were ushers at the marriage of Senator and Mrs. Martin.

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**Galleher, Anne**

At Gainesville last Sunday at 2:30 p. m. the funeral of Mrs. Anne Galleher, 82 years old, was held. Mrs. Galleher suffered a stroke of paralysis a week before her death. Interment was made in the cemetery at Gainesville. She had spent almost her entire life in Prince William county and was well known. Those surviving her are the Misses Ada, Ida, and Ella Galleher, of Gainesville; Mrs. Bartholomew, of New Jersey, and Mrs. Pollard, of Falls Church, all being daughters of the deceased.

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**Frank, Georgia**

The death of Mrs. Georgia Frank, widow of the late James E. Frank, of Essex county, occurred January 5 [1915] at her home in Warrenton. Mrs. Frank was, before her marriage, Miss French, and was born in Prince William county where she lived until 25 years ago, when she moved to Warrenton. Her death occurred the day before her seventy-third birthday. She is survived by her son, Mr. Thomas E. Frank, editor of the Fauquier Democrat; her sister, Miss Lucy A. French, and a nephew, Mr. James W. French, of Washington. Death was due to heart failure.

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**Burke, Edmonia**

**Brady, Susan**

**Two Die in One House on Same Day.**

At 2:30 on Tuesday *January 12, 1915* morning Mrs. Edmonia Burke, 76 years old, and at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the same day, Miss Susan Brady, 60 years old, died after brief illness of pneumonia, at the home of Mrs. Burke, 317 North Royal street, Alexandria. The funeral took place this afternoon at the home in Alexandria. Both were former residents of Prince William county, moving to Alexandria 20 years ago. Besides her husband, Mrs. Burke leaves five children, all living in Alexandria. Mrs. Burke and Miss Brady are survived by a brother, Mr. Charles Brady, a cousin, Mr. Gilbert G. Brady, both of Greenwich, and a niece, Miss Janie C. Brady, of Haymarket.

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## **January 22, 1915**

**Bailey, Sarah.**

MRS. W. G. BAILEY DIES

**Funeral Held at Oakdale Church Yesterday—Buried in Oakdale Cemetery.**

The funeral of Mrs. Wellington G. Bailey, of Nokesville, whose death occurred on Tuesday [*January 19, 1915*] morning resulting from a complication of diseases, was held yesterday at the Oakdale church, the Rev. J. R. Brill, of the U. B. parsonage at Aden, officiating. The burial took place in the Oakdale cemetery. She was 61 years old and had spent most of her life in Prince William county. Before her marriage she was Miss Sarah Sanford. Her mother was buried two years ago, lacking a day.

She is survived by her husband, nine daughters, Mrs. Brown Halterman, Mrs. Melvin Dowling, both of Bristow; Mrs. Dorothy Wright, Mrs. James Arnold, Mrs. Gallihan, all of Aden; Mrs. Wilbur King, of Nokesville; the Misses Cora, Ollie and Emma, who live at the home near Nokesville, and three sons, Messrs. Walter, Gordon and Raymond Bailey, all of Nokesville.

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**Earhart, Louella**

SUCCUMBS TO APOPLEXY.

After retiring in the best of spirits and seemingly well Miss Louella Earhart, 41 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Earhart, near Aden, was found dead in bed yesterday [*January 21, 1915*] morning when she was called for breakfast. Dr. Meredith pronounced death was due to apoplexy and evidently occurred during the night some time. The funeral was held this morning at the home of her parents and Rev. J. R. Cooke conducted the services. The burial will take place tomorrow at Mossy Run, Augusta country.

She is survived by her mother and father, two sisters, Mrs. Nella Cornerse, of Bottondine; Mrs. Madea Roffner, Sangersville; four brothers, Messrs. D. E., Hinton, and C. R. Earhart, all of Aden, and Mr. John E. Earhart, of Mt. Solen.

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**Keys, Hawes**

Hawes Keys, the nine-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keys, died at Brentsville Wednesday [*January 20, 1915*] from pneumonia. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 p. m.

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**Rollins, G. W.**

Incomplete reports give the death of G. W. Rollins, 67 years old, who died at his home near Gainesville on Wednesday [January 20, 1915] morning of pneumonia after an illness extending over a week. He was buried today in the James Rollins burying ground near Gainesville, the Rev. Coe conducting the services. Mr. Rollins was a Confederate veteran and had resided for a long time in Prince William county. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Anne Rollins, of Gainesville, and a son, Henry Rollins, of Woodwardsville, Md.

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## **January 29, 1915**

**Macrae, R. B. L.**

### DEATH OF LAST INMATE

**R. B. L. Macrae, the Only Prince William Veteran in Soldiers' Home, Passes Away.**  
(By R. W. Merchant)

In the death of R. B. L. Macrae in the Hospital at Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, in Richmond, on Saturday [January 23, 1915] afternoon, Prince William county lost its last inmate in that institution.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon, from the Home's chapel, and interment was made in the soldiers' section in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mr. Macrae was a sufferer from cancer for a number of years and every effort was made by the Home's medical staff to stay the progress of the disease and to render his declining days as comfortable as possible. To this end he was placed under the care and attention of specialists in Kellum hospital in Richmond, for a period of more than a year.

Mr. Macrae was a native of Prince William county and was a member of Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia cavalry; taking part in the first encounter with the enemy on Virginia soil, at Fairfax court House and serving throughout the war with distinguished gallantry.

He entered the home on February 17, 1909, and, when the summons came to "cross over the river" and bivouac with his comrades on the shores of time, he had attained his 74<sup>th</sup> year.

Mr. Macrae's only near surviving relative is a brother, John Macrae, whose residence is 681 Fifth Avenue, New York. He also has other more remote relatives in his native and adjoining counties.

Mr. Macrae was a member of Holy Comforter, Protestant Episcopal Church, of Richmond, was a regular attendant at Sabbath morning services so long as he was physically able. He was of courteous and engaging manners and made friends with all with whom he came in social contact.

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**Rogers, William**

William Rogers, a well known groceryman, aged sixty-five, died Monday [January 25, 1915] at his home, 1202 King street, Alexandria, after a long illness. *The Manassas Journal*, January 29, 1915 p-2

**Barton, Mariamne Jennifer**

Mrs. Mariamne Jennifer Barton, widow of General Seth M. Barton, died in Fredericksburg Friday [January 22, 1915] of pneumonia, aged 87 years. *The Manassas Journal*, January 29, 1915 p-2

**Byrd, Anne Gordon**

Mrs. Anne Gordon Byrd died at Whitehall, on the Ware River, Gloucester county, Thursday [January 28, 1915]. She was the wife of Richard Corbin Byrd and a daughter of the late John Marshall and his wife, Anne Eliza Marshall, of Oak Hill, Fauquier county. *The Manassas Journal*, January 29, 1915 p-2

**Peale, Edward S.**

The body of Captain Edward S. Peale, eighty years old, was brought to Harrisonburg Saturday and taken to Keezletown for interment. He died Friday [January 22, 1915] in Staunton. He was captain of Company I, First Virginia Cavalry, during the civil war. *The Manassas Journal*, January 29, 1915 p-2

**Boone, Henry**

The funeral of Henry Boone, aged 81 years, who died Wednesday [January 27, 1915] in the Memorial hospital, after a long illness, took place Friday. Mr. Boone was a veteran of the Confederate army, having served throughout the four years of strife in the Fifteenth Virginia infantry, Pickett's division. *The Manassas Journal*, January 29, 1915 p-2

**Eavers, Elizabeth**

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Eavers, mother of Mrs. D. A. Landes and Mrs. Isaac Wright, both of Nokesville, occurred Sunday [January 24, 1915] afternoon at her home at Dayton. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.  
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## **February 5, 1915**

**Kincheloe, Courtney Ann**

DEATH OF NONAGENARIAN

**Mrs. C. A. Kincheloe, Widow Of Veteran Of 1812 War, Dies At Age Of Ninety-Six.**

Old age caused the death on Saturday [January 30, 1915] of Mrs. Courtney Ann Kincheloe who was in her ninety-seventh year and who was one of the oldest inhabitants of Prince William county. She died at the home of son, Mr. D. E. Kincheloe, near Buckhall. The funeral and burial services were conducted at Centreville on Monday by the Rev. L. R. Markwood. The deceased was the wife of the late Daniel Kincheloe who was a veteran of the war with England in 1812. At the time of her death Mrs. Kincheloe was on the pension rolls as being the widow of a veteran of that war and was numbered among the 170 included on the government's list. She was born in Fauquier county, and before her marriage was a Miss Vowles. She resided in Fauquier, Fairfax and Prince William counties, and during the past 11 years lived at Buckhall. Until three days before her death she was able to walk about her room

LIVED DURING FOUR WARS

Endowed with a clear memory and a remarkable vitality Mrs. Kincheloe was very active considering her advanced years. She could recall events that occurred during the war with Mexico, the civil war, the Indian troubles, and the Spanish-American war. Mrs. Kincheloe lived during the administrations, of 23 Presidents of the United States and witnessed the election of 22 heads of the land.

In addition to her son with whom she lived Mrs. Kincheloe is survived by a stepson Mr. R. S. Kincheloe, of Wheeling, W. Va.; two granddaughters, Mrs. E. K. Evans, of Manassas, and Miss Courtney A. Kincheloe, of Buckhall, and four grandsons, Messrs. D. F. Kincheloe, of Gainesville, C. W. Kincheloe, of Takoma Park, D. C., P. R. Kincheloe, of Harrisonburg, and E. E. Kincheloe, of Buckhall.  
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**Wise, L. P.**

On Monday [*February 1, 1915*] at the Western State Hospital at Staunton, L. P. Wise, 55 years old, died suddenly of heart trouble. He is survived only by his brother Mr. C. H. Wise, near Manassas. The deceased was buried on Wednesday in the family burying ground at Newmarket.

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**Strobert, A. M., Mrs.**

The funeral of Mrs. A. M. Strobert, who died in Washington on Saturday [*January 30, 1915*] afternoon, was held in Minnieville on Sunday, at the Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the Minnieville cemetery. She was seventy years old and is survived by four daughters and two sons.

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**Pitts, James**

The funeral services of James Pitts, town sergeant of Clifton, were held Wednesday in that village. He had been a resident of Clifton for about 30 years and had served in the capacity of town sergeant for several years. He is survived by a wife and daughter, also an adopted son.

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**Evans, Maurice**

After a protracted illness of paralysis, Maurice Evans, 76 years old, died at the Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg Thursday [*January 28, 1915*] of last week. He was a Confederate veteran and prior to the war was a member of the Prince William Cavalry, which was known during the war as Co., A, 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry, and with which he served during the entire conflict. The burial took place in Richmond on Friday.

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**Dawson, William**

Early Monday [*February 1, 1915*] morning William Dawson, brother of Mr. Lindsey Dawson, of Occoquan, and nephew of Mr. F. A. Cockrell, of Manassas, was killed while at work on a Baltimore & Ohio freight train. He is reported as having fallen

**Dawson, William (Cont.)**

under the train and both limbs were severed from the body. Burial took place in Washington on Wednesday. He had been married about a year and is survived by his wife.

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**Julian, Horace Milton**

Dr. Horace Milton Julian, a noted physician of St. Louis, Mo., died in that city of paralysis Jan. 31 [1915]. He was buried in Newberry, S. C., the following Wednesday. Dr. Julian was a brother of Mrs. J. K. Efird, formerly of Manassas, now of Gilbert, S. C.

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**Payne, Sadie**

Mrs. Cleveland Payne, 20 years old, died Monday [February 8, 1915] night at her home "The Springs" in Fauquier county near Warrenton. She has been married about a

**Payne, Sadie (Cont.)**

year and prior to her marriage was Miss Sadie Foster. She is survived by her husband. The burial took place on Wednesday.

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**Plaggett, John W.**

John W. Plaggett, 60 years old, died suddenly at his home near Catlett Monday [February 8, 1915] evening. Death was pronounced as being due to hemorrhage of the brain. The burial took place in the Oakdale cemetery at Greenwich on Wednesday at noon. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

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**Shirkey, Delphia**

The burial services of Mrs. M. M. Shirkey, of Nokesville, who died Wednesday [February 10, 1915] evening in Sibley Hospital, Washington, were conducted today at the Mill Creek Cemetery at Broadway, Rockingham county. Mrs. Shirkey was formerly of Broadway and was before her marriage Miss Delphia Zirkle. Death was due to blood

**Shirkey, Delphia** (Cont.)

poisoning. The deceased was 40 years old and is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters; one daughter being a baby. The funeral services were held yesterday at the Hebron Seminary with Elders S. H. Flory and I. A. Miller, officiating.

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**Strobert, A. M., Mrs.**

In sad but loving remembrance of Mrs. A. M. Strobert, who died at the home of her daughter in Washington, D. C., Sunday, January 31, after an illness of four months, aged 70 years, 6 months and 20 days. Interment February 3, Greenwood Presbyterian church beside her husband, William Strobert. Mr. Tyson Janney, of Occoquan, officiating. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Addie Beck, of Washington, D. C., and four daughters, Mrs. Harry Metzger, of Woodbridge; Mrs. Frank Chadwick, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Frank Milstead, of Hoadley; Mrs. William Rempely, of New York, and two sons, Mrs. William Strobert, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Walter Strobert, of Minnieville.

A good and faithful mother gone and missed by all who knew her.

“Into sweet rest she has entered,  
No more to suffer and weep,  
She is smiling on us from heaven,  
For our darling mother has fallen asleep.

Yet again we hope to meet her  
When the day of life has fled,  
There in heaven with joy together  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

M.

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## **February 19, 1915**

**Rosson, William R.**

William R. Rosson, the miller in charge of the large flouring mills at State Mills, was killed and his body terribly mutilated by being caught in the machinery Saturday [February 13, 1915]. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rosson, of Madison County, by whom he is survived.

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## **February 26, 1915**

### **James, Frank**

The body of Frank James, the former outlaw who died Thursday [*February 25, 1915*], was cremated. Thousands of persons crowded about the crematory, but only four men were permitted to witness the process whereby the body was reduced to a few ounces.

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### **Smith, J. P., Mrs.**

#### **Death of Mrs. J. P. Smith**

At her home, near Aden, early Tuesday [*February 23, 1915*] morning, Mrs. J. P. Smith succumbed to an illness of inflammatory rheumatism. The funeral was held **Smith, J. P., Mrs.** (Cont.)

yesterday at Aden and interment was made in the Valley View cemetery. She is survived by her husband, her father, Mr. W. A. May; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Runyon and Mrs. Lily Bear, both of Broadway, and her brother, Mr. Grover May, of Washington, D. C. She also leaves a three-year-old son. The deceased was 26 years old.

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## **February 26, 1915**

### **Cockrell, Mae**

#### **Suicide Formerly of Loudoun.**

Mrs. Mae Cockrell, 28 years old, formerly a resident of Hamilton, in Loudoun county, daughter of the late John Varney, and recently of Covington, Ky., jumped into the elevator shaft of the Washington monument at the third landing from the top late Tuesday afternoon, and fell to the bottom, nearly 500 feet below. Her body was crushed by striking the sides of the shaft on the way down, and she probably was dead before her body reached the bottom. She left a note addressed to her husband, W. F. Cockrell, saying she was sure she could not recover from an illness.

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## March 5, 1915

**Bryant, John R.**

### SUICIDE AT NOKESVILLE

#### **John R. Bryant Takes Life Sunday—In Ill Health—Leaves Two Sisters and a Son.**

On Sunday [*February 28, 1915*] morning about 10 o'clock Mr. John Robert Bryant, a farmer residing near Nokesville sent his nine-year-old son to the child's aunt, Mrs. E. K. Bodine, telling the child not to return until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. When the little fellow returned he found his dead father lying across the bed with a bullet-hole in the right side of his head. Relatives and neighbors were notified, and when they came to the home they found a note dated February 15 in which Mr. Bryant told of his contemplating suicide. A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict of premeditated suicide was brought in.

Mr. John R. Bryant, a life-long resident of Prince William, has always lived near Nokesville. At the time of his death he was 49 years old. His wife, a Miss Flory of Nokesville before her marriage, died about four years ago, and since that time Mr. Bryant and his little son have lived alone. Of late Mr. Bryant has been in very poor health, and it is thought his untimely end was due to this fact.

The burial took place Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, and interment was in the family burying ground at Nokesville. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends of the community. Mr. Bryant leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. A. and E. K. Bodine, and one son.

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**Smith, Lula Virginia May**

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lula Virginia May Smith, wife of Joseph P. Smith, of Aden, departed this life February 23, 1915, at the age of 22 years, 4 months and 14 days. She was the youngest of five children born to William and Sallie May. She was married about five years ago and leaves a son, about two years old. Her mother died three years ago. Her father, husband, one brother, Grover May, of Washington; three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Bear and Mrs. Blanch Runion, of Rockingham, and Mrs. Carrie Hirely, of Aden, with many other friends are left to mourn.

The funeral was preached by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Brill, in the Aden U. B. Church, and the body was laid to rest in the Valley View cemetery. She was much loved by all and much respect was shown by the large attendance at the funeral. A lovely child, a faithful wife, a noble character and kind friend has gone to her reward. May the Good Lord bless and comfort the bereft ones.

J. W. B.

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**Grymes, Robert C.**

Robert C. Grymes, 69 years old, a Confederate veteran of Orange, Va., died Friday [February 26, 1915]. He is survived by one sister, Miss M. L. Grymes.  
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**Sullivan, Andrew J.**

ANDREW J. SULLIVAN.

Andrew J. Sullivan, 49 years old, a former resident of Prince William, died on Tuesday [March 2, 1915] at the home of his son, Raymond, in Washington. He has been in bad health of late and his death was said to be due to heart disease and other complications. Mr. Sullivan was born, and until his wife's death which occurred about ten years ago, resided near Bland's Ford. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. J. M. Bell, and was well known by the older residents of the county. Interment was in Woodbine cemetery, Dr. H. L. Quarles conducting the services on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. The services were well attended by many former friends. He leaves two brothers, Messrs. Luther T. and John Sullivan, and three sisters, Mrs. L. L. Bell, Mrs. Eppa Hixson and Miss Annie Sullivan.  
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**Cannon, Robert A.**

**Death of Robt. A. Cannon.**

Robert A. Cannon, son of John A. Cannon, both former residents of Manassas, died at Kensington, Md., Wednesday [March 3, 1915] afternoon at 2:15 in his twenty-eighth year. He has been in ill health for several years, finally succumbing to tuberculosis. He leaves a wife; two children, ages five and seven; his father and mother; and a brother, Will, all of Kensington. In Manassas he leaves two brothers, Ira and Frank, and in District of Columbia two sisters, Mrs. Campbell and Hooe. The funeral takes place this afternoon and interment will be in the Manassas cemetery immediately after the arrival of the body on No. 15 at 4:44.  
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**Smith, Lula Virginia May**

**Lines on the Death of Mrs. J. P. Smith.**

Mrs. Jula Virginia May Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William May, was born October 9, 1892, and died February 23, 1915, aged 22 years.

And certainly a more sudden death has never entered this community. Mrs. Smith was born near Fulks Run, her father having moved to east Virginia some years ago. January 28, 1910, she was united in Marriage to Joseph P. Smith, a young business man of Aden. To this happy union January 2, 1913, was born a little son, Joseph, who resembles his mother very much.

A sorrowful father mourns over the death of a most worthy daughter; one brother, Grover May, of Washington, laments the departure of a true devoted sister; three sisters, Mrs. Blanch Runion and Mrs. Lille Bair, of Fulks Run, and Mrs. Carrie Hinely, of Aden, share in common the grief of the brother and miss the companionship of a noble sister. But to the tired, weary husband the sorrow must be the greatest. May he know the faith in Him who hath said, "I leave your not comfortless."

Some years ago, she united with the U. B. Church in which she was a most helpful worker, and her subsequent life beautifully exemplified the Christ-life in consistent living with the New Testament teaching. As she expressed herself on her death bed, "I am going home," therefore, we should not think of her has dead, but alive in Christ. This good woman has not been, for years, strong as we count strength, yet none of us realized her end was so near. She will be greatly missed by all. But it was in the home her influence was strongest and best.

Rev. James Brill conducted funeral services at the U. B. church and in the Valley View cemetery in the presence of God and friends with bowed heads and sad hearts, they committed the body to the dust from whence it came. There, in awful stillness, rests the silent form that so lately moved among us.

This is but the shadow of death. Let no ache, no sting, no pain come to the once tired hands and limbs. Yet a little while and the good angel will come and roll away the stone. Hear Jesus again. "These things I have spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The flowers for the occasion were very beautiful. The pallbearers were Messrs. McD. Green, T. E. Baggott, W. H. Herndon, Clifford B. Bear, B. J. Sayres and J. C. Colvin.

By a Friend, C. S. B.

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## **March 12, 1915**

**Hunter,** Lucy Taylor

LUCY TAYLOR HUNTER.

(From *The Sectarian* for march, 1915)

Mrs. Lucy Taylor Hunter, nee Sinclair, died at her late residence in Occoquan, Va., December 8, 1914, in the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of her age.

Mrs. Hunter was born at Brentsville, Va., and died not far from the scenes of her childhood home, having spent some of her girlhood and all of her married life in this village.

The deceased was of a quiet, unpretending disposition, "a keep at home," faithful in the various relations of life, and excellent neighbor, and surrounded by an host of devoted friends, attracted by her modest deportment, and quiet, faithful friendship.

She lived in the quietude of her home, in the affection of her husband and relatives, in the attachment of her circle of friends, thus reaching the goal of true womanhood, avoiding the fierce limelight, the club life, the continuous round of societies' engagements, that have ruined the life of hundreds of thousands of women in our day, and wrecked many an otherwise happy home.

She died as she had lived, with calmness meeting the dreaded monsters and may we humbly hope finding refuge under the shelter of the eternal throne. The deceased leaves her husband, Mr. G. W. Hunter, well and widely known in this community as one of its most successful business men, and former president of the Bank of Occoquan, from which position he resigned because of failing health, one brother and one sister, who have our deep sympathy and hope that the bereavement may be sanctified to their eternal good.

"O for an overcoming faith  
To cheer our dying hours,  
To triumph o'er the monster Death,  
And all his frightful powers!"

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## **March 19, 1915**

**Carter, L. H.**

DEATH OF L. H. CARTER

**Manassas merchant, A Native of Prince William County, Passed Away Yesterday.**

Mr. L. H. Carter, a native of Prince William county, who for several years has conducted a grocery business in Manassas under the name of S. C. Carter, died yesterday [*March 18, 1915*] afternoon about 2 o'clock at his home in Manassas. Mr. Carter, a Confederate veteran, belonging to one of the Louisiana regiments, was in his sixty-ninth year. He leaves a wife; three bothers, all of Occoquan; two sister, one living in Occoquan and one in Washington, and one son, of Washington, by a former marriage.

Mr. Carte has been ill since the latter part of December, and his death was due to Bright's disease and complications. Burial services will be held at the Manassas cemetery to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. Aderholdt, a particular friend of Mr. Carter's, will conduct the services. By request of Mr. Carter the direction of the funeral will be in charge of his nephew, Mr. S. N. Carter, of Occoquan.

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**Pote, C. C.**

C. C. POTE SUCCUMBS.

Mr. C. C. Pote, of near Manassas, died yesterday [*March 18, 1915*] morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Pote has been in poor health for some time, but only since Friday has he been seriously ill. His death was due to a complication of diseases. He was 59 years old, a native of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Brethren church. He leaves his wife, four sons and one daughter. He will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at Cannon Branch church.

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**Conant, C. H.**

DROPS DEAD AT DEPOT.

Shortly after entering the telegraph office early Monday [*March 15, 1915*] morning, Mr. C. H. Conant, an employee of the Southern at the coal bin, dropped dead. He was in apparent good health until suddenly stricken. Mr. Conant has been in Virginia about five years, and for the past five months has worked at the coal bin. His home is in Cleveland, Ohio, where he leaves a wife, two grown sons and a little daughter. His

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wife's sister came on to the funeral which was held Wednesday with interment in Manassas cemetery. His wife was unable to come on account of sickness.  
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**McCormick, Jeanette**

Miss Jeanette McCormick, a life-long resident of Haymarket, died at her home here on Tuesday [March 16, 1915] afternoon after a brief illness of pneumonia. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from her late residence, Rev. M. S. Eagle officiating. The interment was in the family burying ground on the place. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Annie McCormick, who has been very ill with pneumonia but is recovering, and Mrs. Lewis Mayhugh, of Greenwich. M.  
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**March 26, 1915**

**Beachley, Mildred Blackburn**

Mildred Blackburn Beachley, 5 weeks and 1 day old, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Beachley, died of pneumonia Sunday [March 21, 1915].  
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**Shirley, Martha L.**

Mrs. Martha L. Shirley, widow of the late John R. Shirley, and mother-in-law of Don Cologne, who is well known in Manassas, died at the residence of Mr. Cologne in Washington Tuesday [March 23, 1915] evening. Funeral services will be held in Washington this afternoon.  
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**Gallehue, Ivan G.**

**MR. GALLEHUE'S SON DEAD**

Death claimed Ivan G. Gallehue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gallehue, of Manassas, at his home in Washington Monday [March 22, 1915] night. Mr. Gallehue, who was 27 years old, had been ill of pneumonia for about a week prior to his death. For several years Mr. Gallehue has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as check clerk. He was buried in Baltimore yesterday. He leaves a wife but no children. Mr. and Mrs. Gallehue lost their other son just about one year ago. The community sympathizes with them in this their hour of bereavement.

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**Feydelum, Miss**

**Little Girl Dies From Burns.**

The little eight-year old daughter of Mrs. Andrew Feydelum was playing around some burning brush at her home near Independent Hill on Wednesday [March 24, 1915] afternoon about five o'clock when her dress caught on fire. It was only a few seconds before the child's clothing was entirely consumed by the fire and the little girl horribly mutilated. Medical attention was summoned but death came to the little sufferer at 10 o'clock that night. Mrs. Feydelum and children moved into this community a few weeks ago from Alabama. The funeral was held in the Catholic church at noon today, and interment was made in Manassas cemetery.

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**Payne, John M., Mrs.**

Mrs. John M. Payne, for the greater part of her life a resident of Prince William, died in Alexandria, March 18 [1915]. Before her marriage Mrs. Payne was a Miss Weedon, and was closely related to Mrs. Albert Speiden and Mr. J. E. Nelson of Manassas. She was 85 years old, and leaves one daughter, Miss Mary Payne, and five sons. Elder C. H. Waters, of Washington, conducted the funeral services, which were held in Alexandria on Friday. Interment was made in the family burying ground at the old homestead near Dumfries.

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**Pote, Calvin C.**

IN MEMORIAM

On Thursday morning, March 18, [1915] at 11:45 o'clock, the Death Angel hovered over our vicinity and took from our midst one of our citizens, Calvin C. Pote. He was born Oct. 22, 1855, and at his death he was 59 years, 4 months and 24 days old. He came to Virginia in 1894 and has been a resident of Prince William county since that time. In 1881 he was joined in marriage to Barbara Holsinger. This union was blessed with nine children. He leaves his wife and six children, Ira H., Thomas J., of Clarion, Va.; Roy R., of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Carrie Lawrence, of Yorkshire farm, near Manassas; Harry Lee and Lizzie H. Pote at home. Two brothers, Messrs. Andrew C. Pote, of Baker's Summit, Pa., and David Pote, of Cushing, Okla; three sisters, Mrs. David Miller, and Mrs. Emma Eckhard, of Baker's Summit, Pa., and Mrs. David King, of new Enterprise, Pa. He was a member of the Brethren church for over 34 years. Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday at 1 o'clock and at the Cannon Branch church at 2:30 o'clock, interment in the cemetery nearby. Services were conducted by Elders A. Conner, E. E. Blough and John Kline. Texts, Rev., 22-14 and Hebrews, 9-27. Hymns, "We'll Never Say Goodby," "Peacefully Sleep," and "We Are Going Down the Valley," were selected by the wife and children. The pallbearers were J. J. Conner, A. C. Harley, T. H. Marks, N. E. Hottle, J. E. Mauck and F. H. Nelson.

"Sleep, father, sleep, and take thy rest,  
God called thee home, He thought it best."

L. H. P.

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**Jackson, Mary Anna**

**Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson Dead.**

Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, widow of "Stonewall" Jackson, died at her home in Charlotte, N. C., on Wednesday [March 24, 1915]. Mrs. Jackson's death followed an illness of several months. Mrs. Jackson was born near Charlotte on July 21, 1831, and was married in July, 1857, to Thomas J. Jackson. After her husband's death in 1863 she wrote a memoir of his career. Funeral services were held in Charlotte yesterday, after which the body was sent to Lexington, Va., for burial beside that of her husband's.

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## **April 2, 1915**

**Hazen, Sallie A.**

MISS SALLIE HAZEN DEAD

**Was a Resident of Manassas for Forty-Three Years—Once Conducted a Millinery.**

In the death of Miss Sallie A. Hazen on Wednesday [*March 31, 1915*], Manassas lost one of its oldest residents. Born in New Jersey she moved to Virginia when a small child and for the past forty-three years ha resided in Manassas. Miss Sallie, with her sister, Miss Nellie, who died ten years ago, conducted a millinery in Manassas about thirty years ago. Miss Sallie was a life-long member of the Methodist church of which she was a very active member. She was one of the early Sunday school teachers of Manassas.

Death was due to a complication of diseases from which Miss Hazen has suffered for several years. She was 78 years old, and the only surviving member of the immediate family is her sister, Mrs. S. W. Burdge, of Manassas.

Funeral services will be conducted at Asbury Methodist church this afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. J. Halpenny officiating. Interment will be in Manassas cemetery.

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**Kerlin, David**

DAVID KERLIN SUCCUMBS

**Prominent Farmer of Prince William a Victim of Pneumonia—Buried Wednesday.**

Death claimed another prominent citizen of Prince William county when David Kerlin, aged 64 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amos Smith, at Aden, on Monday night at 11 o'clock. For about two weeks Mr. Kerlin had been ill with pneumonia, but not until a few days before his death did his condition become serious. He had been in ill health for several years, however, and his death was really due to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Kerlin was a native of Bridgewater, Va., from which place he moved to the Nokesville neighborhood about thirty years ago. His wife, who survives him, was a Miss Bowman, of Bridgewater, before her marriage. Besides his wife he leaves eight children, four sons and four daughters. Three of the sons are of the Aden neighborhood, Messrs. W. B., John P., and Mark, and another son, B. D. Kerlin, is located at Twin Falls, Idaho. The four daughters are: Mrs. J. J. Conner, of Manassas; Mrs. Amos Smith, of Aden; Mrs. K. Bradshaw, of Nokesville, and Mrs. Francis Downing, of Gorman, W. Va.

Five sisters and one brother also survive Mr. Kerlin. The sisters are: Mrs. Samuel Hedrick and Mrs. S. H. Flory, of Nokesville; Mrs. S. J. Miller, of Bristow; Mrs. M. J. Flory, of Harrisonburg, and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Oakton. His mourning brother is Mr. Daniel Kerlin, of Bridgewater.

**Kerlin, David (Cont.)**

Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Abraham Conner and I. N. H. Beahm at Valley View church, at 3 p. m., on Wednesday, and interment was in Valley View cemetery.

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**Embrey, Daisy**

**Miss Daisy Embrey Dies.**

Particularly sad is the death of Miss Daisy Embrey, the twenty-one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Embrey, of Fairview avenue. Miss Embrey had been ill of pneumonia for about a week prior to her death which occurred about 8 o'clock Tuesday [March 30, 1915] evening at her parents' home. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Baptist church, Rev. T. D. D. Clark conducting the services. Miss Embrey leaves her parents and two brothers, all of Manassas. The community extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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**Shirley, Martha L.**

**Mrs. Martha L. Shirley.**

Mrs. Martha L. Shirley, nee Graham, widow of the late John R. Shirley, of Gainesville, Va., died after a brief illness on Tuesday, March 23, 1915, at the home of her son-in-law, Don Cologne, 1492 Chapin street, Washington, D. C.

The deceased was born in Haymarket, Va., in the year 1840, and lived in Virginia until the death of her husband, 42 years ago, then going to Washington, D. C., but never forgetting her old ties in Prince William county. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Don Cologne and Mrs. Loga Stelle, and one son.

Funeral services were held at the home of Don Cologne, Friday afternoon, March 26, at 1 o'clock, by the Rev. Dr. Clark, of St. James' Episcopal church. Many beautiful floral emblems were sent by relatives and friends. Interment was at Rock Creek Cemetery.

“Her toils are past, her work is done  
Now she is fully blest,  
She fought the fight, the victory won,  
And entered into rest.”

By Her Daughters

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**Davis, Rufus**

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad but loving remembrance of a kind and loving husband and father. Rufus Davis, who departed this life at his home, Agnewville, Va., Feb. 27, 1915, at the age of 73.

In the graveyard sweetly sleeping  
Where the flowers gently wave,  
Rests the one we loved so dearly,  
But no power on earth could save.  
The midnight moon is gleaming  
Upon his silent grave,  
Where our father is so sweetly sleeping,  
And the trees so gently wave.

By His Sons and Daughters.

Oh, Death, how bitter is the thought of thee. How speedy thy approach. How stealthy thy steps. How uncertain thy hour. How universal thy sway. The powerful cannot escape thee, the wise know not how to avoid thee, the strong have no strength to oppose thee, the rich cannot buy thee with their treasure. Thou art a hammer that always strikes, a sword that is never dull, a net into which all fall, a prison into which all must enter, a sea on to which all must venture, a penalty all must suffer, a tribute which all must pay.

Oh, Death, Death! Implacable enemy to the human race, why didn't thou enter this world?

By His Wife.

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**Strickler, Virginia**

MRS. VIRGINIA STRICKLER.

Mrs. Virginia Strickler, wife of Dr. W. M. Strickler, deceased, died in Denver, Colo., March 20, [1915] at the age of 86 years. She had been in feeble health for some time. She was a native of this county where she has many relations and friends. She was a sister of the late Judge W. E. Lipscomb, Philip Lipscomb, Miss Mary Lipscomb and Mrs. Henry Holand. She left this county in 1870 with her husband to make her home in Colorado, where she lived up to the time of her death. She leaves many nieces and nephews. She was buried by the side of her husband in Denver cemetery.

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## **April 9, 1915**

**Humphrey, Bertie**

### **Mrs. Bertie Humphrey Dead.**

Mrs. Bertie Humphrey was found dead in her home near Nokesville on Monday [April 5, 1915]. She has suffered from epilepsy for many years, and her death is supposed to have been due to one of these attacks. She was a daughter of Mr. D. A. Landes and was well known throughout the Nokesville neighborhood. She leaves one sister and her father. Funeral services were conducted from the Brethren church, of which she was a member, on Wednesday by Rev. I. A. Miller. Interment was in Valley View cemetery.

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**Keith, J. A. C.**

### HON. J. A. C. KEITH DEAD

Hon. J. A. C. Keith, for many years Commonwealth's Attorney for Fauquier county, and one of the leading lawyers of the state died last evening [April 8, 1915] at 7:30 at his home in Warrenton.

Mr. Keith has been in poor health for some time, but yesterday morning he developed a severe case of pleurisy. He sank rapidly and soon an operation was deemed necessary to relieve his lungs. He died shortly after the operation.

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**Bridwell, Francis Herndon**

### MRS. F. H. BRIDWELL

Mrs. Francis Herndon Bridwell, wife of Mr. E. E. Bridwell, of Famon, departed this life, March 31, [1915] at the age of 47 years 8 months and 8 days. She leaves a husband, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Herndon, three brothers, T. M., Clarence and Norville Herndon, six sisters, Misses Viola, Myrtle, Carrie, Ida and Ethel Herndon, and Mrs. Nettie Suthard, all of Prince William county. Her death was due to cancer, from which she suffered greatly. The funeral was preached at the house by Rev. J. W. Brill and the body was laid to rest in the home burying ground. A good and kind neighbor, a loving child and sister, and a faithful wife has finished her work on earth. May the good Lord comfort the bereft ones.

**Bridwell, Francis Herndon (Cont.)**

There is a day, not far away,  
When like the leaf we fade,  
It is our doom, that in the tomb,  
We soon shall all be laid.

Oh! Cruel death, that takes our breath,  
And sends us back to dust,  
But we shall live, if we but give,  
To Jesus all our trust.

So great and strong, against the wrong,  
His trusting ones defends.  
And though we fall, both great and small,  
A helping hand He lends.

Our Savior died, Himself denied,  
That others he might bless.  
And though we weep, while others sleep,  
In Jesus we shall rest.

J. W. Brill.

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## **April 16, 1915**

**Harrell, C. J.**

**Death of C. J. Harrell**

C. J. Harrell, 34 years of age, son-in-law of W. R. Free, jr., of Nokesville, died at his home in Nokesville this morning [April 16, 1915] at 2:50. Mr. Harrell has been critically ill of Bright's disease for several months and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Harrell for several years was a telegraph operator, but of late has been connected with W. R. Free, jr., & Co.

Mr. Harrell, whose home was at Markham, was married to Miss Mabel Free, of Nokesville, about ten years ago. Besides his wife he leaves two little boys, aged 8 and 3.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Anne's Memorial chapel Sunday, and the body will be brought to Manassas on No. 10 the same day for internment in Manassas cemetery.

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**Blackwell, James**

**Colored Man Found Dead.**

James Blackwell, a colored man of about eighty years of age, was found dead at his home near Wellington on Monday [April 10, 1915] morning. When neighbors went to the house they found the stiffened corpse partly fallen over on the table before which Blackwell had seated himself for a meal. On the nearby stove meat was found in the frying pan long grown cold. The cats and dogs were nearly starved, which indicated that he probably died on Saturday [April 10, 1915].

No marks of any sort were found on the body, and it is supposed that death was due to some organic trouble. Burial took place Wednesday, at which two of his relatives from Washington were present. Blackwell bought the Redmond place a short while ago, and has lived there alone. He was much feared by all his neighbors, against whom he made many threats. He was to have been tried in the circuit court this week for a criminal offense. It has been reported that he was worth considerable money but such reports have not been verified to date.

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**Robertson, Jennie**

MRS. JENNIE ROBERTSON

Mrs. Jennie Robertson, widow of William Robertson, died at the home at Bristow, Va., Sunday [April 11, 1915] evening after a lingering illness from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Robertson, who was 74 years old, was well-known throughout the Bristow and Nokesville neighborhoods. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

She leaves five sons; C. H. and Edward, of Bristow; Ira, of Fairfax C. H.; James and Jarman, of Washington, and three daughters: Mrs. Jennie Ledman and Mrs. Anne Bridges, of Washington; Mrs. Alice Campbell, of North Carolina.

Funeral services were conducted at Union church, Bristow, by Elder I. A. Miller on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment was in the old family burying ground.

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**Bitter, Karl Theodore Francis**

Karl Theodore Francis Bitter, chief of the department of sculpture of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and one of the best known American sculptors, died in a hospital in New York Saturday [April 10, 1915] of injuries received when he and Mrs. Bitter were run down by an automobile on Broadway. Mr. Bitter was the sculptor of the statue of Thomas Jefferson which was unveiled at the University of Virginia on Founder's Day, April 13.

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## **April 23, 1915**

**Groff, Lula McLean**

MRS. GROFF PASSES AWAY

**Death Comes to Mrs. Lulu McL. Groff, Nee Merchant, on Saturday Last.**

On Saturday morning, April 17, [1915] Mrs. Lula McLean Groff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merchant, of Manassas, died at Geo. Washington University Hospital, Washington, in here thirty-second year. Mrs. Groff passed the greater part of her life at her home near Manassas, but of late years has resided in Washington.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Burks at Trinity Episcopal church, Manassas, Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock, and interment was made in Manassas cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes from friends and relatives were laid upon the last resting place of their loved one.

Mrs. Groff leaves her husband, Mr. Ralph Groff, and two young daughters, Elsie Jane and Olga Lou. To mourn her loss there is also her father and mother, five sisters and four brothers, all well known to the people of this community.

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**Davidson, Genevieve H.**

MRS. W. T. DAVIDSON DEAD

**Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark Passes Away in South Carolina.**

Mrs. W. T. Davidson, wife of Prof. W. T. Davidson, of Bowman, S. C., departed this life at her South Carolina home Monday [April 19, 1915] morning at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Davidson, before her marriage Miss Genevieve H. Clark, was well known to people of Manassas and this neighborhood.

Mrs. Davidson was born at Hagerstown, Md., on Nov. 8, 1890. When she was 14 years of age Rev. T. D. D. Clark, her father, was called to the pastorate of Manassas Baptist church; he accepted this call, moved to Manassas and since then the family has resided here. Mrs. Davidson attended Manassas Institute and Eastern College. It was while in attendance at Eastern that she met Mr. Davidson, to whom she was married on June 24, 1914.

Mrs. Davidson leaves her husband, Prof. W. T. Davidson, and an infant child, Aylett Holtzman Davidson; her father and mother, Rev. and Mr. T. D. D. Clark; four sisters, all of Manassas, Misses Jessie, Margaret, Sarah and Marion; and four brothers, Messrs. Douglas and Thomas, of Washington, and Aylett and Walter, of Manassas.

Funeral services were conducted at Winchester, Va., by the Rev. Hugh Carter on Tuesday, and interment was in Winchester cemetery at 5 o'clock that afternoon.

Mrs. Davidson had a host of friends in Manassas. She has been an earnest laborer in all Christian work since her early childhood and by her bright and optimistic manner

**Davidson, Genevieve H. (Cont.)**

inspired all those with whom she came in contact. Her Christianity was best exemplified in her daily living. She was kind hearted, affectionate and a lover of the beautiful in nature and art. Her great aim in life was to make it better, and a greater aim than this no one can have. God in His infinite wisdom has taken from her earthly home a young woman of lofty aspirations and beautiful character.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family of the departed one in this hour of sad bereavement and almost unbearable sorrow.

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**Davis, Joseph Madison**

**ANOTHER VETERAN DEAD**

**Joseph M. Davis, Born in Prince William, Died in Loudoun April 5.**

(Hamilton Enterprise)

On Monday, April 5, [1915] following a long illness, Mr. Joseph Madison Davis died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Clifton Warner, near Paeonian Springs.

Mr. Davis was born August 10, 1842, in Prince William county. At the early age of 18 he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served nearly four years as a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry, Company A, under the command of General J. E. B. Stuart. He took part in many noted battles, among them, the first battle of Bull Run, Seven Pines, the Wilderness, and was captured near Fredericksburg. An exchange of prisoners made his term of imprisonment only a few months.

He was soon at the front again and in the battle of Trevillian's Station received a wound which rendered him unfit for active duty during the remainder of the war.

At the second battle of Bull Run his cavalry distinguished itself by making the famous raid that resulted in the capture of General Pope's headquarters, securing papers which showed the plan of maneuvers of his division of the Northern army.

Shortly after the close of the war, in May 1867, he married Miss Sallie E. Glasscock, also of Prince William county. A few months thereafter they moved to this county and settled near Middleburg where they continued to reside and reared a family of six children, all of whom, with his wife, survive.

As a husband, he was devotion pure and simple; as a father, he was indulgent to the last degree always having in mind the welfare of those whom he loved; as a man, he was slow in choosing intimate friends, but when the tender chords of his nature were touched by the true and genuine sincerity, you could count him a friend in the highest sense.

He was a consistent member of the Methodist church from his early manhood, and numbered among his many friends a score or more of the ministers of the Baltimore conference.

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**Harrell, J. C.**

The funeral services of Mr. J. C. Harrell took place at St. Anne's Memorial chapel, Nokesville, Sunday at 12:30 p.m. About thirty Masons from Manassas conducted the funeral, the service being read by the Rev. J. F. Burks. The body was brought to Manassas and interment was made in Manassas cemetery Sunday afternoon.

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**Kelly, James**

James Kelly, of Wellington, died last night [April 22, 1915] in Sibley Hospital, Washington, after an operation had been performed for appendicitis. Mr. Kelly was about 35 years of age and a farmer. He leaves a wife and two small children; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kelly, and two sisters, Mrs. A. S. Robertson and Mrs. W. T. Byrne. Funeral services will be held at Catholic Institute to-morrow afternoon.

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**Embrey, Daisy**

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of our dear daughter, Daisy Embrey, aged twenty years and one day, who died March 30, 1915.

We had a dear daughter once;  
She was our joy and pride.  
We loved her, Ah! Perhaps too well,  
For soon she slept and died.

All is dark within our dwelling,  
Lonely are our hearts to-day,  
For the one we loved so dearly  
Has forever passed away.

Just a week she slept with Jesus,  
Her dear head upon His breast,  
God knew best and sweetly called her,  
To her home of heavenly rest.

Some day there'll be a joyful meeting,  
Far across the swelling tide.  
Days have passed but still we miss her,  
Farewell, darling! Oh, our pride.

**Embrey, Daisy (Cont.)**

Our Savior died, Himself denied,  
That others he might bless,  
And though we weep, while other sleep,  
In Jesus we shall rest.

Oh! Cruel death, that takes our breath,  
And sends us back to dust,  
But we shall live, if we but give,  
To Jesus all our trust.

Here with friends you could not stay,  
To that heavenly home you've gone.  
To live with Jesus for evermore,  
Care and suffering are there unknown.

Oh! precious, dear darling may we meet on high nevermore to say good bye.

By Her Loving Mother

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**Andrews, Alexander B.**

Alexander B. Andrews, first vice president of the Southern Railway, died at his home in Raleigh N. C. Saturday [April 17, 1915], after a brief illness. He was 74 years old. Mr. Andrews was stricken the night before with an acute attack of pneumonia.

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**Flickinger, Samuel T.**

**Samuel T. Flickinger Dead.**

Mr. Samuel T. Flickinger, a farmer who resided near Nokesville, died at Garfield Hospital, Washington, on Monday [April 19, 1915] night, following an operation that was performed earlier in the day. Mr. Flickinger had been in ill health for some time and he seemed to realize the seriousness of his condition for he closed his business affairs before leaving for the hospital.

Mr. Flickinger came to the Nokesville neighborhood about twenty years ago from Pennsylvania, his old home. He was 66 years old and leaves four children. His two daughters are Mrs. Mamie Davy, of Johnson /City, Tenn., and Mrs. Ella Bowman, of Annville, Pa. The two sons are T. B., of Nokesville, and Harry, of Annville, Pa.

**Flickinger**, Samuel T. (Cont.)

The remains were taken to Annville, Pa., and burial services were held there yesterday.

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## **April 30, 1915**

**Kane**, James Taylor

JAMES T. KANE SUCCUMBS

**Father of Mrs. J. M. Kline and Ms. G. P. Bucher Passes Away Tuesday Afternoon.**

After an illness which extended over several months, James Taylor Kane, a farmer of near Midland, died on Tuesday [April 27, 1915] afternoon about 4 p. m., of a complication of diseases. Mr. Kane has been in ill health for the last few years, but only of late has his condition been regarded as critical.

Mr. Kane, who was 69 years 1 month and 15 days old when he died, was born on the farm on which he died. He has lived near Midland all his life and was well known in that neighborhood. He was a member of the United Brethren church and the I. O. O. F.

A wife and eleven children are left to mourn his loss. The three sons are: J. J., of Oakton; Bud, of Midland, and Taylor, jr., of Washington. The eight daughters: Messdames J. M. Kline and G. P. Bucher, of Manassas; Mrs. Wm. Madison, of Oakton; Mrs. David Shifflett, of Luthersville, Md.; Messdames Oscar Oroark and Edgar Berry, of Midland, and Misses Mary and Rosa Kane, of Midland. Mr. Kane also left three brothers, Messrs. George, Scott and J. D., all of Midland, and one sister, Mrs. Emily Heflin, of Catlett.

Burial services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Brill, and interment was in Bealton cemetery.

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**Beach**, Edith

Mrs. Edith Beach, wife of D. S. Beach, of Stoneleigh, Va., died suddenly on April 26 [1915]. Mr. Beach was once a sewing machine agent at Manassas.

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**Molair, Frances**

MRS. FRANCES MOLAIR.

At 5:30 this morning [April 30, 1915] death came to Mrs. Frances Molair, widow of John Molair, on her old home place near Brentsville. Mrs. Molair, who was 82 years old, has been in poor health for several years.

She leaves two sons, Roy and Edward, both of Brentsville, and four daughters, Mrs. A. J. Hockman, Mrs. James Cooper, and Misses Nannie and Maggie, all of near Brentsville.

Funeral services will be held at the old home Sunday at 1 p. m., and interment will be in the family burying ground on the place.

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## **May 7, 1915**

**Baggott, Thomas E.**

KILLED AT CLIFTON FORGE

**Thomas E. Baggott Victim of Fatal Accident in Railway Shops Last Week.**

A sad death was that of Thomas E. Baggott who was killed at Clifton Forge last Friday [April 30, 1915] morning when a flue wagon, containing 63 clues, turned over on him at the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway shops in Clifton Forge where Mr. Baggott has been employed for the last four or five weeks. A little over a month ago Mr. Baggott, who was 35 years old, moved from Nokesville to take up his new work.

T. E. Baggott, son of the late James Baggott of near Wellington, left a wife and five small children, 3 girls and 2 boys. His widow is the daughter of Newton Sayres, of Aden. Mr. Baggott also left one brother, Robert Baggott, of Clifton Forge, and several sisters, among whom are Mrs. U. B. Spindle, formerly of Manassas, now of Washington, and Mrs. Marie Reaves, of Catlett. Funeral services were held at Aden Sunday and interment was made in the cemetery there.

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## **May 14, 1915**

**Miller, Hannah**

MRS. HANNAH MILLER DEAD

**Ninety-Two Year Old Lady, a Native of Augusta County, Succumbed on Saturday.**

After reaching the ripe old age of 92 death, with its promise of a glorious future, came to Mrs. Hannah Miller, a well-known and much loved lady of the Nokesville neighborhood, Saturday [May 8, 1915] evening at 7:30. Mrs. Miller was the widow of David Miller who died many years ago.

Mrs. Hannah Miller, who before her marriage was a Miss Huff, was born and reared at Sangerville, Augusta county, Va. At the age of 15 she joined the Brethren church of which she was a consistent member to the hour of her death. For the last eleven years Mrs. Miller has lived at Nokesville.

Mrs. Miller leaves five children to mourn her loss; two daughters, Mrs. Susanna Wine, of Waynesboro, Va., and Miss Sarah Miller, of Nokesville, and three sons, Levi, of Sangerville, Augusta county; Isaac, of Nokesville, and B. F., of Fairfax courthouse.

Funeral services were conducted at Valley View church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. S. H. Flory and interment was in the cemetery there.

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**Nelson, C. A.**

Capt. C. A. Nelson, an ex-Confederate and a native of Prince William, died at his home in Fort Scott, Kansas, Sunday [May 9, 1915]. He was closely related to Mrs. Albert Speiden and Mr. J. E. Nelson, of Manassas. A full account will appear in next week's issue of The Journal.

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**Henshaw, Fred S.**

Mr. Fred S. Henshaw, who for several years lived with his aunt, Mrs. B. J. Holden, of near Manassas, but who for the past several years has resided at Novum, Madison county, Virginia, died in a hospital at Charlottesville last week. His death resulted from an operation for appendicitis. He leaves a wife and two small children.

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## May 21, 1915

**Nelson**, Chancellor Alexander

CAPT. C. A. NELSON DEAD

**Ex-Confederate, known in this County, Passes Away in Fort Scott, Kansas.**

(From a Fort Scott paper)

Capt. C. A. Nelson, for many years prominent in business in Fort Scott, but for many years retired, died Sunday afternoon, May 9, [1915] after having suffered a stroke of apoplexy in the bathroom at his home earlier in the day.

Capt. Nelson arose as usual and seemed in his usual state of health. After breakfast, as was his custom, he retired to the bathroom to shave and bathe. Failing to come from the bathroom after it was thought by the family he had had ample time to finish his bath, and failing to respond to a knock, the room was entered and he was found lying on the floor unconscious. He was removed to his bed and a physician was called and found him to be suffering from a very severe stroke of apoplexy from which there was no hope of his recovery. His spirit lingered until 2:30 in the afternoon and then took its flight.

Chancellor Alexander Nelson was born March 21, 1834, in Rappahannock county, Va. He was married March 11, 1858, to Jane Nelson, and in 1871 he came to Kansas, locating in Fort Scott. For some time he was associated with his brother-in-law, Charles Nelson, in the wholesale grocery business, later engaging in the retail business by himself.

Many years ago Mr. Nelson retired from active business and since then has been living with his wife, son and daughter in Fort Scott, Kans., enjoying fairly good health, but had become somewhat feeble of late.

Mr. Nelson was always known as Capt. Nelson, the title having been earned by him through service in the Confederate army. He was captain of a company in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia infantry and his company was of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's corps, with whom Capt. Nelson was acquainted and of whom he was a great admirer. Capt. Nelson was a typical Southern gentleman and a man of fine personal traits. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter.

Note: Capt. Nelson was a brother-in-law of the late Edwin Nelson of this place and had many friends in the county, some of whom are veterans who will regret to hear of the passing away of another old comrade-in-arms.

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**Deats, Caleb S.**

**A SUICIDE AT ORLANDO**

**Caleb S. Deats, an Old Confederate Soldier, Killed Himself on Sunday.**

Caleb S. Deats, a well-known Prince William citizen, met death at his own hands on Sunday [May 16, 1915]. Mr. Deats, who lived with his son, W. P. Deats, at Orlando, was an ex-Confederate and was 77 years old. He was a native of new Jersey, from which state he moved to Virginia many years ago. His death was a great shock to the Orlando neighborhood where he has lived for a long time. The cause of his committing suicide will never be known, but it is thought that it was due to a little spell of despondency.

His son had just left the house and had only gotten a short distance away when he heard the report of a gun. He thought little of the sound because the report of a gun is a frequent occurrence in the neighborhood. On returning home the corpse was found with the whole upper part of the head blown off. Clasped in one hand was a single-barrel shot gun and the other hand held to one end of a cane the other end of which was resting on the trigger of the gun. Death was evidently instantaneous from the position in which he was found. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of premeditated suicide.

Surviving Mr. Deats are three brothers, three sisters and one son. The brothers are John and Frank, of Tiffin, Ohio, and L. M., of Sommerville, N. J. The sisters are Miss Leveria Deats, of Manassas; Mrs. C. L. Ellicott, of Orlando, and Mrs. Annie Burbick, of Iowa. W. P. Deats, of Orlando, is the surviving child.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Wells, of the Brethren church, at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and interment was made at Orlando.

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**Detwiler, Elizabeth**

**Mrs. Detwiler, of Clifton, Dead.**

One of the old residents of Clifton, Mrs. Elizabeth Detwiler, died Saturday [May 15, 1915] morning at the age of 83, after a short illness of Bright's disease. Mrs. Detwiler, the widow of the late John H. Detwiler, who died several years ago, was a native of Pennsylvania, from which state she moved to Virginia about fifty years ago. Mrs. Detwiler was a member of the Presbyterian church and was well known in the Clifton and Fairfax neighborhoods.

Mrs. Detwiler leaves a sister, Mrs. Brook, of Spring City, Pa., and seven children. The daughters are Mesdames Kate Richards, Mary Quigg and R. R. Buckley, all of Clifton. The sons are S. H., John and O. L., of Clifton, and William, of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Gates, a candidate for the combined charge of the Presbyterian churches at Manassas and Clifton. Interment was made in the Clifton cemetery.

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**Buckley, Annie**

**Death of Mrs. Annie Buckley.**

After a six weeks' illness from a complication of diseases Mrs. Annie Buckley passed away at her home near Centerville, Fairfax county, Tuesday [May 18, 1915] morning at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Buckley, the widow of William Buckley, was born and reared in Fairfax county. At the time of her death she was about 60 years of age. She was a member of the Catholic church.

Mrs. Buckley leaves two sisters, Mrs. Sherin and Mrs. Mary Murtaugh, both of Baltimore. She also leaves four daughters; Mrs. Breen and Mrs. Mulholland, both of near Centerville; Mrs. Thos. McKinley, of Baltimore, and another daughter, of Baltimore, and two sons, one of Boston and one in New Jersey.

The funeral services are being held to-day at Fairfax and interment is in the cemetery there.

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## **May 28, 1915**

**Deihl, Hazel**

Hazel Deihl, the seven months old daughter of Mr. Luther Deihl, of Nokesville, was taken suddenly ill Wednesday and died without having her case diagnosed on Thursday [May 27, 1915] morning. Burial services will be held at Valley View church at 2 p. m. his afternoon by Rev. J. T. Flory, and interment will be held in the cemetery there.

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## **June 4, 1915**

**Nickens, Lucy**

Lucy Nickens, colored, of Thoroughfare, dropped dead just as she was about to take the branch train Monday [May 31, 1915] morning for Manassas, where she had planned to take in the Industrial School closing. Coroner Meredith held an inquest over the remains, and it was decided she died from an attack of acute indigestion.

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**DeBell, Robert L.**

Robert L. DeBell, of Centerville, died at a sanitorium in Pennsylvania Monday [May 31, 1915] night. Mr. DeBell, who was 33 years old, has suffered for some time with tuberculosis, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. DeBell is survived by four brothers and three sisters. Funeral services are being held at 3:30 this afternoon and interment is being made at Centerville. Mrs. Young, of High Point, N. C., is in attendance upon the funeral.

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**Woodyard, Millie**

**Mrs. James Woodyard Passes Away.**

At six o'clock yesterday evening Mrs. James Woodyard passed away at her home at Brentsville in her forty-third year. Mrs. Woodyard, who was a victim of tuberculosis, was Miss Millie [Mildred Virginia] Tyler before her marriage. She has resided at Brentsville all her life, and is well known in that community.

Mrs. Woodyard is survived by her husband and eleven children. The children are Rozier, Benjamin, James, Harvey, Peter, Paul, Daniel, Alice, Susie, Catherine and Mrs. Lillie Keys. She leaves no brothers or sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Brentsville Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member, by Dr. H. L. Quarles to-morrow afternoon at one o'clock. Interment will be made in Valley View Cemetery.

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**Brady, Charles Edward**

Mr. Charles Edward Brady, formerly of Greenwich, died at his home in Haymarket where he had been living for the past month on Friday, May 21, 1915. Mr. Brady had an attack of creeping paralysis about a year ago and had been slowly growing worse ever since. Mr. Brady was born May 1, 1845, and spent the greater part of his life at Greenwich, where he will be greatly missed by his many friends. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church here. The remains were laid to rest in the Presbyterian church yard on Sunday evening, May 23. The services were conducted by Reverend J. R. Cooke. Mr. Brady leaves a wife, one daughter, miss. Janie, and two sons, Messrs. G. G. and N. D. Brady, to mourn his loss. The funeral was very largely attended.

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## **June 11, 1915**

**Daniel, Hannah**

### **Mrs. Hannah Daniel Succumbs.**

Sunday [*June 6, 1915*] morning at 10 o'clock Mrs. Hannah Daniel, 65 years of age, widow of Charles Daniel, who died about ten years ago, passed away. Ten days previously she was stricken with paralysis, and from that time until the hour of her death her condition was critical.

Mrs. Daniel has lived in the Nokesville neighborhood for about twenty-five years. She had many friends there and was a member of the Methodist church.

Two children, Misses Nettie and Eva Daniel, and one step-son, H. M. Daniel, of Nokesville survive. Mr. H. M. Daniel, is well known in this vicinity, having been associated with R. L. Johnson in well-drilling several years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Marks and interment was in the old family burying ground.

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**Andrews, Alexander Boyd**

### **High Tribute to Colonel Andrews Paid by Directors of Southern Railway**

New York.—The board of directors of Southern Railway Company paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice-president and for many years a member of the board, who died at his home in Raleigh, N. C., on April 17, 1915, in the following resolutions:

“In Memoriam, Alexander Boyd Andrews.

“Alexander Boyd Andrews was born in Franklin county, North Carolina, on the 23d day of July, 1841. He tendered his services to the Confederacy in April, 1861, and in June of that year, before he was 20 years of age, was made a second lieutenant in Company E of the First regiment of north Carolina cavalry, Confederate States Army. He served with distinguished gallantry until, in September, 1863, he was shot through the chest and lung by the fragment of a shell at Jack's Shop, near Gordonsville, Va. After recovering from this serious wound he found, when peace was re-established, the whole industrial life of the South prostrate as a result of war and the people among whom he lived confronted with the task of rebuilding their social, and of creating an industrial, system on new lines. He became a factor of prime importance in this creative and constructive work. Realizing the necessity for transportation in any plan of reorganization and reconstruction, he entered railroad life. His first service was with the Raleigh and Gaston and with the Raleigh and Augusta railroads, and as their

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superintendent for eight years he was the principal factor in their rehabilitation after the ravages of war.

**With the R. and D.**

“His efficiency in this work brought him an offer of promotion from the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, and in 1875 he became superintendent of its North Carolina division. He remained with this and other predecessors of Southern Railway Company and with the Southern itself uninterruptedly until his death, a period of forty years. Beginning with the office as superintendent, he worked his way up through various intermediate grades until he became first vice-president and a director of this company, which position he held at the time of his death and had held for many years.

“His active railroad work had thus extended over a period little short of half a century.

“During that time the principal construction and organization work of the railroads of the South has been done, and the industrial life of the South itself has been reorganized and rebuilt. In this accomplishment Colonel Andrews was a vital force. Possessing a strong and dominating personality, virile and commanding in character and intellect, he threw himself into his great work with irresistible will and purpose. His achievements, which were many, richly entitled him to a place among the great constructive forces of his State and section.

**Completed Western Road.**

“Among those achievements was the completion of the Western North Carolina railroad, from Old Fort, over the mountains, through Asheville, to Paint Rock, and its branches. Thus through his efforts was opened up the great industrial section of western North Carolina. Population and development and industries followed his pioneer act, and every person in that rich and inviting territory is now, and their descendants through all the coming years will be, enjoying the conveniences, the opportunities and the blessings made possible by this great piece of constructive work. The Western North Carolina Railroad will remain a monument to the useful and honorable achievements of colonel Andrews, who was its builder.

“His life was not an easy one, for it was his lot to encounter and overcome great difficulties. His activity, his positive and purposeful character and his touch with great things brought him into sharp conflicts with important forces. In the midst of them all he bore himself with a courage and virility which commanded universal respect and enabled him to crown his efforts with notable success. In every trust and in every relation of life he was loyal and faithful and true.

**On the Personal Side.**

“On his personal side he was a man of compelling and attractive personality and was greatly honored and beloved. He married in 1869 Miss Julia M. Johnston, daughter of Col. William Johnston, of Charlotte, N. C., who was president of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company. With her as his helpmate he built up an exceptionally happy and beautiful home life, which was distinguished by the most cordial and liberal hospitality.

“He was a devoted husband and father and followed his children, even after they were grown, with undiminished parental tenderness and solicitude.

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“He took a deep interest in the welfare of Confederate veterans and in the establishment and maintenance for them of the Confederate Soldiers home in Raleigh.

“Although himself deprived of the benefits of a college education, he was an earnest friend and supporter of the University of North Carolina, being for many years a member of its board of trustees and of its executive committee.

“He came to realize the value of a religious life and connected himself as a communicant with the Protestant Episcopal church, being an active and zealous member of the Church of the Good Shepherd of Raleigh, for which in the latter years of his life he munificence helped to provide a new and stately place of worship.

**Devoted to native State.**

“He was devoted in his attachment to the state of North Carolina. No exigency of business or of personal interest was strong enough to persuade him to make his home elsewhere. He believed in the sturdiness, the sense of justice and the patriotism of its people, and if at any time they, in his judgment, erred, his faith in the ultimate triumph of their sense of right was unwavering and supreme. He was always willing to leave his name and fame in their keeping, in the confidence that their ultimate judgment would correctly appraise and appreciate his purposes of his work.

“His death has brought universal sorry and regret wherever he was known, but especially in the South, where his life was spent and his work most largely done.

“The secretary is directed to express to the surviving members of Colonel Andrews’ family the respectful sympathy of this board and to transmit to them a suitably engrossed and attested transcript of this minute.”

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**Young, Mary Stuart**

Mrs. Mary Stuart Young, aged sixty-eight, wife and General L. Gourdin Young, and a grand-daughter of former President John Tyler, died at Savannah, Ga., Saturday [June 5, 1915]. Mrs. Young was born at Williamsburg, Va., in 1847.

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## **June 18, 1915**

**Clarkson, Henry Mazyck**

**All Prince William in Mourning**

Dr. Henry Mazyck Clarkson, who was taken critically ill on Sunday with congestion of the lungs, died yesterday [June 17, 1915] afternoon at three o’clock in his

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home at Haymarket. For the last few years, Dr. Clarkson has been in feeble health, but up to last Sunday the nearness of his end was not dreamt of by anyone. Present at his bedside when death came were his wife and five of his living children, the two who live in California not being able to get here.

The surviving members of his family are his wife, before her marriage in 1863, Miss Jennie Irvin Sayrs, of Alexandria; five sons, Messrs. Chas. D. S., of Haymarket; Walter B., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Thomas B., of Mt. Washington, Md.; Hugh T., of Washington, D. C., and Lee Massie, of California; two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Reading, of Redding, Cal., and Mrs. T. R. Robertson, of Raleigh, N. C.

The funeral services are to be held this evening at six o'clock from St. Paul's church at Haymarket, by the rector, the Rev. Robb White, and interment will be in the church graveyard. The honorary pallbearers will be the fellow members of the vestry of St. Paul's—Messrs. A. St. E. Thorp, T. J. Chew, F. B. Prince, G. G. Tyler, C. E. Jordan, M. White, B. Tyler, W. M. Jordan, T. B. Thomas, E. Keyser and M. Cave, with the addition of Dr. W. R. Tulloss, Edward low and Mr. W. L. Heuser.

The active pallbearers are Messrs. C. R. McDonald, Thomas Boswell, Chas. Keyser, C. C. Dulaney, J. E. Beale and Charles Gilliss. Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans of which Dr. Clarkson was a member, will attend the funeral in a body.

**A SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. Clarkson was born in Charleston, S. C., on November 6, 1835. He was the son of Thomas Boston Clarkson, a large Southern planter, through whom his ancestry can be traced back to men of England and Scotland, especially notable among these being Thomas Boston, a distinguished Scotch divine, who was an ecclesiastical writer of much note in his day. Yung Clarkson attended school in Charleston, S. C., until 1850, when he went to Columbia, S. C., in order to prepare for college. Two years later he took up work at South Carolina College, graduating from this college in 1855 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and the following year taking the Master of Arts degree. After this he studied medicine and graduated from the university of Pennsylvania in 1859.

Now it was that he returned to South Carolina. Those were exciting times when secession was brought up and Dr. Clarkson soon followed his state into the war. He first saw service in the Confederacy as a private, later in 1862 as assistant surgeon and the following year he was promoted to the full rank of surgeon. He was one of the three men who fired on the Star of the West and the only shot from Fort Moultrie was fired by him, he being the gunner. He later served as gunner at the battle of Fort Sumter.

During the war Dr. Clarkson was in Virginia a great deal and while in Alexandria he met miss Jennie Irvin Sayrs, to whom he was married in 1863. At the close of the war, he went to South Carolina where he took up the practice of medicine. Later, in 1870, he came to Prince William county, Va., and here he resided for the remainder of his life.

Up until about ten years ago Dr. Clarkson had a very wide practice in the vicinity of Haymarket. In the medical profession he ranked very high, being a member of the Medical Societies of Virginia, and contributing several notable papers on professional subjects to the periodicals of the societies and the profession. Feeling the weight of years, however, and the duties of superintendent of schools for prince William County, which

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office he held from 1892 and 1909, he gradually retired from the active practice of his profession, and since 1909 he has not been actively engaged in any special work.

Dr. Clarkson is better known as a poet than as a physician, for his poems have been widely read throughout the Southland and very favorable criticism has been made both by the press and by individuals who know good poetry when they see it. The first poems which Dr. Clarkson was willing to publish were written in the year 1859. Intermittently from this time up to his death he has been a most ardent patron of the muse.

Two editions of his poems have been gotten out by The Manassas Journal Publishing Company, the last one of which was published in 1910 and contains all of his published poems up to that time. Since 1910 Dr. Clarkson has written a few poems but the second and enlarged edition of his "Songs of Love and War" contains the major portion of his poetic endeavors and in this edition will be found the best and most representative poems of the "Poet Laureate of the South."

Dr. Clarkson was a highly respected and much beloved citizen of Prince William. A quiet, unassuming man, he was liked by all, and especially admired by those who can appreciate the true inner worth of a man. He was a true Christian gentleman, the senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Haymarket, and allied with all that was best and most uplifting in community life.

The Journal, in common with the citizens of prince William, extends it most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased. We feel that a good friend of ours has laid down his earthly burden to enter upon that greater glory that God has in store for all who live as his faithful servants. May his noble life be set up as an example to those whom are to follow.

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**Kincheloe, J. G.**

**J. G. KINCHELOE SUCCUMBS**

**Well-known Manassas Man Dies After Operation Following Recent Accident.**

On May 27, Mr. J. G. Kincheloe suffered a very serious accident near Manassas in which his left leg was broken and badly shattered below the knee. The next morning he was carried to Sibley hospital in Washington and there he received all the attention and care that medical science could bestow. At first his condition was regarded as being very serious but later he seemed to mend and strong hopes were held out for his recovery.

Towards the latter part of last week, however, blood poisoning began to set in and an operation for the removal of the injured member was performed. Despite the operation he failed to rally and on Saturday [June 12, 1915] night he passed away.

Mr. Kincheloe, who was forty-one years old, was born in Fairfax county and was the son of Capt. and Mrs. C. Kincheloe. In 1899 he was married to Miss Maude Conner, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. D. L. Blakemore. Since his marriage he had resided either in or near Manassas.

**Kincheloe, J. G. (Cont.)**

Mr. Kincheloe is survived by his mother, his wife and six children, three boys and three girls, two brothers and two sisters. His two brothers who survive him are George and Will, and his sisters, Miss Irene Kincheloe and Mrs. Casada, all of Fairfax county.

The funeral service was conducted at Grace Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. D. L. Blakemore, Pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, Washington. Assisting the Reverend Blakemore were Rev. E. A. Roads and Rev. C. E. Simmons. Interment was made in the Manassas cemetery.

The Journal joins the many friends of the family in expressing its sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement.

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**Woodyard, Millie**

IN MEMORIAM

In the death of Millie [*Mildred Virginia*], beloved wife of James R. Woodyard, who departed this life at Brentsville, on June 6, [1915] he loses a faithful and loving wife, her children, a most unselfish and devoted mother, and the community, a most good and useful woman. The high esteem in which she was held was attested by the large congregation that assembled in "The Old Stone Church At Brentsville" to do her reverence. A most appropriate and forceful sermon was delivered by Dr. Quarles, of Manassas, from Rev. 14-13. Her body is sweetly resting in Valley View Cemetery, awaiting the Resurrection morn.

The deceased was married 26 years ago in the "Union Church" at Brentsville, her native village, by the saintly and beloved Rev. B. P. Dulin, and many remember the young and blushing bride, just entering womanhood. Though the mother of fourteen children, she retained to the last her youthful beauty. She was a woman of strong mentality, and much force of character. Though strong in her prejudices, she was never known to speak ill of anyone, and faithfully followed the right, "as God enabled her to see the right." Her untiring attentions, even to the detriment of her own domestic affairs, through many long weary months upon the mother of the writer proved her Christian worth, and are still most gratefully remembered. Her faith in her Savior sustained here through long months of pain and agony, and when the last moment came there was no fear, no terror, she quietly fell asleep—"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

M. H. B.

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**Clarkson, Henry Mazyck**

THE DEATH OF A BELOVED CITIZEN

In the passing away of Dr. Henry Mazyck Clarkson on Yesterday [June 17, 1915] afternoon Prince William, the state of Virginia and the Southland lose one of its most beloved and talented men. Although born in South Carolina and not a resident of Prince William until his early manhood no son of the county has ever gained greater love and admiration from its citizens. Prince William for many years has drawn this most charming and versatile son close to her bosom and has showered upon him her greatest blessings.

Dr. Clarkson did noble work in each of the many fields of his endeavors. As soldier, physician, educator, poet, and Southern gentleman he has justly won the esteem of all, and many are the persons who have found life all the sweeter because of his having lived. He was a man of the noblest feelings, the kindest heart and the most self-sacrificing service, and Prince William cannot help but feel his loss most keenly. How true are these words of his in his own case!

“Ah! Blissful sleep, from which the righteous rise!

Ah! Blessed truth—the good man never dies!”

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**Riddleburger, J. E.**

Mr. J. E. Riddleburger, of Bridgewater, who was formerly employed by Garber and Hedrick, of Nokesville, and whose wife formerly had charge of the Nokesville switchboard, died at 10:30 a. m., yesterday [June 17, 1915] morning. Mr. L. D. Cook, of Bristow, is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

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**Jones, Hugh**

Mr. Hugh Jones, of Bealton, section foreman for the Southern Railway, was instantly killed last Saturday [June 5, 1915] morning near Remington when in stepping from the southbound track to let No. 75 pass he stepped in front of No. 30 going north. Mr. Jones, who leaves a wife and three children, was a brother of Mr. Robert Jones, of Nokesville.

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**No reports of death found.**

## **July 2, 1915**

**Herndon, Bibb**

Mr. Bibb Herndon, of hear Aden, was paralyzed on Tuesday. He died at ten o'clock this morning *[July 2, 1915]*.  
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## **July 9, 1915**

**Moore, William**

Mr. William Moore, of Fairfax county, who was between 85 and 90 years of age, died yesterday *[July 8, 1915]* of old age. He leaves several children and grandchildren. He will be buried in the Manassas cemetery this afternoon.  
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## **July 16, 1915**

**Snyder, B. P., Mrs.**

**Death of Mrs. B. P. Snyder**

Mrs. B. P. Snyder, who moved to Virginia last year with her husband from Spokane, Wash., and who resided about two miles from Manassas, died Tuesday *[July 13, 1915]* night. For eighteen years Mrs. Snyder was an invalid and her coming to Virginia was in the hope of improving her health.

Mrs. Snyder, who was 68 years old, leaves her husband, ten sons, all of whom are in the plumbing business with Spokane as their headquarters, and two daughters, Mesdames William Brown and Henry Ellingson, both of Spokane.

**Snyder, B. P., Mrs. (Cont.)**

The funeral services were conducted at the Cannon Branch church by Elder E. E. Blough at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery there.  
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## **July 23, 1915**

**Heineken, Marie J.**

### **DEATH OF MRS. HEINEKEN**

#### **Wife of Former national Bank President Died Sunday at Home Near Haymarket.**

Mrs. Marie J. Heineken, wife of Mr. Christian A. Heineken, died at her home, "Mill Park," near Haymarket, on Sunday [July 18, 1915] evening after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at her late home on Tuesday morning, the service being read by Rev. Robb White. The remains were then taken to Haymarket and interred in the family lot in St. Paul's church yard. The funeral was very largely attended and many beautiful floral tributes were placed upon the grave.

The pallbearers were Messrs. J. E. Beale, Chas. R. McDonald, Lanier Berkeley, W. M. C. Dodge, E. Kruger and W. L. Heuser.

Mrs. Heineken is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters. The sons are Mr. C. A. Heineken, jr., of Manatee, Fla., and Mr. Herman Heineken, of Haymarket, and the daughters, Mrs. Walter Lann, of Aberdeen, Miss., Mrs. Franz Peters and Miss Mary Park Heineken, of Haymarket.

Mrs. Heineken was a well-known resident of the Haymarket neighborhood, having spent the best part of the almost fifty years of her married life at her home, "Mill Park." Since the death of a son and daughter, whom she so greatly mourned, she has lived a very quiet and retired life. She was a woman of attractive personality and had many friends who sympathize greatly with the bereaved family.

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**Buckley, George S.**

### **TRAIN KILLS STRANGER**

#### **Strange White Man, About Seventy Years of Age, Killed Near Manassas To-day.**

About six-thirty this morning [July 23, 1915] a man, bearing an identification card upon his person giving his name as George S. Buckley, was instantly killed in the cut just this side of Bloom's when he stepped from the southbound track over to the northbound track and was struck by the Norfolk & Western passenger train No. 42. In

**Buckley, George S. (Cont.)**

avoiding an incoming freight he failed to notice the passenger train which born down upon him before he knew anything about it.

Coroner Meredith was called to the scene where he found the body horribly mangled, especially about the head. No money or valuables were found upon the body, only the card mentioned above. The card stated that in case of accident notify Mrs. Helen Zulicke, 623 South 11<sup>th</sup> street, Newark, N. J.

The body was so cut up that immediate burial was necessary. Communication will be made with the address given above, in which notification will be made of the fatal accident. The man, who was white, was of medium build and looked to be about seventy years of age.

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**Rowzie, Ella**

**Miss Ella Rowzie Passes Away.**

About one o'clock Wednesday [July 21, 1915] morning Miss Ella Rowzie, aged about 42 years, passed away at her home several miles from Manassas. Miss Rowzie, for a long time has suffered from goiter, for which she recently underwent treatment at a hospital. The treatment failed to help her and she returned to her home a few weeks ago.

Miss Rowzie, who was a native of Rappahannock, had lived in Prince William 18 or 20 years, making her home with her brother and sister, Mr. J. E. Rowzie and Miss Julia Rowzie. She is survived by two brothers and several sisters, two of whom reside out from Culpeper.

The funeral services were conducted at her late home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and the remains were carried to Culpeper on No. 9 yesterday morning, out from which point interment was made.

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**Keys, Clara Wine**

**A SUICIDE LAST FRIDAY**

**Mrs. Granville Keys, of Orlando Neighborhood, Drowns Self—Ill Health The Cause.**

Shortly after noon last Friday [July 16, 1915], Mrs. Granville Keys, who lived near Orlando, committed suicide by drowning in a stream on her husband's farm. Mrs. Keys had been in ill health for some time and had been told by a physician that her ailment was incurable. Of late, however, she had been told that by following a certain treatment she could regain her health and it was thought that she was getting better.

**Keys, Clara Wine (Cont.)**

It has been reported that Mrs. Keys had threatened to kill herself several times of late, but this report lacks the confirmation of those who were closely associated with her. In her nervous condition she had been relieved of the care of her eleven-months' old child and her husband had been in the habit of taking her along whenever he left the farm. Last Friday morning Mr. Keys had to take a business trip and asked his wife to accompany him but she declined saying that she had some cooking to do.

During the morning she attended to several household duties, including the preparation of the dinner. When this was ready she notified the hired man who said he would wait for Mr. Keys to return. Shortly after this Mrs. Keys left the house. She could not be found upon the return of her husband, who started a search for her. After some time a note was found upon the table which stated that it was all her fault and that in no way was her husband to blame for the deed. She also stated in the unsigned note that her body would be found upon the place.

After some further search tracks were found leading to the stream on the farm, and shortly afterwards her body was found, partly submerged. Mrs. Keys had drowned herself about one o'clock and her body was found soon afterwards.

Burial services were held at Bell Haven church on Sunday afternoon shortly after three o'clock, the service being conducted by Dr. Rixey, who was assisted by the Order of Fraternal Americans. The funeral services will be held at some future date.

Mrs. Keys, who before her marriage was Miss Clara Wine, was 25 years of age at the time of her death. Besides her husband and little child she leaves her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Wine, two sisters and four brothers. Mrs. Keys was a niece of Mr. C. H. Wine, of Manassas.

The Journal extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of the departed one.  
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**Hammerly, Charles W.**

Chas. W. Hammerly, 87 years old, died last week at Paxson, Loudoun county. He is survived by five children, one of whom is Mrs. Matthews, of near Manassas.

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**Miller, Joseph**

Mr. Joseph Miller, of Bridgewater, brother-in-law to Mrs. W. F. Hale, of Nokesville, died last Friday [July 16, 1915] following an operation. The funeral services were conducted at Bridgewater on Sunday. Mr. Miller was well known in the Nokesville neighborhood.

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**Legg, James E.**

Monday [July 19, 1915] morning shortly after one o'clock Mr. James E. Legg, 80 years of age, a Confederate veteran of Alexandria, passed away. Mr. Legg, who was born in Prince William county, was for several years engaged in the livery business in Alexandria. The funeral took place in Alexandria Tuesday night and the body was shipped to Upperville Wednesday morning for burial. He is survived by one son, a daughter and a sister.

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## **July 30, 1915**

**Rector, John S.**

JOHN S. RECTOR SUCCUMBS

**A Native of Fairfax, For Many Years A Resident of Manassas—Buried Sunday.**

Mr. John S. Rector, for many years a resident of Manassas, and a man well known to many of the town and county, died at the home of his nephew, Mr. Clyde Mathers, at Clifton Station, last Friday [July 23, 1915] night. The Monday preceding he had suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which little hope of recovery was entertained.

Mr. Rector, who was 70 years of age, and a native of Fairfax county, having been born near Centerville, for the past few years has made his home at Clifton. Prior to that time he resided in Manassas for many years.

The funeral services took place Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church, Manassas, the Rev. H. L. Quarles, pastor, officiating.

Interment was made in the Manassas cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. D. J. Arrington, Seldon Smith, Geo. Maddox, D. J. Prescott, William Rennoe and F. C. Rorabaugh.

The deceased is survived by one daughter and five sons. The sons are Walter and Robert, of Manassas, John, of Richmond, Eppa, of Washington, and William, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and the daughter, Mrs. Belle Halpenny, of Washington.

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## **August 6, 1915**

**No reports of death found.**

## **August 13, 1915**

**Gossom, John C.**

### **CRUSHED UNDER MACHINE**

#### **John C. Gossom, a Native of Prince William, Killed At Lynchburg.**

Death came on Tuesday [*August 10, 1915*] to John C. Gossom, a native of Prince William, who, for several years, has been employed at Lynchburg. Mr. Gossom, a machinist in the employ of the Bonsack machine Company, of Lynchburg, was fatally injured when a 2,000 pound grinding machine, which was being unloaded, fell from a pulley and pinned him against a brick wall. He was rushed to St. Andrew's Hospital where he died a few minutes after arrival.

The remains were shipped to Haymarket and the funeral services were held at Antioch Baptist church yesterday about noon. The pallbearers at the funeral were the four brothers of the deceased, a nephew, Mr. Will Gossom, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Sydney Clarke, of Indian Head, Md.

Mr. Gossom, who was well known throughout the county, was 41 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and small child. His mother, Mrs. Mary Gossom, of near Antioch, four brothers and one sister survive the deceased. The brothers, Messrs. R. B., Frank, Allie and William, all live in the Waterfall neighborhood. His sister, Mrs. Sydney Clarke, resides at Indian Head, Md.

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**Graham, John R.**

#### **Death of John R. Graham.**

On Wednesday morning, August 4, [*1915*] about 8 o'clock, John R. Graham, a highly respected citizen of Prince William who lived near Beverly Mills, Fauquier county, was found dead in the hall leading to his bed room. His death is supposed to have occurred about 8 o'clock the evening before, for he was found dressed for bed, the linen of which remained untouched. It is believed that death was due to paralysis of the brain.

Mr. Graham, who was 72 years of age at the time of his death, was well known in the Thoroughfare neighborhood where he had many warm friends who regret his death. He is survived by four children: Mrs. J. J. Utterback, Manassas; Mrs. J. R. Powell, Buckhall; Mr. R. B. Graham, Thoroughfare, and another daughter of Waterfall.

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**Burke, Martha Jefferson Trist**

Mrs. Martha Jefferson Trist Burke, widow of John W. Burke, and great granddaughter of Thos. Jefferson, died Sunday at her home, 203 Wilkes street, Alexandria. Mrs. Burke was born in Monticello, two months before Jefferson died, on May 3, 1826.

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## **August 20, 1915**

**Arthur, Ida Cornelia**

**Death of Mrs. Ida C. Arthur.**

Mrs. Ida Cornelia Arthur, mother of Rev. Philip A. Arthur, assistant rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Richmond, and a former rector of Trinity P. E. Church, Manassas, died at 11:10 o'clock Wednesday [August 11, 1915] night at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond.

The death of Mrs. Arthur, who lived in Manassas while Rev. Arthur had charge of Dettingen parish, is a great surprise to her former friends, many of whom did not know of her late illness. Mrs. Arthur was the daughter of the late Miles P. Phillips and resided in Richmond the greater part of her life.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and interment will be in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond.

The sympathy of Rev. Arthur's former parishioners is extended him in his hour of bereavement.

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## **August 27, 1915**

**Gaskins, Lake**

**KILLED NEAR COAL BIN**

**Lake Gaskins, Colored, Killed Sunday While Working on Freight Car.**

Lake Gaskins, (colored) 21 years old, son of Ben and Susanna Gaskins, was instantly killed Sunday [August 22, 1915] afternoon about 12:30 as he was working on a freight car near the coal bin. Young Gaskins, who was frequently employed by Mr. E. R.

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Conner, was given employment on Sunday by Mr. J. B. Trimmer, who carried him to some coal cars near the coal bin upon which work was to be done.

From accounts of the accident he was working beneath one of the cars when a backing freight bumped into the idle cars. It is supposed that he attempted to crawl out and in so doing met his death. The corpse was horribly mangled, the head being completely severed from the trunk, as was one of the arms and the fingers on the other hand. From the position in which his body was found it looked as though he was part the way out when a wheel passed over him.

A coroner's jury, which met upon the scene of the accident immediately after it happened, heard what evidence could be obtained and adjourned until tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon before rendering a verdict. It seems, however, that no flag was out as we understand is the rule among the employees of the rail roads when work is being done on idle cars. It was claimed that Gaskins was told to look out as the backing train was seen to be approaching, but whether this warning was given soon enough is not known.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon and interment was in the colored cemetery. Besides his parents the deceased is survived by three sisters and two brothers.  
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**Simmons, Charles Edwin**

**A SUDDEN DEATH SUNDAY**

**Rev. Simmons Fatally Stricken With Acute Indigestion After Conducting Services.**

Rev. Charles Edwin Simmons, a retired Methodist minister, who had lived on the edge of Manassas for about two years, was suddenly stricken with an attack of acute indigestion on Sunday [August 22, 1915] afternoon from which he died before medical assistance could be obtained. Rev. Simmons, who had been feeling badly for a few days, conducted the morning services at Asbury Methodist church, after which he went home and ate a simple meal. Shortly after the meal he was taken suddenly ill and soon passed away.

Rev. Simmons, the son of Charles Simmons and Mary Paddy, was born in Maryland on Nov. 20, 1852. In early manhood he entered the Methodist ministry and was a member of the Baltimore conference from 1874 until the time of his death. He was a man of retiring nature but of a pleasing personality and had a host of friends in Maryland and Virginia. During the short while he lived at Manassas he made many warm friends who were greatly shocked and grieved upon receiving news of his death.

Rev. Simmons is survived by his wife, two sons, Prof. J. P. Simmons, of Austin, Tex., and Clyde E. Simmons, of Manassas, and two daughters, Mrs. R. B. Pugh, of Morris, Okla., and Mrs. E. R. Hall, of Morrisville, Va. One brother, William, resides in Baltimore, another brother, Robert, and three sisters live in Anne Arundel county, Md., and another sister has her home in Florida.

**Simmons, Charles Edwin (Cont.)**

The funeral was conducted at Grace M. E. church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and was in charge of the Masons, the presiding elder, Rev. D. H. Kern, officiating. The remains were shipped to Baltimore, where interment was made in Mount Olivet cemetery yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

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**Miller, Margaret Louise**

Margaret Louise, the twenty-one months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller, who reside on Church street, died early yesterday [August 26, 1915] morning. The funeral will be held to-day and interment will be in the Manassas cemetery.

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**Oliver, Lewis A, Mrs.**

From the Herndon Observer we learn of the death on Wednesday night, Aug. 18, [1915] of Mrs. Lewis A. Oliver at her home at Kenmore, Fairfax county, after an hour's illness of acute indigestion. Mrs. Oliver, who was in her 69<sup>th</sup> year, is survived by two sons, Walter Tansill Oliver, of Fairfax, and John Oliver, of Kenmore, and one daughter, Mrs. Susie Demery. The funeral took place Saturday morning, Elder Dalton, of the Primitive Baptist church, officiating. Mrs. Oliver was a native of prince William but removed to Fairfax many years ago.

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## **September 3, 1915**

**Redmond, Tillman**

TILLMAN REDMOND DEAD

**A Native of Fauquier, Mr. Redmond Resided Near Manassas—Died Last Friday Night.**

Tillman Redmond, who was 83 years old on August 3, of this year, died last Friday [August 27, 1915] at 10:15 p. m., at his home near Milford Mill. Mr. Redmond had been in poor health for some time and shortly before his death contracted a case of pneumonia which proved fatal.

**Redmond, Tillman (Cont.)**

Mr. Redmond was born in Fauquier county and moved to Prince William about six years ago. Since his moving to Prince William he has resided near Manassas. The deceased, who was a member of the Baptist church from early manhood, had many friends who with his family mourn his death greatly.

Surviving Mr. Redmond is his wife, Mary, a son, Welby J., and a daughter, Mrs. Emma Scott, of Alberton, Md. The funeral services were held at Marshall on Monday, Dr. H. L. Quarles, of Manassas, officiating, and interment was made at that place.  
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**Reid, Catherine**

**Ira C. Reid's Mother Dead**

Mrs. Catherine Reid, 84 years of age, died at her home near Hoadley on Sunday [August 29, 1915]. Mrs. Reid, widow of Reuben C. Reid, was a native of Fairfax county but had lived in Prince William for fifty years. Her death was due to old age.

The deceased is survived by four sons, Messrs. Ira C., of Manassas, Halsey and Hezekiah, of Hoadley, and James S. of Washington, and two daughters, Mrs. William Staples, of Rockville, and Mrs. Richard Fairfax, of Washington.

Burial services were held at Bacon Race church, of which Mrs. Reid was a member, on Monday and interment was made in the cemetery there.  
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**Bailey, Samuel**

**DEATH OF SAMUEL BAILEY**

**Victim of Bright's Disease Well Known Resident of Nokesville Neighborhood.**

Wednesday [September 1, 1915] morning Mr. Samuel Bailey, of Nokesville, passed away. For some time he had been a sufferer of Bright's disease which has now claimed him a victim. Mr. Bailey, who was 68 years of age at the time of his death, was a member of the United Brethren church and was well known in the Nokesville neighborhood. His death is greatly mourned by a host of relatives and friends.

Surviving Mr. Bailey is his wife, two sons, three daughters, two brothers and five sisters. The sons are Messrs. Joseph and Paul; the daughters, Mrs. Lillian Rector, of Warrenton; Mrs. Mary Bailey, of Washington, and Mrs. Hattie Kicherer, of Alexandria. The two brothers who survive the deceased are Messrs. James, of Ohio, and Wellington, of Bristow and Nokesville, and the five sisters are Mesdames Jennie Kicherer, of Alexandria; Katie Cole and Annie Brown, of West Virginia; A. N. King, of Nokesville, and Jennie Bailey, of Alexandria.

**Bailey, Samuel (Cont.)**

Funeral services were conducted at Oakdale church yesterday at 11 a. m., the Rev. J. W. Brill officiating, and interment was made in the cemetery there.  
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**Mosby, John S., Jr.**

John S. Mosby, jr., son of Col. Mosby, died last week at the new Emergency hospital, Washington, where he had been confined for nearly a month following an operation for an affection of the throat. Mr. Mosby was 51 years old. Mr. Mosby was born at Warrenton, Va., in December, 1863. He was a lawyer by profession and lately had been a journalist.

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## **September 10, 1915**

**Ellis, Charles U.**

**PASSES AWAY ON TUESDAY**

**Charles U. Ellis, of Near Greenwich, Undergoes Fatal Operation in Washington**

The Greenwich neighborhood and all upper Prince William was shocked the first of the week when it heard of the death of one of Prince William's prominent citizens, Mr. Charles U. Ellis, which occurred Tuesday [September 7, 1915] afternoon at 4 o'clock at Georgetown University hospital, Washington. Mr. Ellis, who was successfully operated on two years ago, felt a reoccurrence of his ailment, cancer of the stomach, in February of this year but delayed returning to the hospital until Monday of this week. His condition was so bad at the time that he died immediately after the operation.

The deceased, who was born and has lived all his life in the neighborhood of Greenwich, was 64 years of age at the time of his death. He was the eldest son of William H. and Amanda T. Ellis. He engaged in farming all his life and in the work was very successful. Mr. Ellis was a member of the Presbyterian church and took part in community activities.

Mr. Ellis is survived by five brothers, Messrs. John, James, Oscar and William, of Greenwich, and Robert, of Warrenton, and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Cockerille, of Greenwich.

Funeral services, which were largely attended by his many friends, were conducted at the Presbyterian church at Greenwich yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. J. R. Cooke, Presbyterian pastor, officiating. Interment was made in the church

**Ellis, Charles U. (Cont.)**

cemetery. The decedent's five nephews and a cousin, Messrs. M. M., J. W. and R. L. Ellis, D. H. and J. F. Cockerille and J. L. Mayhugh, were the pallbearers.  
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**Alexander, Gross**

Dr. Gross Alexander, sixty-three, editor of the Methodist Review, and book editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died on Monday [September 6, 1915] afternoon at Long Beach, Cal., of apoplexy.  
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**Bettis, Laura**

Mrs. Laura Bettis, age 75, died on Sunday [September 5, 1915] morning at her home near Hoadley. We were unable to obtain particulars owing to the poor phone service.  
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**Howell, John C.**

Mr. John C. Howell, a well-known citizen and business man of Thoroughfare, died on Monday morning, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, [1915] at his home in Thoroughfare, after a long illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Howell, who was 63 years of age at the time of his death, was a member of holy Trinity church. The deceased is survived by his wife, two brothers of Richmond, and one niece, Mrs. B. F. Jenkins, of Thoroughfare. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's church, Haymarket, the Rev. Robb White officiating, and interment was made in the cemetery there.  
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## September 17, 1915

**Holtzman, John A.**

DEATH OF J. A. HOLTZMAN

**Brother of Mrs. T. D. D. Clark Died at Home in Culpeper Last Friday—Aged 77.**

Mr. John A. Holtzman, brother of A. T. Holtzman, of Washington, and Mrs. T. D. D. Clark, of Manassas, died last Friday [*September 10, 1915*] night at his home in Culpeper. He was buried at Jeffersonton, Va., on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Chas. Clement, his pastor, conducting the service.

Mr. Holtzman is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence Holtzman, and five grown children by a former marriage. He was born at Rock mills, Rappahannock county, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1838, and was the oldest son of Rev. Thomas Holtzman and Margaret Withers. He was a Confederate soldier and served with the Little Fork Rangers, 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.

After the war he settled in Jeffersonton, Culpeper county, where for some years he taught school. Later he became county surveyor, and finally, for a long term of years, was deputy treasurer. He moved to Culpeper about 8 years ago. He was a member of the Jeffersonton Baptist church for nearly 46 years, and clerk of the Shiloh Association about 25 years. His death is deeply deplored by all who knew him.

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**Fisher, Benjamin Franklin**

General Benjamin Franklin Fisher, chief signal officer of the United States army during the Civil war, died last Friday [*September 10, 1915*] on his farm overlooking Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge. He was 81 years old. He was the last survivor of the nineteen Union soldiers who tunneled their way out of Libby Prison and made their way back to their own lines, after great hardship.

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**Botts, Sophia**

Mrs. Sophia Botts, a daughter of John Haislip, died last Friday [*September 10, 1915*] night at her home near Occoquan. Funeral services were held at her late home on Sunday morning and interment was made in Bethel Cemetery.

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**Griffith, Eugenia Frances**

Little Eugenia Frances Griffith, the five-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Griffith, of near Manassas, died early Monday [*September 13, 1915*] afternoon and interment was in the old Hornbaker burying ground at Limstrong.  
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**Davis, Frank, Mrs.**

Mrs. Frank Davis, of Washington, a former hotel-keeper of Manassas, and well-known in this vicinity, died at Providence Hospital, Washington, Sunday [*September 12, 1915*] evening at 7:10 o'clock. Mrs. Davis had been ill all the summer and towards the last no hopes of her recovery were held out. She leaves two daughters, Mesdames Clara Johnson and Lillian Tate, both of Washington.  
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**Sayres, Frank**

Mr. Frank Sayres, an old and well-known inhabitant of Prince William, and for a number of years a citizen of Manassas, died Tuesday [*September 14, 1915*] night at 10 o'clock near Buckhall. Mr. Sayres was ill for quite a while before his death. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and interment was made near Buckhall. The deceased, who was a Confederate veteran, leaves a brother, Newton Sayres, of Aden, one son, Newton, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Crouch, of Buckhall.  
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## **September 24, 1915**

**Hooff, Ann Amelia**

DEATH OF MRS. HOOFF

Mrs. Ann Amelia Hooff, aged 82, died on Tuesday [*September 21, 1915*] at her home in Charlestown, W. Va. Mrs. Hooff, widow of James Lawrence Hooff, had been in poor health for several months but of late had apparently improved. She failed rapidly a few days before her death which was not unexpected.

The decedent was before her marriage a Miss Beckham, daughter of Fontaine Beckham, who was mayor of harpers Ferry during John Brown's raid and who was killed

**Hooff, Ann Amelia (Cont.)**

at the time. She was well-known in Manassas where she had visited many times and her score of friends in this community were deeply distressed upon learning of her death.

Surviving Mrs. Hooff are five sons, Messrs. George B., Fontaine B. and Washington H., of Charlestown; James Law, of Altoona, Pa., and Allison A., of Manassas, and one daughter, Mrs. William H. Brown, of Manassas.

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**Nelson, Charles**

Charles Nelson, 82 years of age, died at his home, Fort Scott, Kansas, on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> [1915]. Mr. Nelson, who was born at "Grinstead," the old Nelson homestead, in Prince William, was a brother of the late Capt. Edwin Nelson, of Manassas. The decedent is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters.

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**Kincheloe, Will**

Mr. Will Kincheloe, of Clifton, died there Saturday [September 18, 1915] night after a short illness. Mr. Kincheloe, who was about thirty years of age, was a brother of the late J. G. Kincheloe, of Manassas. He is survived by his mother, one brother, George, and two sisters, Miss Irene Kincheloe and Mrs. Casada, all of Fairfax county. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon and interment was made near Clifton.

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**Smith, Sarah E.**

**Passed to Her Reward.**

"And I heard a voice out of heaven saying, write, happy are the dead who died in the Lord, henceforth; yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors for their works do follow with them."—Rev. 13:14.

When we read these words from heaven and the "yea" of the holy Spirit, can we doubt the happiness of our loved ones who have passed on before us to that home of the soul which Jesus said he was going to prepare?

Among God's jewels recently taken from the earth, was Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, the beloved mother of Mrs. Helen Glascock and her sister, Mary, and the beloved sister of Mr. Ludwell Lake, of Remington, and Dr. I. B. Lake, of Upperville.

Her death occurred on August 23 in her home, near Marshall, Fauquier county. This servant of God had been permitted to pass eighty-three years of her life here before

**Smith, Sarah E. (Cont.)**

being called home. When she was twenty-nine years old, fifty-four years ago, she united with the Longbranch Baptist church and was baptized by Dr. W. T. Broaddus.

She was a most lovable Christian, gentle, considerate of others, and so willing to talk of Jesus and His love. Her church has lost one of its oldest members, her family a loving mother and the community a kind friend, but what a comfort to those who are left to be assured that she, who has passed from their sight, is safe in the arms of Jesus. How rich the heritage of a holy life she leaves to her loved ones.

Her last illness was borne with Christian fortitude and when her end came, she calmly resigned her spirit into the hands of her Redeemer, whom she had loved and served so long.

The last wish of our Saviour for his own was that they might be with Him to behold His glory. For sister Smith we believe this wish has been realized and she is now with Jesus.

C. W. B.

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## **October 1, 1915**

**Catherine, Sister**

Sister Catherine died from tuberculosis last Saturday [*September 25, 1915*] night at St. Edith's Academy. Funeral services were held the first of the week at the academy and interment was made in the cemetery there.

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**Stallings, Bessie**

Mrs. Bessie Stallings, wife of Mr. J. R. Stallings, assistant cashier of the Oswego State Bank, Oswego, Kansas, died at a hospital in that town Tuesday, September 21st [*1915*]. Mrs. Stallings underwent an operation for a few weeks previous to her death for injuries to her side sustained as a young girl. The operation was thought to be successful until peritonitis set in. The deceased, who is survived by her husband, two children, aged five years and seventeen months respectively, father and mother and two sisters, was born in Bristow, Va., January 17, 1885, and moved with her parents to Broken Arrow, Okla., in 1904. She was a woman of lovely Christian character and will be well remembered by many of the residents of the Bristow neighborhood who will be shocked to learn of her death.

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## **October 8, 1915**

**Chapman, Philip Pendleton**

P. P. CHAPMAN SUCCUMBS

**Well-Known Resident of Town and Native of County Passes Away Sunday Morning.**

After a great fight for life since last Friday morning when he was expected to pass away at any moment, due to the rapid succession in which he had suffered four hemorrhages of the lungs, Philip Pendleton Chapman succumbed at his home on West street Sunday [October 3, 1915] morning. Mr. Chapman, who was born in Prince William on September 3, 1860, had for many years been a sufferer from tuberculosis.

Mr. Chapman lived in Manassas for about thirty years, where he served for a long time as agent for the Southern Express Company. For two years, beginning with 1911, Mr. Chapman served as Mayor of Manassas, during which time the town enjoyed a good administration. He was a member of Bull Run Council, Order Fraternal Americans, having joined the same during the first year of its formation.

In June, 1887, Mr. Chapman was married to Miss Eva Peake and from this union three daughters survive, Misses Faith Pendleton and Mary Lee Chapman, of Manassas, and Mrs. N. L. Turner, jr., of The Plains. After the death of his first wife in February, 1897, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Ella Weir in March, 1899, by whom he is survived.

The decedent also leaves his mother, Mrs. Martha Chapman, of Roanoke; two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Weedon, of Roanoke, and Mrs. George Payne, of Newport News, and a brother, Mr. W. J. Chapman, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, of Spartansburg, S. C., officiating. Rev. J. F. Burks, the pastor, assisted in the services. The pallbearers were Messrs. James E. Nelson, Albert Speiden, W. C. Wagener, Dr. J. M. Lewis and F. E. Morris, of Manassas, and Mr. Walter Shannon, of Norfolk. The funeral and burial services were largely attended by many friends and relatives. Interment was made in Manassas cemetery.

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**Randall, Infant**

The infant daughter (about six months of age) of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Randall, who live near the old stove factory, died the first of the week. Funeral services were held on Monday and interment was made at Buckhall.

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**Mentzer, H. C.**

Mr. H. C. Mentzer, forty-eight years of age, a native of Ohio, who has lived in Virginia for the past eighteen years, dropped dead on the farm of employers, Mr. H. A. Myers, at Clifton, on Sunday [October 3, 1915]. His wife died about a month ago. The deceased is survived by four daughters and one son.

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**Thomson, Edward**

From the Orange Review we learn that Mr. Edward Thomson, son of Mr. E. S. Thomson, of Durham, N. C., and Manassas, died very suddenly at Clinton, J. C., on September 24th [1915]. Mr. Thomson, who was thirty-two years old, was taken suddenly ill and passed away shortly afterward. Interment was made in the old family burying ground near Orange. The decedent is survived by his father, step-mother and brother.

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**Craven, George T.**

Geo. T. Craven, 48 years old, a ship carpenter and a life-long resident of Alexandria, was found dead Sunday [October 3, 1915] morning on the streets of Alexandria. His head was lying in a pool of blood which had come from a cut over the left temple. Craven and four young men, all of whom had been drinking, met early Sunday morning and, after some words, one of the quartette pushed or struck Craven, he fell, striking his temple, which caused his death. The four men are held for the action of the court. Craven leaves a widow and five children.

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## October 15, 1915

**Thomasson, Bessie**

MRS. J. C. THOMASSON DEAD

**Daughter of Mr. John Hedrick Died at Baltimore Home Last Friday--Left 7 Children.**

Friday [October 8, 1915] night last at her home in Baltimore, Mrs. J. C. Thomasson passed away after an illness of two weeks. Her death was due to a complicated kidney trouble, which she had not suffered from until taken fatally ill two weeks prior to her death.

Mrs. Thomasson, who, before her marriage, was Miss Bessie Hedrick, was 39 years of age at the time of her death. About 20 years ago, she was married to Mr. J. C. Thomasson, brother of Mr. W. T. Thomasson, of near Manassas. From this union survive seven children, four boys and three girls. The oldest child is seventeen and the youngest five years old.

The decedent, in addition to her husband and seven children, is survived by her father, Mr. John Hedrick, of Nokesville; five sisters, Mesdames Dan Baker and Joseph Manuel, of Nokesville; Mrs. A. D. Thomasson, of Clifton, and Miss Sallie Hedrick, of Nokesville, and four brothers, Messrs. Earl and Will, of Washington; Ray, of Alexandria, and Owen, of Catlett.

Mrs. Thomasson was a member of the Church of the Brethren and well-known in the Nokesville neighborhood. The funeral, which was held at Valley View church on Monday at 1 p. m., was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. M. G. Early and interment was made in the church cemetery.

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**Barbour, Eliza Overton**

**Mrs. Aubrey Barbour Dead.**

Mrs. Margaret Barbour, through a telegram from her stepson, Mr. Clement Aubrey Barbour, a prominent lawyer of Newport, Ky., has received word of the death of his wife, which occurred Monday [October 11, 1915] morning in a Cincinnati hospital. Mrs. Barbour's death came following an operation for appendicitis.

The deceased was before her marriage Miss Eliza Overton Reed, of Louisville, Ky., a member of the well-known Reed and Overton families of Kentucky and Virginia. She was about thirty-seven years old and is survived by her husband and two sisters, Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Bellevue, Ky., and Miss Jane Reed, of Newport, Ky.

Aubrey Barbour will be remembered here as the boy orator of a few decades ago. He was the son of Dr. C. C. Barbour, his mother being a sister of Judge C. E. Nicol.

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**Ewell, John S.**

DEATH OF JOHN S. EWELL

**Well-Known Citizen of Hickory Grove Neighborhood Dies Following Operation.**

Death came to John S. Ewell, jr., forty[three years old, a farmer of the Hickory Grove neighborhood, on Wednesday *[October 13, 1915]* at the George Washington University hospital, Washington, where he was operated on last Saturday for appendicitis. His death came as a great shock to his many relatives and friends of upper Prince William where he was well-known and highly respected.

Mr. Ewell leaves his father, John S. Ewell; three brothers, Dr. Jesse Ewell, of Ruckersville, Greene county; Albert Ewell, of Colorado, and Tyler Ewell, of Washington; seven sisters, Mrs. Edward Wilson, of Montana, Miss Charlotte Ewell, of Baltimore, and Misses Mary, Alice Maude, Nellie, Jennie and Mildred Ewell, of the Hickory Grove neighborhood.

The funeral was held at 11 o'clock this morning at "Edgehill," the home of the deceased, the Rev. Rob White, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Haymarket, officiating. Interment was made at the family burying ground.

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## **October 22, 1915**

**Ashton, Ann Amanda**

**Allen Green's Aunt Dead.**

Mrs. Ann Amanda Ashton, widow of the late Dr. Lawrence D. Ashton, and aunt of Mr. Allen Green, of Nokesville, died suddenly of heart failure at her home in Dallas, Texas, last Saturday *[October 9, 1915]* morning, at the age of 70 years.

The deceased was Miss Ann Amanda Green, daughter of the late Duff Green, of Rappahannock county, and later of Falmouth, Va. About 35 years ago, she married Dr. Lawrence D. Ashton, of King George. After practicing medicine in Virginia for some years, Dr. Ashton went to Dallas, Texas, where he became prominent in his profession. He died several years ago. The only surviving member of Mrs. Ashton's immediate family is Miss Elvira Green, of Fredericksburg.

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**McGill, J. Nota**

DEATH OF J. NOTA MCGILL

**Prominent Attorney of Washington Succumbs Saturday at Asheville, N. C.**

The death of J. Nota McGill, of Washington, in Asheville, N. C., on Saturday [October 9, 1915] last was the occasion of profound sorrow to hosts of friends, especially to the residents of Prince William county, among whom his mother's family has resided for the past five years.

The old adage--"Death loves a shinning mark"--may well be used in reference to the untimely ending of this young man whose life was replete with the "good deeds that live after," whose gracious and kindly bearing won for him friends in every walk of life and whose mental attainments early acquired the success he obtained in the practice of his profession.

Graduating from the Georgetown School of Law when only nineteen years of age, he was admitted to the bar on his twenty-first birthday. With patent law as his specialty, Mr. McGill rose rapidly to the foremost ranks of his profession.

He was made Register of Wills for the District of Columbia when only twenty-seven years of age--the youngest man in the United States ever appointed to that office.

At the time of his death, he was vice-president of the Patent Law Branch of the American Bar Association, vice-president of the union Trust Company of Washington, president of the Colored Girls' Industrial School (a post held by him through four administrations), and prominently identified with several other civic and charitable organizations.

He held the chair of professor of patent law in the Georgetown School of Law. As evidence of the esteem entertained for him by the District Bar Association, all the courts of the District were closed on Monday last, and a committee appointed from the District Bar Association to attend the funeral which took place from St. Matthew's church on Tuesday.

Mr. McGill was a member of the metropolitan, the Cosmos and the Chevy Chase clubs of Washington, and prominently identified with the reform Club of New York.

He was married in September, 1897, at Larchmont Manor, N. Y., to Frances Maloy, of Morris Plains, N. J. He is survived by his wife and two young daughters, Miriam and Allen. His mother and two sisters, Inno and Lorette, reside near Haymarket, Va., and his only brother, Grafton L. McGill, is a resident of new York City and is engaged in the practice of patent law.

Profound sympathy is entertained for them in their bereavement.  
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## **October 29, 1915**

### **Ketcham, Ensign**

#### **ENSIGN KETCHAM DEAD**

#### **Former Resident of Manassas Passed Away Last Saturday.**

When we learn of the passing away of those with whom we associated in our younger days, there is always a pang of sorrow and also a reminder that we too are facing the western sun. It is with this feeling we chronicle the death of a long time resident of Manassas. The family came early to Virginia and located on a farm a few miles below town.

Ensign Ketcham, 70 years old, died October 23rd [1915], at the home of his daughter in White Lake, N. Y., after a linger illness of many months. He was an industrious, upright young man, respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and so continued to the end of life. His first wife died several years ago. He is survived by a second wife, two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Davis, of Clarendon, Va., and Mrs. Emma Loveland, of Pittston, Pa., and a brother, Mr. Theo. Ketcham, of Capitol Heights, Md.

"Passed out but not forever from our hearts,  
Already there a flower of memory starts,  
That holds as sweet and clear as memory can,  
Your golden record as a friend and man."  
E. D. Day.

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### **Hanback, Infant**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanback, who reside near Buckhall, died after a week's illness last Sunday [October 17, 1915] night with brain fever. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon and interment was in Manassas cemetery.  
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### **Hudson, F. M.**

Mr. F. M. Hudson, 59n years of age, a brother-in-law of Mr. J. B. McDonald, a local groceryman, died at his home at Lignum, Culpeper county, on Wednesday [October 20, 1915] of last week. His death came after a stroke of paralysis. He leaves a wife, three sons and one daughter.  
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## **November 5, 1915**

### **Marstellar, S. A.**

#### **S. A. MARSTELLAR DEAD**

#### **Native and Lifelong Citizen of County Succumbs to Heart Disease Wednesday.**

About 7 o'clock Wednesday [*November 3, 1915*] morning death claimed S. A. Marstellar, a well-known resident of the Nokesville neighborhood. Mr. Marstellar had been in failing health for the last year or two, but was not stricken fatally with heart trouble and paralysis until the first of the week.

The deceased was a native of the county and had resided near Nokesville all his life. He was sixty-three years of age at the time of his death. Mr. Marstellar is survived by a brother, L. A. Marstellar, of Warrenton; a sister, Mrs. Cora Milburn, of Vienna, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Cockrell, of Washington, and Mrs. C. K. Bodine, of Nokesville; two sons, Eugene N., of Nokesville, and I. M., of Alexandria.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Anne's, Nokesville, this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and the remains will be brought to Manassas where interment will be made in Manassas cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. F. Burks.

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### **Moore, John C.**

Colonel John C. Moore, eighty-four, Confederate veteran, pioneer newspaper editor, and first Mayor of Denver, Col., died at Excelsior Springs, Mo., last week. Colonel Moore was the first editor and one of the founders of the old Kansas City Times. He went to Colorado in 1857, and founded the Denver Mountaineer.

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### **Harman, Daughter**

A colored child nearly two years old, daughter of a couple named Harman, living a short distance south of Nokesville, was struck by a northbound train Sunday [*October 31, 1915*] afternoon and instantly killed. It is reported that the child was left at home by its mother and wandered on the track.

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**Mount, Emily**

Mrs. Emily Mount, a highly respected lady of Broad Run, died at that place on Sunday [October 31, 1915] at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Funeral services were held at her late residence on Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the Little Georgetown cemetery. Mrs. Mount was formerly a resident of Thoroughfare and well known in this community. Among those attending the funeral was Mr. E. R. Rector, of this place.

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**November 12, 1915**

**Thompson, Magnus Mrs.**

A few hours after she had celebrated the golden anniversary of her wedding, Mrs. Magnus Thompson, aged 71, a leader in Southern social life in Washington and a native of Virginia, died shortly after midnight Monday [November 8, 1915].

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**Colbert, Infant**

The four-months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Colbert, of Washington, died last Friday [November 5, 1915] and was buried at Hamilton Sunday.

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**Cook, Carrie Susan**

Carrie Susan Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cook, of Nokesville, died of diphtheria on Tuesday [November 9, 1915]. The little girl was one year and nine months old. Funeral services were held at Valley View Church yesterday.

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**Hanback, Davis Tomas**

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving remembrance of Davis Tomas Hanback who departed this life Sunday night, October 24, 1915. He has gone to that sweet heavenly home to live with Jesus.

The little carriage is empty now,  
The little clothes laid by;  
A mother's hope, a father's joy,  
In death's cold arms doth lie.

Go little pilgrim to thy home,  
On yonders blissful shore;  
We miss thee here, but soon will come  
Where thou hast gone before.

Davis, oh! darling little treasure,  
Ushered from our arms so soon;  
Too pure a bud for this world,  
He has gone to heaven to bloom.

Gone is all sunshine from our hearts,  
Dark and empty is our home,  
Another angel has joined that band,  
That sings so softly round the throne.

Here with friends you could not stay,  
To that heavenly home you've gone,  
To live with Jesus for evermore--  
Care and suffering are there unknown.

How we miss little Davis,  
In our sad and desolate home;  
Nevermore to see those lovely eyes,  
See no more on earth thy form.

By a Friend

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## **November 19, 1915**

### **McMichael, Money**

Money McMichael, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing McMichael, of Nokesville, died last Friday [*November 12, 1915*] from an attack of diphtheria. Funeral services were held at Greenwich on Saturday.

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## **November 26, 1915**

### **Gregory, John Ralph**

**RALPH GREGORY IS DEAD**

**Eldest Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gregory Died Sunday—Funeral Held on Tuesday.**

A very sad death was that of John Ralph Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gregory, which occurred at 6:12 o'clock Sunday [*November 21, 1915*] afternoon at the Gregory home on Main street. Twenty-three years and eighteen days old, this young man, right on the threshold of a life of usefulness, was stricken down with that dread disease, tuberculosis. For more than a year Mr. Gregory has been ill but only in the last few months has he been confined to his bed. On Sunday he suddenly grew worse and in a little while passed away.

The deceased was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory. He was born in Shenandoah county and came with his parents to Manassas about nine years ago, where he resided most of the time since. His death was a shock to his many friends of the community. Mr. Gregory is survived by his father and mother, five brothers, Lawrence, Jesse, Warren, Roy and Julian, and one sister, Edith.

The funeral party consisting of Mr. J. C. Gregory, two sons, Lawrence and Jesse, and sister, Miss Maggie Gregory, of Riverton, left on No. 49 Tuesday morning for Stephens City, Frederick county, where the funeral was held at 2:30 p. m., that day, the Rev. H. B. Cline, officiating. Dr. H. L. Quarles conducted a brief service at the home before the remains were carried to the depot. Local pallbearers who escorted the remains from the home to the train were Messrs. H. D. Wenrich, J. H. Burke, E. H. Hibbs, L. E. Beachley, W. F. Hibbs and W. E. McCoy.

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**Teates, Jesse W.**

J. W. TEATES DIES TODAY

**Formerly Employed By Southern Railway as Ticket Agent Here.**

Mr. F. E. Ransdell was notified by wire this morning of the death of his son-in-law, Jesse W. Teates, which occurred early today [November 26, 1915] at Bealeton. He was about thirty-three years old.

Mr. Teates came here several years ago from his home at Bealeton. He was employed by the Southern railway as ticket agent at Manassas, which position he held until ill health made necessary his resignation some months ago. He was a member of Manasseh Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was also identified with the old Manassas band and the fire department.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Louise Ransdell, eldest daughter of Mr. F. E. Ransdell; his fifteen-month-old son, Robert Ransdell Teates; his mother, Mrs. Teates, of Bealeton; six brothers and three sisters.

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**Brown, Bessie**

**Herndon, Booten**

Mrs. Bessie Brown, wife of L. A. Brown, a druggist of Charlottesville, and Booten Herndon, of Barboursville, Orange county, were struck by a Southern Railway fast train late Friday [November 19, 1915] night at Barboursville and Instantly killed.

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**Leschetitzky, Theodor**

Theodor Leschetitzky, the famous teacher of the piano, is dead at the age of eighty-five. He lived for many years at Vienna, but more recently at a village near Dresden. He was the principal master of Paderewski.

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**Burwell, Lewis**

Word has been received here by telegram of the death of Mr. Lewis Burwell, a former resident, which occurred several days ago at Manatee, Fla. Interment probably will be made in Clarke county.

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## **December 3, 1915**

**Berkeley, Edmund**

EDMUND BERKELEY DEAD

**Well-known Nonagenarian Succumbed Wednesday—Was in Pickett's Charge.**

One of prince William's oldest citizens in the person of Colonel Edmund Berkeley, ranking survivor of Pickett's famous charge at Gettysburg, passed away at his home, "Evergreen," near Haymarket, on Wednesday [*December 1, 1915*] morning after suffering a stroke of paralysis. Born on February 29, 1824, at Aldie, Loudoun county, Colonel Berkeley was 91 years of age at the time of his death. He has only been able to celebrate twenty-one birthdays, however. Had he lived to February 29<sup>th</sup> of next year he would have celebrated his twenty-second birthday.

When six months' old Colonel Berkeley was taken up in the arms of Marquis de Lafayette, who was then on his last visit to America. Later he was a playmate in the White House of Mary Donelson, a relative of President Andrew Jackson. Colonel Berkeley was perhaps the oldest living person bearing the distinction of having been entertained at the White House.

Cololel Berkeley attended William and Mary College and graduated with the degree of A. B. At the opening of the Civil War, he raised a company for the Eighth Virginia Regiment, of which General Eppa Hunton was then colonel. Gallant service was seen at the battle of Ball's Bluff where the regiment was sent into the woods as a cat's paw to locate the Union forces under Colonel Baker, a U. A. senator from Oregon, who organized what was then known as the California Regiment, and who was killed in this skirmish with about 1500 union men. Major Berkeley, as he then was, was wounded at Gettysburg near the stone wall where at the reunion fifty years later he shook hands with his Union comrades in perhaps the most striking feature of the Gettysburg celebration.

After Gettysburg, when Colonel Hunton was advanced to brigadier general, Major Berkeley became a lieutenant colonel. The Eighth Virginia Regiment then became known as the Berkeley Regiment for its ranking officers were Col. Edmund Berkeley and his three brothers, Col. Norborne Berkeley, Maj. William Berkeley, and Capt. Charles Berkeley.

Colonel Berkeley was of the sixth generation of Berkeleys of Middlesex county. The custom of naming the eldest son Edmund was kept up in the family or nine generations, with the exception of Rev. Alfred Rives Berkeley, of Philadelphia, who attended the funeral of the deceased.

Colonel Berkeley was the ranking Confederate veteran of Prince William. On all occasions when a representative of the "Lost Cause" was wanted Col. Berkeley was the one of all others to be desired. He took a great interest in the promotion of peace and most graciously and gladly participated in the Manassas National jubilee of Peach in 1911 and also in the dedication of a tablet commemorating this event in September of this year. Only recently Colonel Berkeley wrote a letter to the Times-Dispatch heartily

**Berkeley, Edmund (Cont.)**

endorsing the Peace Jubilee and what it stood for. The Journal copied this letter in its issue of November 5.

Surviving members of the family are his five daughters—Miss Lucy Berkeley, of “Evergreen;” Mrs. Richard Belches, of Haymarket; Mrs. A. B. Nance, Mrs. John McNeilly and Mrs. Feltus, all of Miss., and two sons—Lanier Berkeley, of “Evergreen,” and Capt. Douglas Berkeley, U. S. A., and several grandchildren.

The funeral services of the deceased were held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Haymarket, of which he was a member, yesterday morning about 11:30 o’clock, the Rev. Robb White officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the family plat in the church yard.

The pallbearers at the funeral were Messrs. John Hutchison, Geo. C. Round, Carl Clarkson, George Tyler, H. C. Dodge and William Berkeley. Among the Confederate veterans attending were Comrades Westwood Hutchison, A. H. Compton, Geo. H. Smith, John Hall, Jas. F. Gulick, Jno. White, Jas. Pickett, J. P. Smith, Robt. Cushing, Jas. E. Herrell, Edwin Carter and A. F. Rose, the last two named of Warrenton, and Louis Shumate, of Leesburg. Others attending the funeral from a distance, in addition to those named previously, were Mr. Francis F. Berkeley, of Red Hill, and Mrs. H. H. Williams, of Charlottesville, nephew and niece respectively of the deceased.

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**Berkeley, Edmund**

COLONEL EDMUND BERKELEY

In the death of that nonagenarian, Colonel Edmund Berkeley, on Wednesday [December 1, 1915] at "Evergreen," his home near Haymarket, the county loses one of its most unique and historic characters. After an extremely active four years in the service of the Confederate States of America, during which time he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and added to himself the distinction of having participated in Pickett's famous charge at Gettysburg, Colonel Berkeley settled down to the peaceful life of farming. His bigness of character was shown in the manner in which he dealt with the misfortunes and losses occasioned by the war. His it was not to rage vehemently against "those Yankees"; he had the largeness of spirit to accept conditions as he found them and endeavor to make the best of what he had. But at no time in his life was the beauty of his character brought out more forcibly than in his hearty participation in the Manassas National jubilee of Peace in 1911 and at the dedication of a tablet commemorating this event at Manassas on September 30th of this year. "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God."

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**Hooff, James Wallace**

James Wallace Hooff, a native and resident of Alexandria, died in that city Tuesday [November 30, 1915] in his ninety-first year. He was an elder brother of the late Chas. R. Hooff, president of the First National Bank of Alexandria for many years. The deceased was an employee of the government, having seen fifty-four years of continuous service in the War Department. He was also senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria.

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**Teates, Jesse W.**

The funeral of the late Jesse W. Teates, whose death was recorded in last week's Journal, was held at the home of his mother at Bealeton on Sunday. The service was in charge of the Rev. Dr. Kuhlmann, of Remington, assisted by Rev. E. A. Roads, of Manassas, pastor of the deceased. The funeral was conducted by about fifty Masons and was largely attended, many friends from Manassas being present. The remains were laid to rest in the Bealeton cemetery, after which many beautiful floral tributes were placed upon the grave.

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**Duty, Virginia**

**A TRIBUTE OF LOVE**

**Death of Miss Virginia Duty Removes Old Resident of County.**

The passing away of Miss Virginia Duty at Occoquan, Va., on Thursday morning, November 18th, removed from the community the eldest and one of the most beloved and highly esteemed citizens of the village, where she had lived for nearly eighty-five years, and where, from her earliest girlhood, she had wielded an unwavering and highly effectual influence for good.

Being of an excellent moral character, she devoutly embraced the Christian faith and was unceasing in her performance of its good works, as taught by Jesus Christ in His Holy Word.

Within her home circle, among her nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends, she will be sadly missed.

The deceased had lived all her life in the village of Occoquan, Va., where she was born and reared and where her ancestors lived for generations before. She was a sister of the sainted Mrs. Mary A. Selecman, widely known for her Christian grace and charity, and a twin sister of Capt. Henry F. Duty, whose memory will ever be revered for his deeds of valor. She was also a sister of the beloved James Duty. They were members of a family widely known for its Christian piety.

**Duty, Virginia (Cont.)**

Miss Virginia Duty made her home with her brother, the late Capt. Henry F. Duty, whose daughter, Miss Janie Duty, she reared from infancy and loved as her own child.

This consecrated Christian lady descended of the puritan faith, whose character embodied most unusual strength and tenderness, filled a place within her home and in the community which few but she could have filled.

Moral strength and tenderness, controlled by excellent judgment ere her strongest qualifications and these she daily exercised in the performance of duty, meekly and loyally serving her God and ministering unto her fellow creatures.

Her mission was to love and serve and to faithfully perform her duty as she saw it. Was there illness or death, she was there to minister and comfort—even when enfeebled by her eighty odd years of age.

There was no house too lowly for her to enter. Her Christian grace made no distinction of class, creed or color in the hour of sorrow. Yet, with unswerving loyalty to God, she whole-heartedly espoused the cause of good and censured wrong, irrespective of the wrong doer, for, with unpartial discrimination, her righteousness knew no compromise.

Miss Virginia Duty was the daughter of Jane Epps Duty and Davis Duty, son of Andrew Woodbury Duty and a great grandson of Asa Davis, whose family settled near Boston, Mass., as early as 1583, and who was a prominent representative of his state in 1777, 1779, 1793 and 1794, and from 1800 to 1808.

Asa Davis performed with distinction military service in the Revolutionary war, and was with Capt. Samuel Greely's company that marched at the time of the Lexington alarm April 19, 1776. He was in Capt. James Ford's company June and July, 1777, also in Lieutenant Brown's company to Saratoga September, 1777, at Burgoyne's surrender. The Asa Davis homestead is still standing in good condition and is occupied by members of his family.

Miss Virginia Duty's mother, Jane Epps Duty, was descended from the Dorrs, who were among the first English to settle in prince William county.

Jane Epps Duty's father, John I. Hedges, was a major in the American army in the War of 1812 against England.

Thus, embued by the traits of her ancestors and sustained by Christian grace, Miss Virginia Duty's beautiful character will ever be revered by those who knew and loved her.

For some time prior to her death, the deceased had been much enfeebled but seemed to suffer little in the end, but just passed away as the result of her feeble age.

Her funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bibings at the M. E. Church at Occoquan, Va., of which she had been a member since early girlhood. Her remains were laid to rest in the Meadow Cemetery beside her parents and brothers, amidst bowers of beautiful flowers which she loved so well.

She early espoused the cause of Christ and remained faithful unto the end.

“Her's is a starry crown! In the last day many will rise up and call her blessed!”  
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**Burpee, W. Atlee**

Mr. W. Atlee Burpee, head of the firm of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., and a noted horticulturist, died at his country home in Doylestown, Pa., last Friday [November 26, 1915]. He was 57 years old and had been in failing health since last July.  
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**Bailey, Archie**

The death angel has visited our neighborhood and taken from its midst a noble young fellow in the prime of manhood, Archie Bailey, who has been in declining health for about a year. His death was due to tuberculosis, followed by pneumonia. Everything that could be was promptly done, but without avail, and Wednesday [December 1, 1915] morning the end came, as a shock to the community, although it was not unexpected. To the grief-stricken father, the heart-broken mother and bereaved brothers and sisters our hearts have gone out in deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.  
*The Manassas Journal, December 3, 1915 p-8 Minnieville Echoes*

**Bond, Ida**

Mrs. Ida Bond, wife of W. H. Bond, fifty-six years of age and a resident of this place, died in a Washington hospital last week and the remains were brought to Antioch and funeral services held there on Monday.  
*The Manassas Journal, December 3, 1915 p-8 Haymarket Happenings*

**Bond, William, Mrs.**

We regret to report the death of Mrs. William Bond which occurred at Georgetown Hospital, Washington, on Saturday [November 20, 1915] last. Interment was made at Antioch cemetery on Monday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Naff, assisted by Rev. J. Murray Taylor. Mrs. Bond, who was formerly a resident of this neighborhood, was much loved and a host of friends sympathize with her bereaved family.  
*The Manassas Journal, December 3, 1915 p-8 NOTES FROM WATERFALL*

## **December 10, 1915**

**Berkeley, Edmund**

### **Tribute To Colonel Berkeley**

For every old soldier of the Confederacy who does, a man will step forward and take his place in everyday life. But as each one dies, there passes with him one of a fast-disappearing type which will never be reproduced, so that within a few years, a half-generation perhaps, the type will have vanished. In the death of Colonel Edmund Berkeley, of Prince William County, one of the finest exemplars of that type has gone. In time of war, he won promotion as a fighter; in time of peace, he shook hands gladly with his old enemies and new friends at Gettysburg.—Times Dispatch.

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**Bryant, John Mrs.**

In our last issue we failed to report the death of Mrs. John Bryant, of Ashburn, whose illness had previously been reported. Mrs. Bryant passed away Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, and was buried the following Friday.

Mrs. Bryant was formerly Miss Bettie Payne, of this neighborhood, and resided here a few years after her marriage to Mr. Bryant, but removed to Ashburn about thirty years ago and has lived there ever since.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by seven children and one adopted child and several grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha Payne, of Clifton, and two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Fulmer and Mrs. T. A. Ayre, also of this place. These survivors all have the sympathy of all the friends and acquaintances in their sad bereavement.

Mrs. Bryant was a very estimable lady, loved and respected by all who knew her. She was about 59 years of age.

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## **December 17, 1915**

**Dowell, Kate**

MISS KATE DOWELL DEAD

**Aunt of W. Fred and W. F. Dowell Died at Hamilton Home Wednesday.**

Death removed one of Hamilton's oldest citizens on Wednesday [*December 15, 1915*] evening at 8 o'clock in the person of Miss Kate Dowell, who was confined to her bed with heart trouble and asthma for only two weeks before the end came. The deceased, who was born near Dumfries in this county eighty-three years ago, has lived at Hamilton for the greater part of her life, having moved there with her parents in early childhood.

Miss Dowell was the daughter of Jesse D. and Mary Dowell. She was one of several children, among whom Misses Martha and Amanda Dowell, both of Hamilton, survive. The decedent is an aunt of Messrs. W. Fred and W. F. Dowell, both of Manassas. Since early womanhood Miss Dowell had been a consistent member of the Baptist church.

The funeral will be held at the home of the deceased this morning at 11 o'clock and interment will probably be at Short Hill burying ground. The Journal joins the friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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**Moncure, J. C.**

Judge J. C. Moncure, a native of Stafford county, was accidentally burned to death Tuesday [*December 14, 1915*] at Shreveport, La. Judge Moncure was the oldest son of the late Judge R. C. L. Moncure, for years President of the Virginia Court of Appeals. Among surviving relatives are three brothers: R. C. L. Moncure, Stafford; Dr. W. P. Moncure, Fairfax, and E. C. Moncure, Fredericksburg.

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**Griffith, W. T. Mrs.**

Mrs. W. T. Griffith, 60 years of age, and for the past seven years a resident of prince William, died last Friday [*December 10, 1915*] at he home near Manassas after being ill for about ten days with pneumonia. Before coming to Prince William Mrs. Griffith resided for many years in Page county. The deceased is survived by her husband, four children and seven stepchildren. The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial was at Limstrong.

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**Harrison, Will**

Will Harrison, of Neverlet, died last week after an illness of several weeks. He leaves a wife and several children.

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**Buckley, Sam**

Mr. Sam Buckley, who has been in failing health for a long time and seriously ill for several weeks past, died early Tuesday [December 14, 1915] morning. Burial was at Fairfax court-house on Thursday. Mr. Buckley leaves a wife, who was Miss Lucy Davis, three sons and two daughters. He is also survived by one brother, one sister and his mother, Mrs. Alexander Buckley, who resides near Legato, this county.

Mr. Buckley was a retired policeman. He had just finished building a new house which they expected to move into before Christmas.

The family has the sympathy of the whole community in this, their sad bereavement.

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## **December 24, 1915**

**Redman, Andrew**

Andrew Redman, 86 years of age, a greatly respected colored man of Groveton, died of old age at his home on Friday [December 17, 1915] last. He was stricken down about a month ago. Andrew was born a slave of Mr. Frank Lewis, who represented the county in the legislature right after the Civil War. During the war Andrew served as a blacksmith. When the war was over he worked for Mr. Lewis. During practically all of his life Andrew lived at Groveton and was highly thought of by the people of that neighborhood, who regret to learn of his death.

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**Payne, Martha**

Martha Payne, 82 years old, a colored woman, was burned to death at Culpeper Sunday [December 19, 1915] when her home and all its contents were destroyed. The fire, it is said, was caused by the overturning of a lighted lamp.

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## **December 31, 1915**

**Young, Thomas C.**

### **THOMAS C. YOUNG IS DEAD**

**Former Resident of Near Manassas Succumbed Suddenly at Washington Home Tuesday.**

Two hours after suffering a second stroke of paralysis, superinduced by an attack of acute indigestion, Thomas C. Young, a retired fireman of Washington, died on Tuesday [December 28, 1915] morning. Mr. Young suffered a stroke of paralysis four years ago while serving as a fireman for the District of Columbia. For sometime past he had served as a watchman at Georgetown.

Mr. Young, who was 36 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David P. Young. Besides his wife and three children, Thomas, Gladys and Calvin, he is survived by five brothers and five sisters. The brothers are H. P., Wm. J. and R. R., of Manassas; A. S., of Baltimore, and Rev. J. H. Young, of Nescopeck, Pa. The sisters are Mrs. M. L. French and Mrs. Eva Fowler, of Washington; Mrs. Bernie Newton, of Fredericksburg, and Mrs. Ollie Payne and Miss Mamie Young, of Manassas.

The decedent will be well remembered by many people of Manassas and vicinity. He was reared near town and attended the local graded school. When he was twenty-one years of age he went to Washington, where he has since lived. Mr. Yung was a member of the Episcopal Church and was held in high esteem by his many friends both here and in Washington.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home of the deceased, 1813 34<sup>th</sup> street, northwest, Washington, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The Journal joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones in their hour of sadness.

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**Francis, Catherine H.**

### **DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT**

**Mrs. Catherine Francis Passed Away At Home of D. J. Arrington on Christmas Day.**

Mrs. Catherine H. Francis, last surviving member of her family, passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Arrington on Christmas day [December 25, 1915] after a long illness. Her death, which was due to a complication of diseases, was unexpected and was a great shock to the community.

Mrs. Francis, who was born 67 years ago in Rappahannock county, was the youngest daughter of Elder John Hickerson and Mary Ann McDonald. During the Civil War she met Isaac Long, of Greenville, Ala., and they were subsequently married. Only

**Francis, Catherine H. (Cont.)**

a few years after her marriage, Mr. long died. Later she was married to Wm Hume Francis, of New Baltimore, Va., who died eleven years ago in Manassas, his death being due to injuries sustained in a fall. Mrs. Francis is well known to the people of this community, having lived here a great many years.

The funeral was conducted at Primitive Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member, on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. In the absence of Mrs. Francis' pastor, Elder J. T. Rowe, of Washington and Baltimore, who could not come at the last moment, the services were conducted by Dr. H. L. Quarles, pastor of Manassas Baptist Church. Interment was in Manassas Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. B. Johnson, F. A. Lewis, Geo. E. Maddox, W. S. Athey, C. C. Leachman and O. E. Newman.

Out of town attendants upon the funeral were Mrs. J. C. Adams, Rawlings, Md.; Mrs. W. P. Rudasill, Culpeper; Mrs. Florence Hickerson, Rockville, Md.; C. L. Hickerson, Rockville, Md., and H. C. Hickerson, Wheaton, Md.

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**Evans, Claude**

Mrs. Claude Evans, about 25 years of age, who was at one time blacksmith for J. I. Randall, died suddenly at his home at Clifton on Christmas Day [*December 25, 1915*]. He leaves a widow and one small child.

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**Pinn, William H.**

Wm. H. Pinn, colored, who was born at the Bailey place near Manassas in 1835, died at his home at Bristow on Sunday [*December 26, 1915*] afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Pinn had nineteen children, ten of whom and his wife survive.

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