

*John Ashe's father's lay*

*Habersham, Ga.*

**REV. THOMAS NEWTON.**

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" Of the original members of the Presbytery of Alabama, the REV. THOMAS NEWTON was the last survivor. He died at an advanced age, in 1846. He settled near Ashville, St. Clair county, and from his remote location and infirmities, he never met with the Presbytery after the Spring of 1826, at which time he was chosen moderator. For a quarter of a century, this father lived, deprived of nearly all ministerial association with his own denomination. With scarcely an exception, he was a stranger to us all. What were his toils and sufferings, we know not. We have always heard a good report of him. He held fast his integrity, and died respected and beloved. (See Appendix F.)

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"...He was a man of another and a past generation - known in person to hardly any of the members of this Presbytery. His advanced age, his great infirmities, and the remoteness of his residence, had, for many years past, prevented his attendance at the meetings of any ecclesiastical body, so that few of us had seen his face in the flesh. But we had heard of his faith -