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MR. JOHNSON RAMEY

Mr Johnson Ramey, an old and respected citizen of Abbeville village died last Monday evening, after a long and severe illness. His funeral services took place at Sharon Church last Tuesday p.m.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

The dwelling house of Mr. E. Westfield of this place, was struck by lightning on the 3rd inst., stunning one of his children and setting the house on fire. The progress of the fire was arrested without serious damage to the building. We learn that his child has recovered from the shock.

MR. ABSALOM RICHEY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Absalom Richey, a young man in the prime of life. Several months ago he was discharged from Co. B, Orr's Rifle Regiment, on account of feeble health. He came home among relatives and friends with the hope of recovering his health, but disease had fastened upon his shattered frame to such an extent that all the physicians could do, was to no avail. He lived in hopes of recovery but a few days before the vital spark left his suffering body. He died, as many others have, a martyr to the cause of liberty.

AT HOME

It is gratifying to the friends of young Serg't Alfred Wardlaw to know that he is now at home, encircled with relatives and friends to administer to his wants. He arrived home last Saturday in company with his father. He is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances and appears in fine spirits. Fears are entertained that he has entirely lost his sight.

Mr. Robert White of the same company and regiment, also arrived home a few days ago. His wound is fast healing. He is looking well and in good spirits.

IN MEMORIAM

I desire to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of Edmond Riley, who fell at the battle of Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863. He enlisted in the service of his country after the Secession of the State and has ever since been a true soldier to its banner. In the Manassas and Richmond battles, at Sharpsburg, Williamsburg, Malvern Hill, Gainesville, Lewinsville and others, he was a patriot. In the battles around Richmond, he was severely wounded and furloughed home for a time, his last visit here.

He returned from home and joined his command a few days before the last Manassas battle and it was there, whilst gallantly charging the enemy, his uncle, Lt. W.C. Davis and his cousin, T.J. Rykard, fell dead at his feet. The death of these noble men is a sad loss to the country in its hour of danger, and to their bereaved families.

Edmond withstood that family affliction as becomes a veteran spirit and was up to this death the same pleasant and noble soul. He was a man of strong character. It pains me to tell that his elder brother, Burt, fell dead near him in the same battle, whilst bravely assailing the enemy in an entrenched position. They both now lie, beside each other, in the cold soldier grave with only a mark, to tell the inquiring passer-by the unfortunate victims within.

They have passed, hence to be no more, having died Martyrs to their country's cause and God's good providence. As gentleman, proper, they were up to the challenge and as true and tried friends, were loved. Since their untimely death, their friends have mourned the evil event, in common with the bereaved family.

Their younger brother Thomas, only remains in rank to tell others he was once by their side. I fervently pray that he may return home a living blessing to his aged father and mother. S.P.B., Camp Greenwood, Va. May 9, 1863

MARY ELIZA FOLGER

Mary Eliza Folger, consort of Alonzo M. Folger, and daughter of S.W. and M.J. Agnew of Abbeville district, S.C., died in that district on the 12th of March 1863 in the 20th year of her age, leaving an infant daughter, a disconsolate husband and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Amiable in the relations of life, affable in her deportment and kind to all; she won the esteem of the good among whom she resided, who could but behold in her, all those traits that so much adorn the female character.

Left as an orphan early in life, by the death of her mother, and having been often afflicted from childhood, she bore her sufferings with unusual fortitude. She was attacked on the morning of the 7th of March and though she received the attention of one of our most skilled physicians, congestion of the brain ensued, and she expired about 9 o'clock p.m. on the 12th of the same month.

Eliza became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Sept. 1862 and remained a consistent member of the same until her death. She was much affected with delirium during this last attack, being unable to distinguish her most intimate friends; but a short time previous to her dissolution, she seemed to recognize her husband who was beside her bed, and grasping his hand, she drew it up to her lips, and impressed on it the last fervent kiss. Reason for a time sat upon that pale brow; and although she could not articulate, an angelic smile played upon her features, as she doubtless beheld the spirit of her sainted mother, descending from on high to accompany her home, and proclaimed to all around her, in the language of the poet, "All is well, All is well!"

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Wm. H. Wilson has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of James B. Crawford, late of Georgia, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors to appear at the next Ordinary's Court for said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 15th of June, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 1st day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. William Hill, O.A.D.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, James M. Carwile and Hugh Robinson have applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Joseph F. Burton, late of the district aforesaid, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors to appear at the next Ordinary's Court for said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 15th of June, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 1st day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. William Hill, O.A.D.

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Court of Ordinary

Whereas, B.T. Gray and William Crother have applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of John A. Burton, late of the district aforesaid, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors to appear at the next Ordinary's Court for said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 15th of June, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 1st day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. William Hill, O.A.D.

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AT HOME

Captain H.S. Kerr of the 2nd S.C.V. Rifles arrived home a few days ago. The Capt. is looking well and in fine spirits.

Mr. William Butler has arrived home with his son who was severely wounded in the late battle of Chancellorsville.

DEATH OF SERGEANT CHALMERS

We learn that a telegram received in this place last Tuesday evening announced the death of Sergeant Richard Chalmers of Capt. Owen's company, 1st S.C. Cavalry. Sergeant Chalmers left here in fine health and spirits a few weeks ago to join his command in Virginia. He has been a faithful soldier and was never known to shirk away from any duty required of him by

his superior officers. His wife accompanied him to his command, and shortly after his arrival there, he fell a victim of disease. He was native of Newberry district and educated at Due West in this district. It is expected that his remains will be brought home by his bereaved wife.

JOHN MILTON McCORD

John Milton McCord, of Captain Johnson's company, 1st S.C. Cavalry, died at a private house near Culpepper, Virginia on the 31st day of January last. This young man when he joined the ranks of his company, had just turned the seventeenth year of his age. He endured the hardships common to the soldier, and faithfully performed the duties without a murmur.

He had gained the utmost confidence and esteem of his Captain and commanding officers by his punctuality in executing the duties he was called upon to perform. In fact, he was a favorite, we learn, among the officers when ever particular commands were to be carried out. He was a young man of frail constitution, and shortly after severe exposure for several days on the banks of the Rappahannock, the fatal disease typhoid pneumonia, made him its victim.

He lay sick in camp several days before he was removed to Mr. Dunkerson's, a private house near Culpepper, where he suffered from disease for twenty-one days, but not without the careful attention of two brothers who administered to his wants. His remains arrived here on last Thursday's train and the funeral services were performed last Saturday by Rev. Dr. Turner and were re-interred at Long Cane Grave yard. This youthful soldier sustained an irreproachable moral character and had enlisted the good will of his fellow soldiers. Thus has passed away another of Abbeville's youthful and heroic defenders of Southern liberty.

DEATH OF LEWIS ALFRED WARDLAW

Lewis Alfred Wardlaw, Sergeant of a company in Orr's Regiment of Rifles, and third son of Dr. J.J. Wardlaw, died at his father's residence near Abbeville courthouse, on the 7th inst. of a wound received in the battle of Chancellorsville. Before attaining his seventeenth year, this young man volunteered in the company under the lead of the late Col. James M. Perrin (then Capt.). The regiment was transferred to Virginia. The hard service and exposure there brought on typhoid fever from which he narrowly escaped death in a Richmond hospital. He chafed with some impatience at this disease.

When sufficiently recovered, he eagerly sought his place again and was struck down with a painful wound in the thigh at the battle of Fredericksburg. Before this wound had entirely healed, and before his

furlough had expired, he rejoined his regiment and at the battle of Chancellorsville, he was at his post. In the fiercest of that battle when the color bearer was shot down, Sergeant Wardlaw rushed forward, seized the flag, unfurled the colors again, and while cheering the men onward, received a mortal wound through both temples.

Remaining unconscious for more than a week, he gave at last some signs of improvement, and affectionate family and friends began to weave hopes of his final recovery, though with loss of sight. It was affecting to witness that his own thoughts turned more upon his lost sight, than upon life itself. It was his constant prayer and hope that he would recover it. And may we not consider that in a certain and sublime sense that prayer has been answered and that belief realized? "And there shall be no light there and they need no candle, neither light nor sun; for the Lord giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever."

Knowing this young soldier as we did intimately, having seen the spirit with which he entered into our struggle and with which he sustained himself in it young as he was, having seen him borne from the army three times through this city on a litter, disabled from wounds and disease, yet with unflagging cheerfulness and unabated zeal in the country's service to the last, we have thought it not inappropariate to present these outlines of his brief career. And yet how much remains unsaid! Good and true as a soldier, he was at home and in his own community, a model of tender affection and exemplary conduct; a youth marked by discerning eyes for his fine character and frank manners, his good understanding, high principles. And his heart was without guile.
The Guardian

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MEMORIAM

Died of typhoid fever on the 24th of May last at Staunton, Va., Wesley R. Norwood of Co. B 1st Regiment, S.C. Cavalry, Hampton's Brigade. Actuated by a pure and unselfish patriotism, he was the first to leave the village in which he lived and rush to the defense of his native state.

He was a member of the 1st Regiment raised by the lamented Gregg and was present at the fall of Fort Sumter. He afterward attached himself to the 1st Regiment, S.C. Cavalry and served during the arduous campaign of last winter under the gallant Hampton. A gallant and faithful soldier, he devoted himself from the beginning of the war to the service of his country, never shrinking from any hardships or danger. Bold and dashing, yet gentle and kind, he combined in his character the Southern gentleman and Cavalier.
