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DEATHS IN ABBEVILLE

"Leaves have their time to fall,
and flowers to wither at the north winds' breath,
and stars to set, but all thou's best,
all seasons for thine own, O Death".

Sunshine and shadow, smiles and tears, joy and sadness, anticipation and disappointment, chase each other through the varied scenes of life, but naught is exempt from the common doom, and all await the inevitable hour. "The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

In an hour when we least expect when our joys are brightest, when our desires are warmest, when our anticipations are most buoyant, death comes to sit an unbidden guest at our feasts; comes to snatch away our loveliest and our noblest, to lay low all hopes of human enjoyment, to sever all ties of human affection, to lay his icy hand upon the bounding pulse of life, to quench the light of our hearths and our homes, to steep our souls in sorrow, and to deck the halls of festive mirth in the habilaments of woe.

Alas, the smiles of our merry Christmas greetings have been changed into the tears of sympathy for the afflicted; the ivy and the holly have given place to the cypress and the myrtle, and instead of happy reunions around the tables of love and the hearthstone of affection, many have been called to bid the last adieu and to perform the last sad rites at the graves of the departed. These thoughts involuntarily come upon us when we think of the deaths which during the last two weeks, have carried anguish to the hearts of all, and desolation to the homes of some of our people.

In our last issue we announced the death of an accomplished lady, the survivor of a gallant soldier, the center of an admiring circle, the light of a happy home, Mrs. J. Foster MARSHALL. A protracted illness had given the premonitions of her approaching end, but the buoyant spirit long kept back the ebbing tide of life, and the resolute will detained long the fluttering soul on the confines of the grave. Chastened by suffering, purified by affliction, and sustained by the consolations of an unfaltering trust, she calmly breathed her last. Her body sleeps near the grave of him she loved so well, and amid the flowers and shrubs of the beautiful church to whose erection and support they had so largely contributed to.

Scarcely had the tidings of this sad death been received, when the startling announcement was made that another victim had fallen a prey to the destroyer. The old and middle aged had been spared and death had entered the charmed circle of youth. The lovely wife in the bloom of life and in the first flush of its glorious hopes, had been snatched away from the companionship of a devoted husband and the happy home circle, of whom she was the solace and charm; and the anguish of a heart broken consort, and sorrowing relatives, derives a pang of keener poignancy from the suddenness of the bereavement. On Christmas Day, the advent morn of the blessed religion which she professed, Mrs. Jas. W. FOWLER breathed her last, sustained by its precious promises and cheered by its unfading hopes. Why weep, bereaved relatives! This is consolation enough. This extracts the sting of death and overcomes the victory of the grave.

Young, lovely and attractive, she had everything to make life desirable, but cheerfully resigned them all, with the full assurance that the graces which budded here would bloom better in a serener clime, and that the love which had its beginning here, would burn more brightly, fast, by the eternal throne.

The funeral services of Mrs. Fowler were performed by Rev. D. Turner on Sunday the 27th in the Presbyterian church of the village. There was a large attendance of sympathizing relatives, friends and acquaintances.

DEATH OF JOSEPH F. BLACK Jr.

It is with pain that we record the death of this gifted young man, which took place at her mother's residence in the upper part of the district on Sunday last, from hemorrhage of the lungs. He had long been suffering from a pulmonary affliction and well knew that his days were numbered, but his cheerfulness never forsook him, and his brilliant, active mind, his quaint humor, his quick eye for the ludicrous, his kindness of heart, his affability, his gentleness of temper, endeared him to a large circle of acquaintances.

For some time past he had been in the office of his uncle, James A. Black, Esq. in this village, and here he found exercise for and manifested the admirable business capacity which formed a prominent feature of his character. It was here that we renewed with him the acquaintance of a former period, and learned to esteem and regard the blended harmony of his intellectual and moral character and to admire that uniform suavity and cheerfulness with which he rose superior to the ills of life, resisted the inroads of disease, and calmly prepared to meet the last enemy, death.

Being educated by his uncle at the State Military Academy, his studies were interrupted by the call to join the Army in defense of the coast in 1864.

Here, amid the exposure and privations of camp life, he contracted the disease which so soon hurried him to the premature grave, quenched the fire of his youthful genius, blighted the aspirations and disappointed the hopes of his earlier years.

At the Academy, he had manifested no ordinary capacity and was regarded as his Professors as one of its best Belles Letters scholars. An occasional contributor to the press, his productions in prose and poetry gave evidence of his capacity, taste and cultivation and foretold how much he might have accomplished, had his life been spared.

But it was otherwise ordained by Him, "whose judgments are unsearchable and His ways past finding out." Eager to live, he was not afraid to die. A member of the Presbyterian church, a sincere and pious Christian, death to him was a release from pain, and an entrance into a brighter and purer life.

MARRIAGES

Married in Savannah, Ga. on the 24th of Nov. by the Rev. Geo. Allen at the residence of the Hon. Wm. LAW, Mr. George ALLEN Jr., and Miss Isabel LAW.

Married by the Rev. J.H.D. McRae at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. P. BOUCHILLON and Miss Delia A. SMITH, both of Bradford Co. Va.

OBITUARY OF MRS. CECELIA FOWLER

"And her last fond lingering look is given,

to the love she leaves and then to Heaven,

As if she would bear that love away,

to a purer world and a brigher day."

An apt illustration of these touching lines was furnished at the closing scene in the life of Mrs. Cecelia FOWLER, the beloved wife of Mr. James W. Fowler of Abbeville district and the daughter of Dr. A.W. and Mrs. Frances CHALMERS of Newberry district, who fell asleep in Jesus on the 25th of Dec. 1868 in the 27th year of her age.

Her lustrous eyes and cheeks of rosey hue and robust form, and gleesome spirit, gave bright promise of lengthening years. But yielding to the primeval decree, "in sorrow thou shalt bring forth", she sank beneath the exhausting throes that so often emperil the life of woman.

Reared in the bosom of the Associate Reformed Church and a member of it from girlhood, she was sustained in the final conflict by faith in the Saviour, to whom she had so early learned to love. To her agonized husband she said, "My love, I could wish to live for you, but I am ready to go." Her last words were, "Jesus, I am coming."

"So pass the beautiful away." The funeral services were performed on Sabbath in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. Turner, in the presence of a sympathizing congregation.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JANUARY 15, 1869

MARRIAGES

Married by the Rev. Manning Brown at the residence of the bride's mother on the 10th of January, Mr. James GRUBS to Miss Mattie M. BLACK, all of Abbeville district.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Ordinary Court

Whereas, application has been made by A.J. WEED for Letters of Administration on all the goods, chattels, rights and credits which remain in So. Carolina, of A.J. WEED, late of the state of Florida. This is therefore, to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the court of Ordinary for Abbeville county to be held at Abbeville courthouse on the 29th of January next, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 9th day of January 1869. Wm. Hill, O.A.C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Ordinary Court

Whereas, application has been made by Emily WALKER, for Letters of Administration on all the goods, chattels, rights and credits of James H. WALKER, late of said county, deceased. This is therefore, to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the court of Ordinary for Abbeville county to be held at Abbeville courthouse on the 28th of January next, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 13th day of January 1869. Wm. Hill, O.A.C.

NOTICE

All persons indebted to the estate of Hannah McCOMB, dec'd, will come forward and make settlement by the 15th of January or their Notes and Accounts will be placed into the hands of an attorney for collection. A.J. McKEE, Thos. CRAWFORD, Executors.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JANUARY 22, 1869

DEATH OF JAMES AUGUSTUS BLACK

It is feelings of profound sadness that we announce the death of one so known to us all, James Augustus BLACK, Esq., who died of pneumonia in Columbia, South Carolina on Tuesday the 19th inst. Only a few weeks since, we were called upon to chronicle the death of his gifted nephew, Joseph F. BLACK Jr. who was nipped in his budding promise, like some fragile flower, which had yet scarcely sipped the morning dew. And now the Uncle is taken in the prime of manhood and in the vigor of his faculties, taken from the business and bustle of active life; from its absorbing cares and engrossing interests, to meet the changed scenes and untried realities of the spirit land.

About a week ago he bid us adieu on a visit to Yorkville to arrange his business as assignee in bankruptcy, with the accumulated papers of weeks of daily labor and nightly toil, prepared with his accustomed neatness and fidelity, with his credentials as representative from Abbeville to the Legislative body in Columbia, with the account of the district officers, and charged with various commissions from friends.

We can bear witness to the untiring assiduity and kindness of heart with which he undertook the discharge of these offices of duty and friendship and the fidelity and promptness which he brought to their performance. But alas! Death came to release him from earthly engagements, to sunder all ties of human affection and to blast all hopes of worldly ambition; to afford another lesson of the frailty of life, the transitory nature of its enjoyments and the vanity of its anticipations.

We have not the materials, neither would time permit us at present to enter upon an extended biography of our departed friend. He was a native of our district and here survive a mother, a brother and sister and other near relatives to deplore their untimely loss. He was of distinguished Revolutionary ancestry, a grandson of Joseph BLACK, for many years a state Senator from Abbeville and one of a numerous family long identified with our district and state.

Enjoying the advantages of an excellent early education, he studied law in the office of Chancellor Caldwell of Columbia and soon found congenial employment and full scope for his habits of systemic arrangement and methodical industry in the Secretary of State's office. His familiarity with the records of that office and his excellent business capacity led to his selection as the Agent of the State in prosecuting its Revolutionary claims against the General Government and but for the breaking out of the war, these claims would have been fully adjusted.

During the war he was elected to the honorable and responsible office of Comptroller General, the duties of which he discharged efficiently and faithfully. Losing in the general wreck his office and his books, and the well earned fruits of many years of labor, he returned to his native district to repair his shattered fortunes among the friends of his boyhood.

During the past twelve months he resided here as the general assignee in almost all the cases of bankruptcy from our district; and to say that these duties were promptly, faithfully and efficiently performed, is paying but a feeble tribute to his untiring business capacity.

Our deceased friend possessed in an eminent degree, all the characteristic traits of his family, quickness of perception, retentiveness of memory, an instinctive appreciation of character and a just sense of propriety, kindness of heart, equitability of temper, and great suavity of manner. To honor the language of Mr. Burke, in speaking of his great rival Mr. Fox, "He was a man indeed made to be loved."

Few men indeed in all the state possessed a more extensive acquaintance and throughout the length and breadth of that acquaintanceship, among all who had had personal or official business with the deceased, we do not believe that a man ever lived who could say an unkind thought or say one word against the memory of James Augustus Black. On the contrary, how many survive who could only entertain for him sentiments of the kindest and most appreciative regard, a friendship cemented by the kind offices of a lifetime, a charity the most beneficent, a devotion the most unselfish. Ask the sorrow stricken mother if there ever lived a kinder or devoted son. Ask the bereaved brother and sister how much they owe to the generosity of that hand and the sympathies of the heart. Ask those young related to whom he was the confided counselor, and the trusted friend, whether he ever turned away from their appeals for sympathy and advise.

The funeral of the deceased took place at the Presbyterian church in Columbia, on Thursday, the 21st inst.

NOTICE

My wife, the late Mrs. Charlotte IRVINE and myself have separated. There was

a marriage settlement between us by which each was to retain their own property. Therefore, I give notice to all, that my wife is not my agent and has not right to make contracts to bind me. Those who credit her must do it on the faith of her separate property.

G.W. CROMER, January 6, 1869

Cicero MUSHATT, a native African, supposed to have been one hundred and ten years old, died last week in Winnsboro, S.C. He remained until death with his former owner, Mr. J.S. STUART. He said some time ago that freedom had not made a fool of him, as it had in the case of many negroes, for he had been free before and was born free in Africa. During the last year of his life, by unremitting industry to the day of his death, he made two bales of cotton, doing all the hoeing and picking, also twenty bushels of corn, more than many younger men in their prime.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JANUARY 29, 1869

MARRIAGES

Married on the 12th inst. by the Rev. T.S. Daniel, Mr. A.W. CLEMENT of Williamston, S.C. to Miss Julia P. CLINKSCALES of Abbeville.

Married on the 25th inst. by the Rev. Manning Brown, Mr. J.E. SWEARINGHAM and Miss Ross BROWNLEE, all of Abbeville.

NOTICE

All persons having demands again the estate of James Augustus BLACK, will please present the same to me, properly attested. Persons indebted to said estate must make prompt payment. Wesley A. BLACK, Executor

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, FEBRUARY 12, 1869

MARRIAGES

Married, November 17th, 1868, by Rev. J. B. Traywick, Sterling FLEEMAN (?) and Bettie EDMUNDS, of Abbeville district.

Married, January 14th, 1869 by Rev. J.B. Traywick, Tansel (?) TALBOT and Miss Fannie GABLE.

Married, Jan. 21, 1869 by Rev. J.B. Traywick, Jas. McCAIN and Miss Mary STONE.

Married at the residence of Rev. Mr. Witherspoon in Memphis, Tenn. on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, Mr. B.D. BARKSDALE of Tunica Co. Miss. and Mrs. Sue A. MARSHALL of Abbeville, S.C.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, FEBRUARY 19, 1869

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Ordinary Court

Whereas, application has been made by William McCOMBS, for Letters of Administration on all the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Marie McCOMBS, late of said county, deceased. This is therefore, to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the court of Ordinary for Abbeville county to be held at Abbeville courthouse on the 3rd day of March next, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 16th day of February, 1869. Wm. Hill, O.A.C.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, FEBRUARY 26, 1869

OBITUARIES

DIED, at her residence in Abbeville district, S.C. on the 20th of Jan. 1869, Mrs. Annie JOHNSON, in her 81st year. She was born Nov. 5, 1788 of pious parents, Hugh and Nancy McKLIN (?), prominent members of the Presbyterian church. On the 5th of June, 1810, she was married to Jonathan JOHNSON who died and left her in 1865. Previously, in early life, she joined the M.E. Church in 1835 at Smyrna Camp meeting. She lived and died a zealous member of the church and was an example of piety.

Fair in all the relations of life, she was diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; was an excellent wife, kind mother, neighbor. Though for years much afflicted, she was ever patient and resigned and when the messenger came, she had her lamp trimmed, burning. She leaves six children, a number of grand and great grandchildren and many friends to mourn their loss. But their loss is her eternal gain.

" Dearest mother, thou hast left us,

Here our loss we deeply feel,

But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When day day of life is fled,
Then, in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed."

DIED, near Cokesbury, S.C. on Feb. 1st, 1869, Mrs. Nancy Mitchey HEFEERRON
(?), aged about 75 years. During the last fifteen years of her life she bore
the lot of a suffering invalid with Christian patience and resignation. In
age and extreme feebleness she found the Savior precious to her soul and
died trusting in Him. A Friend.
