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NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 5, 1869

TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN H. WILSON, Dec'd

A meeting of the Abbeville Bar was held on Friday the 25th ult. for the purpose of paying a suitable tribute of respect to the memory of J.H. WILSON, dec'd, one of its most eminent and honored members. The following preamble and resolutions were then offered by Gen. McGowan and seconded by Thos. C. Perrin and after appropriate remarks by those gentlemen, and by the Messrs. Thomas Thomason and A. Burt, were unanimously adopted:

John H. WILSON, one of the oldest, most distinguished and best beloved members of our Bar, after a stroke of paralysis and a painful affliction induced thereby, departed this life on the night of Thursday, the 25th inst. in the 65th year of his age.

Born near this village, reared at work upon his father's farm, after maturity engaged in the active business of the law, in our midst and in the enjoyment of the confidence and love of all who knew him. He has been suddenly taken from us forever. But yesterday, he occupied his seat at this Bar, pleading for justice for his clients with expectations as eager and hopes as warm as those of any of us. Now that seat is vacant, that earnest voice is silent. He has departed from among us, leaving nothing but the example of the life of an honest man and the memory of his many virtues and loveable qualities.

This sad event touchingly teaches us how vain and foolish are the struggles of ambition, how short is life, how certain and sudden is death and as another has most beautifully expressed it, "what shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue."

John H. Wilson was emphatically a Lawyer. He had an exalted opinion of his profession, which indeed was his idol. Never having been married, he gave all the energies of his active life and sanguine temperament to its arduous and manifold duties.

He was in the strongest sense of the word, a Southern man. From his cradle to the grave he never had an impulse that was not Southern; his temperament, his sentiments and his principles were eminently Southern. The pitch and whole frame to his character, with his lofty integrity, unselfishness devotion to right in the abstract and unshrinking moral courage, marked him as one of that peculiar type of Southern gentlemen which, unfortunately, is now rapidly passing away.

As a man and a friend, Mr. Wilson was inferior to nobody. Simple in his habits, firm in his opinions, and upright, consistent and unswerving in his conduct; industrious and economical; yet not parsimonious or even thrifty; he cared nothing for money except for its uses; an honest man, kind, considerate and amiable, but above all, generous, "a hand open as day for melting charity."

Descended from Scotch-Irish parents, he had all the prudence of the one people, together with the enthusiasm of the other. As a friend he was faithful through evil as well as good report. Perhaps his distinguishing characteristic was indomitable perseverance, persistence involving fidelity; fidelity to truth, fidelity to principle, fidelity to sentiment and fidelity to friends. A truer man in every sense never lived.

Deeply impressed by the sad event of the death our brother John H. Wilson, and having a high appreciation of his character, we, the members of the Abbeville Bar, as a feeble expression of our feelings and as a testimonial of respect for his memory, adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, that in the death of John H. Wilson, the profession has lost one of its most distinguished and beloved members, and the county, one of its best and most public spirited citizens.

Resolved; that as members of the Abbeville Bar, long and intimately associated with our brother Wilson, we lament his death as only those can who knew his virtues well, and care as only those can who knew the extent of the loss sustained.

Resolved; that we sincerely condole with the immediate family in the irreparable loss which they have sustained, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished them as an evidence of our respect and sympathy.

D.L. Wardlaw, Chairman

OBITUARIES

DIED, at his father's residence near Willington, Abbeville district, on February 8th, 1869, Albert Alexander LEROY, aged 16 years. The death of this dear youth was caused January 21st by a tree falling upon him and breaking both bones of his left leg, just above the ankle. He seemed to bear the pain which usually attends broken bones with great patience; but lock-jaw followed, which soon terminated his brief career upon earth.

His last hours were thence of intense suffering, but still, he did not forget the teaching and training of his early childhood, for he was often heard to whisper a prayer to the Lord to have mercy upon him as a sinner. His father noticed this and then followed one of the most touching and

affectionate conversations ever witnessed; the weeping father thus addressed his dying son: "My dear son, trust in the Lord and He will have mercy upon you. He will be good to you, better than I ever have been or ever can be. Do you think and feel if it is the Lord's will to take you away from us that you will go to Heaven?" To which his dying son replied, " I hope so, and I hope you all will meet me there." The young sufferer continued to pray and exhort all to pray and to meet him in Heaven, until death prevented utterance.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 12, 1869

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Probate

Whereas, Gilly F. BOZEMAN has made application to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of John W. BOZEMAN, late of said county, deceased; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear in the Court of Probate to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 23rd day of March next, at 11 o'clock to show cause if any, why said Administration should not be granted. This 8th day of March, 1869. Wm. Hill, Probate Judge, Abbeville county

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 26, 1869

DEATH OF AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. R. LEROY, an esteemed citizen at his residence in Mt. Carmel in our district. Mr. LeRoy (or King as he was commonly called), was of Huguenot descent but passed a long lifetime in our district, universally esteemed and respected. He had attained the good old age of three-score years and ten, and met the last enemy with Christian hope and resignation. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

ESTATE OF JOSHUA DuBOSE, dec'd

Pursuant to an order of the court in Chancery, all creditors of the estate of Joshua DuBOSE, dec'd, are hereby notified to present and prove their demands on or before the twenty first of June, next, or be barred. Matthew McDonald, C.C.P., March 21, 1869

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, APRIL 2, 1869

OBITUARY OF MARTHA CALHOUN BURT

DIED, on the morning of the 27th of March last, after a long and painful illness, Martha Calhoun BURT, wife of Hon. Armistead BURT, in the 58th year of her age. Mrs. Burt was the daughter of William CALHOUN of the Calhoun settlement in the district of Abbeville. She was of that family which came early to this region and being distinguished among their neighbors, gave their name to the locality where they lived. Mrs. Burt was born and raised in Abbeville. After she married, her husband being a lawyer in practice in this village, she resided here until Mr. Burt was elected to Congress in 1842 after which event she spent much time in Washington City, where she lived near her uncle Hon. John C. Calhoun, until Mr. Burt voluntarily retired and returned to Abbeville.

After residing several years at Orange Hill plantation on the Savannah River, Mr. Burt returned again to Abbeville where Mrs. Burt died, and amidst a large concourse of sympathizing friends, was buried at the cemetery of Trinity church, Sunday last, Easter Day.

One by one, the lights of the past are going out and it is painfully certain that the tendency of the times exclude the probability of their places being filled. Mrs. Burt was an accomplished lady of the old school. Sprung from a family distinguished for wealth, intelligence and position and possessing high personal qualities, she was educated before the age of economists and calculators. She united the highest breeding with the utmost frankness and cordiality of manner. No mistress was every kinder to servants and dependents. Always particularly affable to the young and inexperienced, she was the leader in every circle in which she moved whether in the quiet, refined society or her native district, or among the distinguished orators and statesman, who were delighted to surround her in Washington. This community will long retain the impress of her brilliancy and culture and her friends will never forget her many virtues and warm hearted friendships.

After an unbroken companionship for more than forty years, her death leaves her husband desolate indeed; but that desolation may be alleviated by recalling the devotion of the departed one, and by the consciousness of a life time spent in unceasing efforts to make her comfortable and happy. For many years, a consistent member of the Episcopal church, in her last illness she gave evidence of a well founded hope beyond the grave; and as they were united in life and united in the church, the bereaved husband may look forward to a happy reunion hereafter. A Friend

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, APRIL 16, 1869

OBITUARY OF D.C. MOORE

On Thursday the 8th inst., a large circle of relatives and friends were called to mourn the death of Capt. D.C. MOORE of this district, caused from congestion of the bowels. He died at the residence of his brother A.W. MOORE near Cokesbury in the 36th year of his age. He gave a hearty response to the sound of the tocsin for our loved and lost cause. Having volunteered as a private and afterwards advanced to the command of his company, he unremittingly verified in each position his principles in the great struggle. Always a man of generous disposition and liberal heart, the writer having shared his troubles and a recipient of his kindness, will be pardoned for offering this feeble tribute to his memory. An Old Soldier Friend

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, APRIL 23, 1869

OBITUARY OF Miss Mary PURSLEY

Departed this life on the 22nd of February 1869, Miss Mary PURSELEY in the 74th year of her age, after an illness of two weeks. The deceased united herself with the M.E. Church while in the prime of life and was a very consistent member to the day of her death. She leaves two aged sisters to mourn their loss, but they mourn not as those who have no hope of meeting her in Heaven.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Probate

Whereas, Wm. A. MOORE has made application to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Docitheus C. MOORE, late of said county, deceased; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear in the Court of Probate to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on Friday, May 7th next, at 11 o'clock to show cause if any, why said Administration should not be granted. This 21st day of April, 1869. Wm. Hill, Probate Judge, Abbeville county

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MAY 28, 1869

DIED, on Saturday the 15th of May, 1869 at her residence near Upper Long Cane church of which she had been a member for more than forty years, Mrs. Nancy MARTIN, at the age of 83 years.
