

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION

During the 10 years since the first edition of this book, I have discovered several newspapers that I missed. Much new information is included in this new publication from the following St. Clair County, Alabama, newspapers.

1897, *The Springville News* (Sept. through Nov.)  
1897, *The Southern Aegis* (the entire year)  
1898, *The Southern Alliance* (the entire year)  
1898, *The Springville News* (the entire year, except for Jan.)  
1899, *The Springville News* (Jan. through Mar.)  
1899, *The Southern Alliance* (Jan. through Apr. to complete the year)  
1899, *The Southern Aegis* (Apr. through Dec. to complete the year)  
1899, *The Alabama Weekly Inquirer* (Feb. only)  
1900, *The Southern Aegis* (Jan. through May to complete the year)  
1900, *The Springville News* (May through Nov.)  
1903, *The Coosa Valleyan* (the entire year)

Although it may sound a bit odd, these death notices from so long ago make interesting reading today. There is a wealth of local and family history as well as social history contained herein. Diseases that are mentioned over and over as causes of death show us which illnesses undoubtedly sent daggers of dread into the hearts of family members. One is struck by the number of infants that died. A happy birth announcement would be printed in one issue, and two or three weeks later the little one's death would be announced. Measles and fever took many lives year after year.

The dead were nearly always buried the day after death, but a person's funeral might not be preached until the next regular preaching day at church, which could be a week or more after the burial. The longest lapse of time between burial and funeral sermon was that of Rev. Peter Harden of Odenville. His death was announced November 25, 1887, and his funeral sermon was preached nine months later on August 12, 1888. According to a descendant of Mr. Harden, it seems the family waited until a minister cousin in South Carolina could come to Odenville and preach the funeral.

The one public execution reported is in a September 25, 1901, article. The scaffold was eight feet higher than the fence, so that "those on the outside who wished to do so could witness all the proceedings." The condemned man had attacked a young Springville woman in May, 1901, and had left her for dead. He fled to South Carolina and was captured in Spartanburg. St. Clair County's Sheriff North went to South Carolina and brought the man back. For an account of his trial and the riot in Ashville, see Mrs. Crow's *History of St. Clair County*, pages 188 and 189.

Readers will notice some unfamiliar St. Clair County towns; however, on the back cover I have reproduced the St. Clair County portions of maps from 1885 and 1897. This will help will help locate some, but not all, of these obscure communities.

The original copies of nearly all of the surveyed newspapers are in the St. Clair County Courthouse at Ashville, and most of them are also on microfilm at Samford University, Birmingham. Death notices were copied from the following newspapers: *Southern Aegis* (Ashville), *Springville Enterprise*, *Springville Item*, *Coosa Valleyan* (Pell City), *St. Clair Herald* (Pell City), *Pell City Progress*, *Pell City Times*, *St. Clair County News* (Odenville and Ragland), *Southern Alliance* (Ashville), *Advance-Journal* (Ashville), *The Alabama Weekly Inquirer* (Eden).

The index is an every name, full name index. Sometimes spelling was creative, so when checking for a name, look for various spellings.

Two symbols are used in the text of the book: a + precedes black citizens and a > precedes Civil War veterans, not all of whom were Confederates.

### ***Southern Aegis, 1873***

Ashville, Alabama

Feb. 20, 1873, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died, our venerable townsman Mr.  
Alemeth Byers, age 75 years, who

had been suffering from influenza  
and nervous prostration, died about  
5 o'clock Sunday morning the 16<sup>th</sup>

inst. The deceased was the oldest citizen of our town. His funeral took place Monday last at 11 o'clock, and a large number of the citizens of the county were present.

Feb. 27, 1873, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died, E. M. **Montgomery**, at his residence within two miles of Ashville, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> inst., in his 58<sup>th</sup> year. The deceased was a member of the Baptist Church, and was full of hope of a brighter home beyond the grave.

Mar. 3, 1873, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died, on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult, Mrs. Arminta **Beason**, consort of Castle G. Beason, after a protracted illness of Typhoid-pneumonia. It is with sorrow that we announce the death of this estimable lady who, though her suffering was severe, bore it with Christian patience. The writer conversed with her just previous to her death, and her language was, "I have endeavored to serve my God the best I could ---- by principle, therefore, have nothing to regret. I have never in my christian course desired to be seen, or heard of people." Thus a good woman has passed away from a world of sorrow, to a better inheritance in Heaven. Her husband has lost a good wife, her children a good mother, and the community a benevolent friend; but we mourn not as those who have no hope in God; our loss is her infinite gain. Let us all make preparation to follow; soon the change will take place. A Friend.

>Apr. 24, 1873, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died, on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., at his residence, three miles from Ashville, on Beaver Creek, Oliver **Cox**, in his 36 year. He was a member of the

10<sup>th</sup> Alabama Regiment in the late war, loved by his old comrades in arms, honest, upright and brave, he went through the entire war. He was a member of the Baptist Church, joined since the war; during his illness expressed a willingness to die, but was calm, resigned and submissive to his Maker's will, and strong in faith, he died, praising, and calling upon his friends to praise God. He leaves a wife and two children.

Jul. 2, 1873, *Southern Aegis*:  
OBITUARY. Alemeth **Byers**, the subject of this notice, was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 1798, in York District, South Carolina. On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1831 he moved to Ashville, St. Clair county, Alabama, where he continued to reside until the day of his death, which occurred on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1873. As the fruits of said marriage, they had five children, all of whom died in early youth. Mrs. Byers was an excellent christian lady. She departed this life at her residence in Ashville on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 186-, in the 58<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Immediately after Mr. Byers came to Ashville, he commenced the mercantile business, in which he continued up to 1863, when in consequence of the war, he closed out business. He was a good merchant and accurate business man. For more than twenty years Major P. Rowan, of Jacksonville, was his partner in business. Before the war he was a man of considerable wealth. But few men ever sustained themselves so well for so great a length of time at the same place. He passed from time to eternity without leaving one enemy.

None knew him but to love him.

He was confined to his room about nineteen days prior to his death. Most of his life he had been rather a feeble man. A short time before his confinement he said the physical man was worn out. He bore his sufferings with christian fortitude, and passed away in that calm manner which had always characterized his life.

He was and had been for many years before his death, a consistent member of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

It was my happiness to know him as a man in the seclusion of private life and in the discharge of domestic duties and those of reciprocal friendship. He was remarkable for all those attributes which constitute a generous, magnanimous and high-minded gentleman. He was a kind husband, affectionate father and ever kind and obliging neighbor, and a friend to the poor. He never turned a deaf ear to the cries of the distressed. To do good and to relieve the distressed seemed to have been the great object of his life.

But the places that have known him will know him no more, his form will never rise here again; his voice will not be heard nor his benevolent countenance seen. He is dead. In his last trouble he was surrounded by two or three relatives and many friends who kindly administered to his wants, and while thus surrounded his spirit took its flight to other regions where all is peace and happiness, and all that remained has been committed to mother earth. A Friend.

Sep. 10, 1873, *Southern Aegis*: IN MEMORIAM. The Bible contains a

Book of chronology and genealogies. In these sacred records the parentage, birth, life, virtue, vices, trials, triumphs, deaths and burials are transmitted as encouragements and warnings to future generations. Here we have the names, localities and habits of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachael, Samuel and David, with their children. Here is recorded the social and religious conduct of Zachariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary, and the Marys and Marthas of the Savior's day; and the Phebes, the Pricillas and Aquilas, Paul's helpers in Christ, and John's elect lady; presented as examples for our imitation in their faith, their prayers, their tears, their gifts, their habitations, their sittings at the Savior's feet, washing them with tears and wiping them with their hair, their lingerings around the Cross, their early visits to the sepulchre and lastly their prompt proclamation of the resurrection of Christ. Who would have less said? Who would not wish more: Woman, the crowning—the last act of Creation—is a link between angels and men—*earth* and *heaven*. *Her* elevation and *our* civilization go hand in hand. Where she is honored, religion prospers. Where religion prospers, she is honored. Whose heart does not bound at the word mother, wife, daughter, sister? No wonder the Bible abounds in such words. *Let us cherish them*. In woman's life we see the highest exhibition of social purity, patience in toils, gravity of manners, fidelity in friendship, integrity in promises, devotion to duties, self-possession in danger, unwavering in love, uncomplaining under neglect,

meekness under injury, disinterestedness in benevolence, self-denial in patriotism, acuteness in research, chastity in poverty, suggestiveness in plans, practicality in knowledge, unfaltering in faith, firm in hope, untiring in obedience and fearlessness in death. In a word woman presents the highest type of social, intellectual and religious life in the annals of our race. *This is the record of the past and the present*.

During my Pastorship, running through near forty years, Bro. George Robinson, a most valuable deacon, with his excellent family, moved in the neighborhood and joined the Ashville Church, St. Clair co., Ala., Jan. 1857. Bro. Robinson died at Springville in 1861, while nursing his son William, who was prostrate on a bed of sickness.

When the war broke out, all his sons, who were large enough to bear arms, promptly volunteered, as well as his son-in-law. William died in Rock Island prison: George was lost in the Kentucky campaign under Bragg: John suffered more than death in an inhospitable hospital: James lost a limb and Bro. Prator, his son-in-law, died or was killed. Thus four of the family out of six suffered martyrdom for Constitutional liberty in the South; while the two who escaped the ravages of a cruel war, suffered extremely, having a devoted mother enfeebled with age and sorrow to provide for the smaller children. Energy wisely directed is generally rewarded; but just as sister Robinson began to feel that her children were prepared to enter on life's career, death comes, not in the thunder of the cannon, not in the carnage of the battle-field, but in the silent whispers of disease to steal

life away. It was during a protracted meeting at Ashville, while christians were singing, praying, weeping and rejoicing—while God's Spirit was distilling like dew—now falling like rain, then blowing like the rushing wind, that death came to that mother's house, that daughters heart. All that kindness could suggest, intelligent medical skill could do, was done—all that tears and prayers could avail was offered, but the Master hand had come and called for Mollie.

"His time there's none can tell,  
His voice there's none can quell."

Who that witnessed that death bed scene can ever forget it. A young daughter just bloomed into womanhood, conscious of her approaching end, the family all summoned in; brothers kneeling in tears around the couch of death; a mother in cries and prayers rehearsing the filial qualities of her daughter, interspersed with tears and prayers for the life and soul of her child; kind neighbors coming with sad hearts, streaming eyes and fervent supplications for the spirit and grace of God. One earnest sister exclaiming: "O Mollie, I love you. I remember your kindness in watching my dying babes as one after the other passed away with diphtheria; how I have prayed for you." The dying daughter sitting up with eyes set, cheeks pale, lips quivering in death; several christian mothers in Israel with arms embracing the dying daughter.

But the agony is over, the heart ceases to throb, the pulse no longer beats, the eyes lose their glow and the cheek its bloom. *She is dead, the river is crossed*—then opens that future we call immortality—eternity.

Mollie was trained in the nurture

and admonition of the Lord. She was the subject of a thousand prayers. She had serious convictions and made some expressions about her hopes and fears. These remarks were made at different times to different persons; so it was not easy to determine her condition and readiness for the change.

It is to be regretted we do not take more pains to ascertain the state of friends before death cuts off the opportunity. Two things, however, may be safely assumed. First, God has often heard prayers offered for others as for ourselves. Second, no limits this side of death can be put to the blood of Christ to cleanse from sin, and the boundless love and grace of God to save souls from death; and if fervent prayers and sovereign grace can bring a soul to Christ, then may we hope that Mollie received pardon and peace in believing in Christ.

Her funeral sermon was preached at the residence by J. A. Collins, from Luke IX ch.42 v. "Mary has chosen the good, &c." to a large, sympathizing assembly, after which she was borne with solemn tread to the family burying ground, where she was laid at twilight, leaving the angels to stand guard, and the stars to sing their vesper hymns till the archangel breaks the silence "and beauty immortal awakes from the tomb" — till is proclaimed, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Thus passed away Mollie C. **Robinson**, youngest daughter of Geo. and Mary C. Robinson, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1873. She was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852. Let her sudden death admonish us to be also ready, "for in such an hour as we think not

the Son of man cometh." God grant this grace through His Son. August 29, 1873. J. A. C.

Sep. 10, 1873, *Southern Aegis*: Died, in La., on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept. Alice **Mangham**, daughter of Wiley P. and Fannie Mangham. The deceased was 4 years, 5 months and 18 days old.

Sep. 10, 1873, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., Alta **Robinson**, infant daughter of Judge E. J. Robinson, and Sue E. his wife, age 9 months. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved.

Sep. 22, 1873, *Southern Aegis*: Obituary. Mrs. Mary S. **Collins**, wife of Jno. Collins and daughter of Mr. Spencer Beavers of McMinn co., Tenn, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1873, at the residence of her husband, Jno. Collins in St. Clair co., Ala. She professed faith in Christ when quite young, and was connected with the M. E. Church at the time of her death. God in his wisdom and goodness has so organized the relations of life that it requires a careful combination of prudence, patience, perseverance and industry to meet its responsibilities. Mrs. Collins was a wife and a mother in the highest sense of that word. She was a christian in the scriptural meaning of the term. And in consequence her death was one of triumph and peace and joy. She leaves two interesting daughters and one son. Little George had crossed the river before his mother to beckon her over to the other shore. Her virtues will be remembered, her name cherished by her family and friends. J. A. C.

## ***Southern Aegis, 1874***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 28, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Died near Ashville on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., Mrs. Sallie **Montgomery**, widow of the late David Montgomery in the seventy-ninth year of her age. She had been for many years a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

May 13, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, near Springville, after an illness of six weeks, Miss Sarah A. **Greene**, age about 27 years. Buried at Springville.

May 13, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, of Typhoid fever, near Ashville, Mr. John W. **Hodges**, age 28 years. Buried at Ashville.

+May 13, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., John **Reavis** (colored) living near Ashville.

Jun. 3, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: It is our painful duty to announce the death of Wm. M. **Finley**, Esq., of Ashville, who died in our midst on last Friday evening at 6 ½ o'clock after an illness of about two weeks, age 25. Mr. Finley, at the time of his decease, held the office of County Solicitor of this County. In his death, the bar of Alabama loses one of its brightest young ornaments, and the state one of its highest types of young manhood. We have oft heard the expression from his young associates, "he was the very soul of honor." And truly it was so. Noble, generous and of the finest conception of honor, he so guarded his walk among us as to preserve the

most scrupulous regard for the feelings and rights of others. His was a nature that could not descend to any littleness to seek an advantage in life, it would rather submit to any personal sacrifice than bear the semblance of suspicion.

His character can be better understood by the feelings the end affliction of his death aroused in us all. He had been a resident of this county but for a short time, and yet so attractive was his modest, unassuming demeanor that it won its way into all our hearts, and when he died, the stroke touched a chord of emotion that vibrated in sorrow and distress in our midst. We all felt afflicted by the blow. It was almost as if the cold touch of death had blighted a dear object of our households and draped our chambers in mourning.

Mr. Finley had laid the foundation of a promising future. His habits were correct and nothing seemed to stand in the way of his success, but his own native modesty, that study, intellect and honor could overcome.

Mr. Finley's funeral took place on Saturday evening. On Monday his remains were taken up and sent to Montgomery to be buried there, by his brother J. G. Finley, Esq., who arrived here from Montgomery on Sunday last.

Jun. 17, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. of disease of heart, near Branchville, St. Clair County, Mrs. Joice **Newton**—aged 75 years 2 months and 20 days. The deceased was the consort of John Newton, Esq., who preceded her in death 31 years.

Jun. 17, 1874, *Southern Aegis*:

John **Collins**, Esq., one of the oldest and best citizens of this county, died at his residence near Cropwell, on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. of consumption.

Jun. 17, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Oscar F. **Neely**, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, died at his residence near Ashville on the 15 inst. of apoplexy.

Jul. 29, 1874, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Friday morning, the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. of protracted remittent fever, W. W. **Vandegrift**, aged 23. The death of our young friend Willie Vandegrift sensitively affected, and deeply afflicted this community. Willie was a young man of whom every body had a good opinion. The sad and weeping faces of his young friends over his body attested how he was beloved, and how severely his loss will be felt by them.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1875***

Ashville, Alabama

Feb. 17, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., near Ashville, Thomas **Montgomery**, aged 23 years.

Feb. 17, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. R. W. **Coons**, wife of Rev. R. W. Coons, pastor of Ashville circuit.

Feb. 17, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., near Gadsden, Mr. John A. **Spalding**, aged 52 years.

Apr. 21, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., near Caldwell's station, Mr. Lerry **Gibson**, of this county, aged 78. Mr.

Gibson was one of our best citizens and he will be greatly missed.

May 19, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., at Ferryville, in this county, Mr. Enos **Truss**, aged 77. Mr. Truss was an old, substantial citizen of this county, and will be missed by many friends.

Aug.. 4, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: MURDER— In Coosa valley, on last Saturday, a cold blooded murder was committed by a negro, as we understand it, under the following circumstances: John **Collins** directed the negro to go over the cotton once more before laying by, which the negro refused to do. John told him if he did not he would have to hire some one to do it, whereupon the negro threatened to kill any man, white or black, who entered the field to plow, and cursed young Collins, who, at this instance, collared him. The negro who had his knife drawn, stabbed Collins in the arm cutting an artery, and plunging the knife into his side, just below the shoulder. From these wounds, the young man died in a few hours. Mark Collins, a brother, who interfered, was also cut by the negro in the back. The negro escaped. [These were sons of Rev. Jesse Collins.]

Sep. 1, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Friday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> ult., **John Edgar**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. **McClellen**, aged one year, seven months and seven days

Sep. 8, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 1875, **Julia Elizabeth**, infant daughter of George R. and Hattie H. **Cather**, aged 10 months and 17 days. A

sweet young flower, too innocent and pure for earth, has been taken from the nursery of our household to be transplanted in a clime where flowers never droop and die. Bowed down as we are in grief at this second affliction, we feel that we still have the power to exclaim in the language of one of old: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Sep. 29, 1875, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Weatherford, Texas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 1875, Mrs. Ann E. **Echols**. The funeral services took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs. Echols was the daughter of the late Judge Pope, who for a number of years was a resident of Ashville, at which place the deceased had spent her childhood. She was well known in this community where many of her acquaintances and friends will regret to hear of her death and will mourn over it. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved husband and relatives.

### ***Southern Aegis, 1876*** Ashville, Alabama

Apr. 5, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: George P. **Goodman** came to his death by accident by one of his friends shooting at a squirrel and hitting Goodman in or near his right eye, the ball ranging to the brain.

Apr. 12, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 1876, James **Treece**, of this county; aged 24 years. He was interred on the 7<sup>th</sup> at the burial ground of this town.

Apr. 19, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Hall of Cropwell Lodge, No. 247. F. and A. M., March 13<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1876. At a call communication assembled

to attend the funeral of Brother Thomas B. **Bell**, who departed this life March 12<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1876, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolved 1<sup>st</sup>. That in the death of our Brother we are reminded of the mutability of all temporal things and of the certainty of death, and should be admonished to be ready, for we know not the hour when the Son of man cometh, and though in the midst of life we are in death. Resolved 2<sup>nd</sup>. That in the death of our Brother, our Lodge has lost a true, warm hearted and devoted brother, son, husband and father, and that his place can never be filled on earth. Resolved 3<sup>rd</sup>. That we tender his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, and to his wife and orphan children an assurance that they are and shall be ever remembered by us at a throne of grace, and that we will ever extend to them that protection and care which become true Masons. ... S. P. McClellen, J. W. Laney, W. Wadsworth, Committee.

Apr. 26, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Sulphur Springs, St. Clair Co., Ala., April 7, A.D. 1876, Geo. P. **Goodman** departed this life 31<sup>st</sup>, A. D. 1876. He had been a member of the Sulphur Springs Lodge, No. 180, I. O. G. T., from its organization, Sept. 1875 to his death. He was a true and faithful member; an efficient officer, he was always present, unless Providentially hindered. ... P. E. Nicholson, J. A. Jones, A. C. Woods, Committee.

Apr. 26, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 22d inst., Mrs. **Carrington**, wife of Mr. S. G. Carrington, of St. Clair county, we

tender our sympathies to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased.

Jun. 21, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Leona A., wife of Mr. W. T. **Hodges**, of this town. The death of this good woman, affectionate wife, and exemplary mother, has cast the shade of sorrow over our community, and the voice of mourning is heard in every household in our midst. The deceased leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, and we tender to the bereaved our deep sympathy in this hour of sadness.

Jul. 19, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Rev. E. B. **McClellen**. This distinguished Christian and pious minister died on last Saturday at his residence in this town. He was a member of the North Alabama conference, but owing to his failing health for several years had not been engaged in the active work of the itineracy, though he preached once a month at this place up to the day of his death, and was buried on the day of his regular appointment; and about the hour his voice would have been heard in the pulpit pointing out the way to sinners—for this was his great theme—the masonic brotherhood were performing the ceremony of his interment at his request. He died of an attack of bilious and chronic dysentery, though his disease was otherwise complicated.

Bro. McClellen was a man of decided convictions. His head was always set on the religious opinions of the fathers, and from their standard of interpretation he could not be moved. Devoted to the cause

of Christ, he labored most ardently for the conversion of the young people of this community, and it will be long before his voice of entreaty and warning will be forgotten, if ever, by them. Had not disease marked him early in life, he would have occupied a high position as a minister. His voice was naturally mellow and musical; his use of language easy, and his style of thought rather of a poetical turn. His manner of address, however, was too positive and sincere to win popular approval, and it was only among those who knew him best that he was most highly esteemed and appreciated. He had his defects and weaknesses like all of us. But in his case they seemed to be the dwarfed outgrowth of fixed opinions and habits of thought inculcated in his youth, and which originated in an age when philosophy and religion for the want of the means to advance were compelled to lay hold of the horns of the alter or to die. But Brother McClellen belonged to that rank of time worn-out religious thought, which conceived that faith was the groundwork of reason. Yet his faith was unfaltering in the cause of christianity. He was a model of religious consistency; where the faltering thought of the present needs to be awakened by the stern logic of reason, leaning upon the crumbling walls of ancient opinion, without recognizing their ruins, he was content to answer every difficulty by the one idea of a faith, which all acknowledge to be of all mysteries the greatest, because the church is unwilling to see that without reason there can be no faith—nothing but a brute instinct—and consequently faith is founded on reason, or what is the

same on mental discernment, and can be nothing more nor less in religion than the appropriation of Christ as the sum and substance of religious truth to our lives.

But a good man has fallen from our midst; one whose presence will be missed from our circle, yet whose memory will be cherished by us for the example he left of the faithful, true and patient—amid suffering—follower of Christ, and for the pleasure his presence ever brought to our families. His spirit is in Heaven.

Aug. 23, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., near Branchville, this county, Mr. Hugh **Dickey**.

Aug. 23, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Greensport. died recently, Miss Sarah **Lourimore**, of consumption.

Sep. 27, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Greensport. Sept. 20. The citizens of this neighborhood are in great excitement over an unusual circumstance that has just occurred. On last Thursday night Jesse E. **Burchfield**, who was laboring under a fit of mental derangement, in spite of the entreaties of his wife and children, fled to the woods and was seen no more until yesterday, when he was found hanging in a tree forty feet from the ground. The whole community had been searching for him four days. He leaves a large family of helpless children.

Oct. 11, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died, in this county, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Nancy **Dean**, aged 91 years, 1 month and 18 days.

Oct. 11, 1876, *Southern Aegis*:

Died, in Talladega, on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> ult., Mrs. S. E. **Sutherland**, aged 42 years. She was born in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett county, Georgia, was married at the age of 24 or 25 to Mr. Sutherland, who died in 1875, while the family resided in Gadsden.

Oct. 11, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: On Wednesday last, a man named McCain killed a man named **Lloyd**, near Chandler's springs, Talladega county. The weapon used was a rifle. McCain escaped.

Oct. 18, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died, at Ashville, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1876, Lizzie **Wyatt**, aged 3 years, 2 months and 6 days, daughter of S. A. Wyatt.

Nov. 1, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died, on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup>, at his residence in Greasy Cove, of this county, Isaac **Brothers**, aged about 55. He was a good citizen.

Nov. 8, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., in Talladega county, Mrs. Mary **Green** aged about 67 years.

Nov. 8, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> ult., at St. Clair Springs, Mrs. C. B. **Harkness**, of Greene county, aged 50 years.

Nov. 29, 1876, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 22d inst., in Coosa valley, J. J. **Abbott**, aged 57 years. Mr. Abbott was a highly respected citizen of this county. He suffered many years with a chronic disease, for which he had been treated by the most skillful physicians of the county. He was buried with Masonic honors.

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### ***Springville Enterprise, 1876***

Springville, Alabama

Aug. 24, 1876, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died in this county, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr. Richard **Woodall**, aged 24 years.

Nov. 16, 1876, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the 13th [?] of September, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, after a short illness, Simeon **Keith**, at the residence of Mr. Jarrett Keith, at or near Greenville, S. C. The deceased was a son of John B. and Mary A. Keith of this vicinity.

Dec. 7, 1876, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died in this vicinity December 3, 1876, Wm. **Presley**, son of Wm. R. and Mary Presley, aged 20 years, 7 months and 1 day.

Dec. 21, 1876, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died in this vicinity on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., **Laura**, infant daughter of Francis and Sarah **Burtram**, aged 4 months and 9 days.

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### ***Springville Enterprise, 1877***

Springville, Alabama

Feb. 22, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the 14th inst., at his residence in this county, Mr. David **Forman**, in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He was born in Chester District, South Carolina, 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 1808, and was two years the senior of his brother, Mr. James Forman, our worthy townsman.

Mar. 8, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., near this place, Mr. Richard

**Crow**, about 60 years of age. He was one of the pioneer engineers who ran the first Steamboat on the Coosa River between Greensport and Rome.

Mar. 8, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died near Walnut Grove, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, **Fannie**, in her 7<sup>th</sup> and **Charlie**, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of age, only children of P. F. and Mattie **Bradford**.

Jun. 21, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst., Robert Sampler **Hollifield**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hollifield of this place.

Nov. 3, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* The funeral of Mrs. Dr. T. L. **Robertson**, of Oxford, will take place at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at eleven o'clock Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. [The Nov. 10 issue stated:] The funeral of Mrs. Dr. Robertson, who died in Oxford some days since, took place in the Baptist Church on Monday last.

Nov. 24, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died about five miles from this place, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., **infant** son of Rev. T. B. **Taylor**.

Nov. 24, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died in Blount County, on 21<sup>st</sup> inst., **infant** son of James and Mannelly **Walker**.

Dec. 8, 1877, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died, at Cedar Grove, Jefferson County, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., Willie S. **Jones**, infant son of Dr. G. W. Jones, aged 10 months and 2 days.

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### ***Springville Enterprise, 1878***

Springville, Alabama

Feb. 7, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Kelly's Creek. Died suddenly, at his residence, on the night of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult., Mr. Alex. **Jourdan**. He had no family, nor any relatives near him.

Feb. 7, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died, near this place, on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., Mr. Simon **Gunter**, who leaned himself to retain his umbrella while running his horse, struck his head against a tree which killed him.

Mar. 14, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* On last Thursday our town was saddened by the death of Mr. J. P. **Herring**, Esq., who, after a brief illness of brain fever, died at his residence in this place on the evening \_\_\_\_ day. Mr. Herring had \_\_\_\_ly reached the full vigor of \_\_\_\_hood when thus suddenly cut \_\_\_\_\_. Having lived the larger portion of his life here, he breathed his \_\_\_\_ surrounded by a large circle of friends and relations, among the \_\_\_\_ a bereaved wife and one little \_\_\_\_ who have the heart felt sympathy of the entire community. May God in His mercy sanctify this so\_\_\_\_ affliction to those who mingle \_\_\_\_ tears and moanings over his \_\_\_\_ made grave. He was buried with Masonic honors on Friday evening the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

Apr. 11, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died, near this place, the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Irena **McClendon**, aged about 67 years.

Apr. 18, 1878, *Springville*



*Enterprise:* Died in Itawamba, Miss., March \_\_\_, 1878, Wm. M. **Inzer**, son of \_\_\_ Inzer of this county.

+Apr. 18, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* On last Thursday the **wife** of Tom **Moore**, colored, living \_\_\_ \_udge Robinson's farm, about 2 \_\_\_ \_s from Ashville dropped suddenly dead at the washtub.

Apr. 18, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* By a postal from Gadsden we learn that John **Wagnon** \_\_\_ killed in Etowah, on the 11th \_\_\_ e logging, by a saw-log rolling \_\_\_ him.

May 2, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., Samuel A. **Wyatt**, aged about 48 years. (From the *Aegis*)

May 16, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the 8<sup>th</sup>, near Liberty Church, Mrs. Henry **Harden**. Deceased was from near Aberdan, Miss.

Jun. 6, 1878, *Springville Enterprise:*

We are under the painful necessity of recording this week one of the saddest events that ever took place in our town. But a few days since, Ira **Osborn**, who had scarcely reached mature manhood, and his sister, Miss Gertie **Osborn**, just budding into beautiful womanhood, were alive and among us, surrounded by friends and fond relatives; but now they share a common coffin, and a common place in the great city of the dead. The deceased were son and daughter of our worthy townsman Dr. Osborn at whose residence they died on

Monday and Tuesday last of the measles in some of its complicated forms, the son dying on Monday night and the daughter on the following morning, but a few hours afterward. After a very solemn funeral service by Dr. Watson at the Presbyterian church of which they were members, their last remains, on Tuesday evening, were borne to the cemetery and deposited in their final resting place. This is indeed a sad event to us—two persons just entering upon the stage of life, from the bosom of the same family, cut down in the short space of a few hours. Again we are taught that the grim monster is no respecter of persons. The rich and the poor, the aged and the young fall alike beneath his remorseless march.

Death rides on every passing breeze,

And lurks in every flower;

Each season has its own disease,

Its peril every hour.

In addition to those who mourn in common the loss of brother and sister, son and daughter Mr. Osborn leaves a young wife and one small child. May God in his goodness and wisdom sanctify the afflictions of the weeping ones as the means of directing them to that abode where sorrow and weeping are no more and the weary are at rest.

Jun. 27, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1878, it pleased the Great Head of the Church, to remove from earth's suffering vale to his glorious home above, our venerable and beloved brother William **Cowden**, who had attained the advanced age of 97 years.

Aug. 9, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult., near Ashville, Mrs. Amanda M. **Burgess**.

Aug. 15, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died recently Frank **Alverson**, of Broken Arrow, this county.

Aug. 22, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Mary J. **Campbell** died July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1878.

Aug. 22, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died near this place the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., Harmon **Buttram**.

Aug. 22, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died, near this place on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., Charley **Williams**, little son of Rev. N. B. Williams of the Baptist Church.

Sep. 12, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died on 31, Mrs. Ann **Craig**, near Ashville.

Sep. 12, 1878, *Springville*

*Enterprise:* Died, 9<sup>th</sup>, Miss Leona **Carpenter**, aged 10 years, at Ferryville.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1879***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 8, 1879, *Southern Aegis:*

Died recently, near Ashville, Mrs. Nannie **Dill**, aged 82 years.

+Jan. 15, 1879, *Southern Aegis:*

Ike **Deschazer**, a colored man well known to this vicinity, died Tuesday after a few days' illness.

Feb. 5, 1879, *Southern Aegis:*

Died recently, in this county, of pneumonia, Hezekiah **Ingram**.

Feb. 12, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., Mrs. J. C.  
**Williams**.

Mar. 12, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on March 8, near this place,  
**Fannie**, aged 6 years, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Allman.

Mar. 12, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 9, near this place, Wm.  
P. **Neeley**, aged about 75 years.

Mar. 12, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 10, near this place,  
**infant** of John **Craig**.

Mar. 19, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 16, near Eden, this  
county, C. Leonard **Harden**, aged  
about 42 years. He left a wife and  
five children at home.

Mar. 26, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 4, 1879, at Patenville,  
Lamar County, Texas, Elijah  
**Moore**, aged about 28 years,  
formerly of this county.

Apr. 2, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 26, 1879, at Springville,  
this county, Col. James **Forman**,  
aged about 69 years. Col. Forman's  
history is identified with that of the  
county many years. He took a  
leading part in all matters and issues  
in which the people were interested.  
We were surprised as well as  
shocked at his death, for he seemed  
to preserve his vitality and activity to  
a degree above hundreds of less  
advanced age. He was true and  
energetic in behalf of his friends,  
and a large and highly respected  
number of our citizens will be  
pained to hear of his decease. We  
tender our condolence to his  
bereaved family and connections.

Apr. 9, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died in this county, March 23, 1879,  
S. W. **Stevenson**, aged 78 years 6  
months and 20 days.

Apr. 9, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died near Springville, March 24,  
1879, T. W. **Aderholt**, aged 79  
years.

Apr. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 1, 1879, at Greensport,  
Mrs. Julia R. **Davis**, wife of Jas.  
Davis.

Apr. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 15, 1879, near  
Greensport, **infant** of Mr. and Mrs.  
John and Fanny **Edwards**.

Apr. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died April 18, 1879, near  
Springville, **infant** of V. C.  
**Montgomery**.

Apr. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died April 23, 1879, in this county,  
Joseph T. **Griffin**, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. W. Griffin, aged 1 year 8  
months 3 days.

Apr. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died April 26, 1879, near Ashville,  
Mrs. **Nelson**, wife of J. P. Nelson.

Jul. 9, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died July 1, 1879, near Kelly's  
Creek, John S. **Spruiell**, aged about  
65. Mr. Spruiell was an old and  
highly respected citizen of the  
county.

Jul. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died in Beason's Cove, July 23d,  
Mrs. **Lankford**, wife of John  
Lankford.

Jul. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:

Died near Ferryville, this county,  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Cynthia **Falkner**,  
aged 77 years. She was the step-  
mother of commissioner H. H.  
Strange. Had been an invalid for  
many years.

Jul. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died recently, at Kelly's Creek,  
James **Turner**, aged 21.

Jul. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Branchville, 14<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
**infant** of Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
**McLaughlin**.

Jul. 23, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Branchville, 15<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs.  
Henry **Hawkins**.

Jul. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on 21<sup>st</sup>, near Ferryville, Mrs.  
Pamelia **Nelson**.

Jul. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died July 24<sup>th</sup>, of paralysis,  
Benjamin **Potts**, of this county, aged  
about 79.

Jul. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on 27<sup>th</sup>, near Beaver Valley,  
**child** of Mr. and Mrs. Joe **Byers**.

Jul. 30, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died recently, at St. Clair Sulphur  
springs, **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Frank **Simmons**

Aug. 6, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Springville, July 28, Withers  
**Randolph**, infant son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Ryland Randolph, aged 3  
months and 19 days.

Aug. 13, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., at his residence  
near St. Clair Springs, Mr. Richard  
**Golden**, aged about 60 years.

Aug. 13, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., at her residence  
six miles from Branchville, Mrs.  
Hughey **Carr**, aged 93 years.

Aug. 27, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died near Branchville, August 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Miss Presh. **Frazier**.

Sep. 10, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died recently at the residence of her  
son, Mrs. Lydia **Boling**, aged 82.

Sep. 10, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 4<sup>th</sup>, suddenly at her  
residence in this county, Mrs. Sarah  
**Scroggins**.

Sep. 17, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died near Ashville, 15<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs.  
Eliza B. **Dean**.

Sep. 17, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Pleas.  
W. **Crump**.

Sep. 17, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., James  
**Browning**, aged 19.

Oct. 1, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on 20<sup>th</sup> ult., near Greensport,  
Rev. J. W. **Wilson**, son of J. W.  
Wilson, aged 32 years.

Oct. 1, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on 22d, near Greensport, Mrs.  
Fannie **Edwards**, wife of John  
Edwards.

Oct. 8, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at his residence, in this county,  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Littleton **Yarbrough**, aged  
77 years. On last Wednesday, Mr.  
Littleton Yarbrough died at his  
home, not far from this town. Mr.  
Yarbrough was one of St. Clair's  
oldest and best citizens, a consistent

member of the Baptist church of  
many years standing, and a quiet,  
unobtrusive gentleman. He led an  
active business life until his health  
began to fail, some three or four  
years since, and was still full of  
energy up to his last illness. He lived  
to a ripe old age, 77 years.

Oct. 15, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died near Ashville, 8<sup>th</sup> inst., Wm. A.  
**Edwards**, aged 57.

Oct. 15, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died near Springville, 8<sup>th</sup>, **infant**  
child of Mr. Blake **Dumas**.

Oct. 15, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died near Springville, 9<sup>th</sup>, Augustus  
**Patterson**, aged 16.

Oct. 15, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Springville, 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs.  
**Minor**.

Oct. 22, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., in Ashville,  
Maude Dean **Vandegrift**, infant  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junius  
Vandegrift.

Oct. 22, 1879, *Southern Aegis*: On  
the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., at her father's  
residence, near town, Mrs. Laura P.  
**Ayers**, wife of D. A. Ayers.

Nov. 12, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 11th inst., **Forney**, little  
son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. **Hodges**.  
The distressed parents have our  
heartfelt sympathies in their deep  
affliction.

Nov. 18, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 12th inst., Joseph **Blair**,  
of consumption, age about 55. Mr.  
Blair came to this county recently  
from Birmingham, and for a while

worked on the government works at  
Greensport. He was a stone cutter.  
He quit the works on account of bad  
health. He had means.

Dec. 10, 1879, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., of typhoid  
fever, Jennie **Zellner**, aged 16,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H.  
Zellner. The family have our deepest  
sympathies in their sad bereavement

Dec. 31, 1879, *Southern Aegis*: A  
row occurred on Christmas night in  
front of Mr. A. Crow's hotel, in this  
town, which resulted in the killing of  
Aaron **Colston**, *alias* Bud Ray.  
Colston was shot in the back,  
thirteen buck shot entering his body.  
Who did the shooting is unknown,  
as Colston was standing alone when  
shot. His body was conveyed to the  
courthouse where he expired before  
day.

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### ***Southern Aegis*, 1880**

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 30, 1880, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Jan. 10, 1880, Andrew J.  
**Hale**, aged 62. He was a highly  
respected citizen of the county, and  
died a Christian.

Feb. 13, 1880, *Southern Aegis*:  
John **Shaw** was killed recently near  
Steel's depot by a tree falling on  
him. He was about seventy years  
old, and lived only three hours after  
the accident.

Feb. 27, 1880, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., Mrs. Nancy  
**Ramsey**, aged about 70.

Feb. 27, 1880, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 11th inst., **Emma**, a  
little daughter of J. T. and S. C.

**Jordan**, aged 3 years 2 months and 18 days.

Mar. 12, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Steel. Old John **Lester**, col., was found on the railroad below the station, insensible, and almost lifeless, this morning. He died soon after he was found. Cause unknown. Mar. 1.

Mar. 19, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died March 8<sup>th</sup>, Miss Margaret **Hodge**, aged 50 years.

Mar. 19, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died March 8<sup>th</sup>, Thomas **Owens**, aged 55 years.

Apr. 2, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. [sic], in Ashville, Mrs. Martha E. **Vandegrift**, wife of Mr. Junius Vandegrift, aged 26. It is with feelings of sorrow that we express our deepest sympathy for the bereaved young husband and sorrowing friends.

Apr. 2, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult., James L. W. **Box** near Trout Creek, this county, age 17 years and 6 months. We sympathize with the sorrowing parents and friends. Verily in the midst of life there is death. Our consolation is in the hope beyond.

Apr. 16, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., near Trout Creek, Miss Ann **Smith**.

Apr. 23, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., **infant** child of Dr. E. P. **Chandler**, near Cropwell, age 8 months.

May 7, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, Rev. H. W. **Inzer**, of Coosa Valley, 81 years. The deceased was born in Moore County, North Carolina, lived in Georgia many years and had been a citizen of St. Clair county up to his death for 25 years. He was a man distinguished for his exemplary life and probity of character. Full of years when he died, his honored and useful life is a rich legacy to society worthy of imitation by us all.

May 14, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: We learn that a distressing affair occurred near Steels station about three weeks ago. Mr. Thos. **Bright** and **son** were in the field when a rabbit was jumped. Mr. Bright was in the act of throwing an axe he held in his hand, when he stumbled, the axe slipping from his hand, and striking his son on the head, who died nine days afterward from the wound inflicted.

May 21, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died, Mrs. John F. **Nelson**, near Ferryville, this county, May 8, 1880.

Jun. 4, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 20, 1880, near Gulf Hollow, Thomas **Rush**, aged 21.

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., on Wolf Creek, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. A. **Meadows**

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., near Coleman's gin, Mrs. John **Barbour**.

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., near Ferryville, Miss Lizzie **Smith**.

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., near Eden, Mrs. John **Stuart**.

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. **Hodges**. We extend our sympathies to the parents in this the hour of another sad bereavement. May they be blessed with fortitude to bear up in this time of trial.

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., near Coleman's gin, Mrs. John **Fannin**.

Jun. 18, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., near Greensport, **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Borthers** [sic].

Jun. 25, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 1880, Daniel A. **Hodges** of Ashville, aged 29. Mr. Hodges was one of our promising business young men, respected and loved. Quite recently he had gone in business with his brother of this town, had purchased property and erected a fine new house. To him life held out fair promise of success and happiness. But the fell hand of death was laid on him in the very prime of his young manhood, and his body has been placed in its earthy home. Our young men should prophet by the lesson here taught. On Sunday evening his remains were followed to the little graveyard southwest of the village by a large concourse of people from town and the country, who solemnly committed him to his last resting place; many tears were shed, and expressions of sorrow uttered by his host of friends. In our own sadness we deeply sympathize

with the numerous relatives and friends of the deceased.

Jul. 16, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the \_\_\_ inst., Paul **Foster**, little son of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Foster, of Branchville. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved parents in the loss of their dear little boy.

Aug. 6, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 1880, **Neva H.** only daughter and child of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. **Bass**, aged 3 years. Neva was a bright, beautiful little girl, the pride of the household, around whom entwined the fondest affections and hopes of her idolizing parents. Death came and nipped her, as the frost of an early autumn withers the tendril of the parent stalk, and our dear little friend faded from the affections of her earthly friendships. Her little grave marks her passage from earth and this points her parents to the cherished hope of a future state beyond it. We are told to lay up our treasures in heaven, and after all, is it not better to do so than to have them behind us here? May these young parents who have been bereft of their sweet daughter find a surer consolation in the strengthening of their hope beyond earth where the spirit of their only child bids them look for comfort in the hour of their distress.

Aug. 13, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., 1880, Mrs. Daniel **Williams**, aged about 75.

Aug. 20, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., 1880, near Cropwell, Mrs. Martha A. **Law** consort of Rev. Lealis Law. She was a great sufferer for many years but

bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude, and died in the triumph of a living faith.

Aug. 20, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: The news of the death of Rev. Jesse **Collins** by his own hands on Sunday last about 12 o'clock, at his residence in Coosa Valley, will be received with profound sadness throughout this section of Alabama. It has been known to his numerous friends that his health has been very much impaired for some years, and he was suffering under mental depression, but no one expected the sudden precipitation of his earthly career which occurred last Sunday. At the time of the distressing affair, he was sitting in his arm chair in his room. He had taken the pistol with which he did the act from the mantel shelf. The ball penetrated the heart and he died instantly. He was a useful citizen, an eminent member of the Baptist church and is widely known throughout Alabama. We deeply sympathize with his distressed relations and friends.

Aug. 20, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Shoal Creek. Our little cousin Kate **Monroe** died on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Kate was a sweet child.

Sep. 20, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Shoal Creek. Mr Marion **Crump**, son of Mr. Robert Crump, died Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Oct. 6, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Josephine **Wyatt**—age, about 39. Mrs. Wyatt had been an invalid for several years. Her orphan children are in good hands. God bless them.

Oct. 6, 1880, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Francis M. **Cox**, of Ashville, age 20. Frank was a high minded, moral and modest youth. He will be missed from our circle. The bereaved parents and relatives have our sympathies.

Oct. 13, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1880, Mrs. Nannie J. **Coker**, in Beaver Valley, age 25 years.

Dec. 29, 1880, *Southern Aegis*: Died Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1880, Mrs. M. F. **Inzer**, near Trussville, Jefferson county, Ala. Deceased leaves a husband and eight small children, with a large number of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

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### *Southern Aegis*, 1881

Ashville, Alabama

May 11, 1881, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 4, 1881, Mrs. Elizabeth **Philips**, at her residence four miles from Ashville, age 53 years. The deceased was the wife of Mr. James Philips, and belonged to two of the most respected and influential families in the county, being the daughter of the late J. W. Yarbrough, and her numerous relatives are not confined to this county, but are among the most prosperous families of the west. An exemplary Christian, a devoted wife and an affectionate mother, the deceased leaves a host of friends, besides numerous relatives to grieve at her loss. She died suddenly from heart disease. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved husband and family.

May 25, 1881, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1881, Mrs. Nannie **Neeley**, wife of Mr. John

Neeley, age 22.

Jun. 22, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1881, Mrs. Fannie **Cox**, wife of Mr. L. M. Cox, Whitney, age 35. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved husband and numerous relatives and friends of the lamented deceased. The funeral took place on the Saturday following, and was largely attended.

Jun. 29, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died June 21, 1881, J. Franklin **Brown**, age 20. But a few weeks ago, Frank moved about among us the very picture of health— what a lesson to his young companion and friends who have our sympathy in the day of their trouble.

Jun. 29, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died June 24, 1881, Mrs. Nancy **Montgomery**, wife of late Milton Montgomery, deceased, age 65. The deceased was an old citizen of the county, largely connected, and leaves a large family and numerous relatives to mourn her loss.

Jul. 20, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr. James M. **Bradford**, of Wetumpka, aged 72 years. He was raised in Springville and had many friends and relatives in this county.

Jul. 20, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., at Springville, this county, Mrs. Letitia **Harden**, wife of Rev. Peter Harden, age 63. Mrs. Harden was a consistent Christian and died in full hope of triumphant joy. She left numerous relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Aug. 3, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on 22<sup>nd</sup> ult., Mrs. A. P. **McCluskey**, near Cropwell.

Aug. 31, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., **Bethany J.**, daughter of Mr. B. F. **Brothers**, aged 11 years. We deeply sympathize with the distressed family.

Aug. 31, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., near Sulphur Springs, this county, Pinkney **Jones**, aged about 17 years.

Aug. 31, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1881, Mrs. Lora B. **Moore**, of Eden, this county, aged \_\_\_\_ years. The news of the sudden death of this young lady will be a shock to her many acquaintances in this community, and her young husband left to mourn her untimely death will have the sympathies of a large number of our citizens.

Sep. 7, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 4, 1881, S. M. **Brothers**, age 5 years.

Sep. 7, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 3, 1881, James **Rowan**, aged 93.

Sep. 14, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on September 11, 1881, C. T. **Nunnolley**, aged 54 years.

Sep. 21, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Alex. H. **Zellner**, aged 26 years. The deceased was one of the most energetic and industrious young men of our county, and it is with extreme sorrow we report his death so early in life; and our deepest sympathies are for the afflicted parents and

relatives of the deceased in this time of trouble.

Sep. 28, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst., at Wealaka, I. T. [Indian Territory], Mrs. W. T. **Davis**.

Sep. 28, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., near Easonville, this county, G. B. **Blackley**, aged 74.

Sep. 28, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., near Easonville, this county, **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Cameron**

Sep. 28, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., near Ashville, Mrs. Margaret **Nunnellee**, aged 25 years.

Sep. 28, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. J. R. **Vandegrift**, aged 31 years.

Oct. 12, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1881, near Cornelia, this county, A. M. **Scoggins**, aged 35 years.

Oct. 19, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Oct. 16, 1881, Mollie **Zellner**, aged \_\_\_\_ years.

Nov. 2, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on October 29, 1881, **George**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. **Philips**. The young parents have our deepest sympathies in the sad hour of their affliction.

Nov. 2, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on August 22, 1881, John **Steward**, aged 100 years, 6 months, 13 days. The deceased was an old

soldier of the war of 1812, and died at the residence of Jerry Stewart, near Easonville, this county.

Nov. 16, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Nov. 13, 1881, Mrs. C. H. **Pope**, aged 60 years.

Nov. 16, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Oct. 24, 1881, at Springville, this county, L. M. **Herring**, aged 25 years.

Nov. 16, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Nov. 6, 1881, at Cedar Grove, Jefferson county, H. B. **Moor**, aged 88 years.

Dec. 7, 1881, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Nov. 24, 1881, near Steel's Station, this county, James **Shanks**, aged 69 years.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1882***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 25, 1882, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Thomason—Near Springville, St. Clair Co., Alabama. January 10, 1882, Carter H. **Thomason**, in the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of his age.

Feb. 1, 1882, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Treece—On January 25, 1882, near Ashville, St. Clair County, Alabama, Noble Preston **Treece**, son of D. A. and S. L. Treece, aged 3 years, 3 months and 19 days.

Feb. 15, 1882, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Higginbotham. On February 8, 1882, near Fair View, St. Clair County, Ala., Joseph A. **Higginbotham**, aged 56 years. Deceased left a wife and eleven children. Expressed himself prepared to die, but regretted to leave them. His funeral was attended

by a large number of friends, and the services were conducted by Mr. Watson.

Aug. 2, 1882, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July 17, of consumption, Miss Nannie **Thompson** of Springville. Miss Nannie was 22 years old, loved by all who knew her.

Aug. 9, 1882, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on August 3, 1882, Mrs. Mary C. **Robinson**, mother of Hon. E. J. Robinson, at the residence of her daughter near Ashville, aged about 75. Mrs. Robinson had been afflicted sometime with pulmonary consumption and her death was not unlooked for. She suffered patiently and died as a Christian.

Nov. 8, 1882, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1882, **infant** son of Dr. D. E. **Cason** and wife. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1883***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 10, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on December 30, 1882, Freddy **Lovett**, son of Prof. M. B. Lovett of St. Clair sulphur springs.

Feb. 7, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Near Whitney in this county, on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. **Lankford**.

Apr. 11, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Thursday, April 5, 1883, in Ashville, Mr. William **Wright**, aged 76 years.

Apr. 25, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Killingsworth. On the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, near Ferryville, this county, Marx **Killingsworth**, aged 86 years.

May 30, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Last Saturday, Ben **Byers** and Bob Hammonds got into a fight at Springville. Hammonds drew a pistol on Byers and shot him. Ben Byers then closed on Bob with a knife and cut him dangerously, but not fatally. Byers died on the spot.

Jun. 6, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 1883, Mrs. Sallie **Yarbrough**, wife of John Yarbrough of Greensport, in this county. Aged about 30.

Jun. 27, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Odom. On June 23, 1883, in Slasham community, this county, John **Odom**, about 22 years old.

Jul. 4, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Herring. On June 21, 1883, Joseph M. **Herring**.

Jul. 4, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Gray. In Birmingham, unnamed **infant** of J. F. & M. **Gray**.

Sep. 12, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died in Ashville, after protracted and painful illness for over a year, Mr. J. M. **Higgins**. His wife and three children have our sympathy.

Sep. 19, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Cox. September 15, 1883, near Ashville, Mrs. A. **Cox**, aged 59 years.

Oct. 3, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Cash. On September 12, 1883, Mrs. Harriet M. **Cash**, Shoal Creek.

Oct. 10, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Hodges. Oct. 3, 1883, Josiah  
**Hodges**, aged about 64 years. The  
deceased was a highly respected  
citizen of this county, a member of  
the Baptist church and a quiet and  
consistent Christian. A large number  
of children and grandchildren mourn  
his departure.

Oct. 24, 1883, *Southern Aegis*: The  
affair...which resulted in the killing  
of a man named **Linley**, in beat 8,  
occurred in a bar room. The  
murdered man was making at  
[toward] Young Bird with a bottle  
drawn from behind the counter when  
he was shot.

Oct. 31, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Oct. 28, 1883, Mrs. J. W.  
**Heath**, of Ashville.

Nov. 7, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Lankford. On Nov. 1, 1883, at  
Greensport, this county, Laura L.  
**Lankford**, age 7 years.

Nov. 28, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Turner. Near this place, on  
Nov. 25, George W. **Turner**.

Dec. 5, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Allen C. Nichols, on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult.,  
killed George **Matthews**, at Nat  
Hawkins', near Mt. Lookout, of this  
county. The murder is regarded as a  
very reckless affair. It is reported  
that Nichols deliberately went to  
Hawkins, with a double barreled  
shot-gun, entering the front door,  
commanded Matthews to surrender,  
and as the latter, who was sitting in  
a chair face from the door, turned  
around, and in the act of rising  
Nichols discharged the contents of  
one barrel of duckshot into  
Matthews' neck, and the other into

his breast, killing him instantly. The  
murder is said to be the result of a  
small debt Matthews owed Nichols.  
Since the above went into type we  
learn from parties in the  
neighborhood that Nichols and  
Matthews had a difficulty a few days  
before the killing, and Nichols stated  
after he shot Matthews that he did  
not know Matthews was at  
Hawkins' when he went there, but as  
he was getting over the fence he  
heard Matthews threaten to kill him.  
When Nichols entered the door and  
told Matthews to surrender, he also  
told Cal Murry to aid him to arrest  
Matthews, who, in the meantime,  
rose and made towards him, and he  
shot in self defense.

Dec. 5, 1883, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Patterson. On Nov. 17, 1883,  
**William Patterson**, aged 27;

### ***Southern Aegis, 1884***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 23, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on January the 19, 1884,  
**Robert Hood**.

Mar. 19, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Rev. J. L. **Milburn** died on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
inst., at his home in Trenton, Ga. He  
was in charge of the Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church at this place  
and resided at Branchville last year.  
He departed at a good old age, full  
of prospects of Heaven. He fell with  
his armor on.

Mar. 26, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died March 17, 1884, at her home  
at Rusk, Texas, Miss Reb **Neely**, in  
her 18<sup>th</sup> year. The deceased was  
buried at the Rusk cemetery on the  
18<sup>th</sup>.

May 28, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on May 19, **infant** son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Thos. **Neely**, of this place.  
Our sympathy is extended to the  
parents in their sorrow for the little  
babe gone on to a brighter world.

Jun. 11, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Ferryville. The following are the  
results of the accident at Robertson's  
Mill last week. Mr. **Robertson** has  
died; Mr. Clanton is still alive and  
hopes of his recovery are still  
entertained.

Jul. 2, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Johnny **Coleman**, son of Highland  
Coleman, near Springville, was  
accidentally shot about two weeks  
ago, and died Sunday week from the  
effect of the wound inflicted. His  
brother Ally took the gun down to  
kill a dog, and pulled the hammer  
back to recap the gun when the load  
was discharged entering below the  
left abdomen and coming out in the  
rear around his thigh. Six buck shot  
were found in the bed where the  
little fellow was standing.

Jul. 9, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July 1, 1884, Mrs. Mary  
**Box**, aged 83 years, 7 months and 1  
day.

Jul. 30, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Branchville. Died Mrs. I. E.  
**Burgess**, after a long and severe  
spell of sickness on July 15, 1884.  
She expected death and was  
prepared for it.

Sep. 3, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:  
Branchville. Joseph **Tucker**, after  
much affliction, died here. He had  
been a long time expecting death.

Nov. 12, 1884, *Southern Aegis*:



Died November 6, 1884, at Slasham, this county, J. C. **Brown**, aged 60.

Dec. 10, 1884, *Southern Aegis*: Died on December 1, 1884, at Caldwell's Station in this county, Mrs. Carrie **Sampler**, wife of Rev. R. J. Sampler. The deceased was an exemplary Christian, distinguished for a zeal in the cause of religion, and an affectionate and faithful wife. The husband has our sympathies in his sore bereavement.

Dec. 17, 1884, *Southern Aegis*: Died at his residence in this county, Dec. 14, 1884, John A. **Harden**, aged 62. The deceased was an old and respected citizen.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1885***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 7, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Greensport, on January 1, 1885, Johnny **Hawkins**, aged 7.

+Feb. 25, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: An old negro woman, named **Killion**, was buried here last week. Said at the time of her death to be over one-hundred years old.

Feb. 25, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: John T. **Jordan**, a clever man and an old citizen of St. Clair County, on the 12th inst., died at his residence.

Feb. 25, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Robert W. **Inzer**, an old and well respected citizen of this county, died at the residence of his son, Rev. R. W. Inzer, the 12th inst., aged 88 years. He was born in Moore County, North Carolina.

Apr. 1, 1885, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on March 27, 1885, at Branchville, Dr. Geo. W. **Thomson**, aged 38 years.

Apr. 15, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 11, 1885, at Point Cedar, Ark., Rev. Gilbert **Johnson**, a former resident of this county.

May 6, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 9, 1885, near Ashville, Elijah **Gilchrist**.

May 6, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 1, 1885, near Ashville, Trav. **Alford**, aged about 60 years.

May 6, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died last week near Greensport, an infant twin of Mr. Jno. C. **Green**.

Jun. 10, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. R. B. **Crow**, an old and respected citizen of this county, died on last Saturday night.

Jun. 24, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Ferryville, this county, on June 11, 1885, Mrs. Tabitha **Truss**, aged 82 years. Deceased was a member of the Baptist Church and a devoted Christian from early womanhood.

Jul. 8, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died in this city [Gadsden], on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult., Mary Sedberry **Philips**, wife of Wm. R. Philips, and daughter of Mrs. O. W. Ward, aged twenty-three years and ten months. In her death the community suffers irreparable loss. She was a sincere Christian, a loving wife, and possessed rare and enviable traits of character. She leaves a sorrowing husband and a little infant to mourn her untimely departure.

Aug. 12, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Aug. 5, 1885, near Ashville, Mrs. **Jarvis**, wife of J. M. Jarvis. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved families.

Aug. 12, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Aug. \_\_\_, 1885, infant of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. **Smith**, age a few months. The young parents have our deepest sympathies and condolence.

Aug. 12, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died Aug \_\_\_, 1885, William **Self**, near Sulphur Springs, age about 55.

Sep. 2, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Aug. 30, 1885, little **Ruby**, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Fulghum**, age about eight months. The parents have our deepest sympathy.

Sep. 30, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. T. V. **Moor**, of Springville, died last week.

Sep. 30, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Maj. D. T. **Castleberry**, of Talladega bar, died at his home on last Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Oct. 21, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Some three or four weeks ago Mr. John **Murry**, living near this place, was shot through the leg by the accidental discharge of a rifle. He has been growing worse ever since, and on last Sunday night he died from the effects of the wound.

Dec. 2, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Died on November 13, 1885, near Ashville, Mr. Daniel **Nunnally**, aged 78. Mr. Nunnally was one of our oldest citizens. He raised a large

and respectable family and was highly esteemed for his exemplary life and Christian character.

Dec. 9, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. John R. **McCauley**, of Steel's Depot, in this county, died on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1885, at the age of 77 years. We are informed that he willed the conference of his church \$1,200 to be used for church missions. He was an exemplary Christian and a good citizen. This is the first donation of the kind in a will we have heard of lately.

Dec. 9, 1885, *Southern Aegis*: Thomas **Campbell**, while crossing the Coosa river in a bateau, near Greensport, on last Friday night, fell out into the water and drowned. He had got out into the stream when his brother-in-law, who was standing on the bank, called him to come back and he would go over with him. Campbell started back, but fell out of the boat. His body had not been recovered late Saturday evening.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1886***

Ashville, Alabama

Feb. 17, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Canoe Creek. Died on Thursday last Mrs. S. P. **Cobb**.

Mar. 17, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March the 7, 1886, near Greensport, Mrs. **Davis**, wife of R. B. Davis.

Mar. 17, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Fairview. Nathaniel **Hawkins** fell dead at his stable door while feeding his stock. He was 91 years old and he leaves a wife and three children. He was an honest and good citizen.

Mar. 24, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1886, Mrs. T. J. **Pope**, age about 30 years.

May 5, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. J. C. **Slack** died on the 28<sup>th</sup> at her home in Turkey Town, Cherokee county. Her remains were brought here and interred on Friday.

Jul. 7, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Eden. Our friend and neighbor Mr. Fendal **Robertson**, aged 70 years, was found dead in his field on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. Cause unknown. [Same column, a few entries down] Fendal **Robinson** died suddenly 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo, while thinning out corn. He was 70 years old, and has lived 68 years in this county.

Sep. 1, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on August 26, 1886, Mr. W. Marion **Beason**, aged 35 years. Deceased was a useful Christian and the county loses a valuable citizen in his death.

Sep. 1, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Monday August 23, near Ashville, **James**, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. **Thompson**

Sep. 15, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died near Ashville, on September 14, 1886, Mrs. **Duncan**, aged 65.

Sep. 15, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. John **Pearson**, residing near Branchville, this county, dropped dead in her yard September 9. Apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause.

Sep. 22, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on September 19, 1886, Mr. Dennis **Tramel** at the residence of his son Mr. Harris T. Tramel, in

Ashville, after a prolonged prostration, aged 68 years. The deceased was one of the most exemplary citizens of this county and an exalted Christian. His remains were interred at Deerman's Chapel burying ground on last Sunday.

Sep. 29, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Saturday night, September 25, 1886, in this county, Mr. Jefferson **Riley**. His death was very sudden and is said to have been caused by congestion of the lungs.

Oct. 6, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Er **Horsley**, living five miles east of this place, has lost three children from flux during the past month.

Oct. 6, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. **Cornelius**, wife of Mr. Benton Cornelius, living five or six miles west of Springville, died on Thursday night and was buried at Hanover Church on Saturday.

Oct. 20, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Broken Arrow. Little Bill Arp **Alverson**, son of Mr. Frank Alverson, mentioned in the *Aegis* last week as having his skull fractured by the kick of a horse, died on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. It was a shocking event, a sad death. He was such a manly youth. We hope this will be a warning to all.

Oct. 27, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: On last Tuesday night, October 19, one of the saddest accidents in the history of our county occurred in the depot of the E. & W. Rr. at Broken Arrow. A mail messenger named Bartow Carter and Wm. **Richards** were in the depot with the agent,

Will Peacock. Carter was relating an incident which had occurred in Georgia several years ago, and illustrating with a self-acting pistol how he would surrender it with the butt from him and suddenly turn it and fire. While performing this dangerous experiment, the pistol was discharged, shooting Richards through the heart and killing him instantly. The two were intimate friends and it was reported that Carter was almost delirious.

Oct. 27, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on October 24, 1886, Mrs. Lydia **Vandegrift**, mother of Mrs. E. J. Robinson, aged 76 years. The deceased was on a visit to her daughter's in Ashville at the time of her death which was very unexpected. Caused by heart disease. [See also Nov. 3, 1886, entry.]

Oct. 27, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on October 15, at Steele's Depot, James E. **Rowan**, son of Mr. J. B. Rowan of Beaver Valley. James was a bright and manly youth and his death is deeply regretted.

Nov. 3, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: IN MEMORIAM. Mrs. Lydia **Vandegrift**, a daughter of James Hardwick who represented St. Clair county in the lower house of the legislature of Alabama for seven consecutive sessions, beginning in 1821 and ending 1827, died suddenly at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Robinson, at Ashville, at Eleven o'clock P. M., Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D. 1886. The subject of this notice was born at Monticello, in Jasper county, state of Georgia, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1810; moved

to Alabama with her parents who settled in Crawford's cove, in St. Clair county, in 1822. Deceased married John Vandegrift the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1826, in her sixteenth year, and with her husband settled near Branchville, Ala., in September 1826, where they continued to reside down to the date of her dissolution. Though constitutionally delicate, she attained to a ripe old age, having reached her 76<sup>th</sup> year when the summons came for her. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom are living except William, who was killed in battle, a ball piercing his head, at Resacca, Georgia, in 1864, and Ellen, who died in infancy. She lived to see all her children, except the one who died in infancy, comfortably settled in life and professing faith in God to whom she had devoted a life of faithful service.

As wife and companion, she was dutiful, affectionate and sacrificing, and during the long period of sixty years which she lived with her husband, the attachment existing between them was of that remarkable character that each vied in a holy and tender devotion for the other's greatest happiness and good. As mother, she was tenderly devoted to her children, solicitous and sacrificing in contributing to their comfort and happiness, and was rewarded by a tender and filial affection for her by her children. In her early youth she professed faith in Christ and connected herself with the Methodist church, and through all these years, she had many afflictions, which but fashioned and polished her Christian life, so that many saw her good work as she glorified God. The brightness of her example verified the truth and reality of the Christian religion, and as she

lived, so she died, with her faith strong in God and a well-grounded hope of the inheritance reserved in Heaven for the good. Hers is great gain; our loss is irreparable. Her body lies interred in the graveyard at Liberty church, while her spirit we doubt not, joins with the angels and redeemed saints around the great white throne of God, in ascribing praise to "Jesus, blessed Jesus." A Friend.

Nov. 3, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died on October 26, 1886, Mr. Thos. **Gill**, near Ashville.

Dec. 1, 1886, *Southern Aegis*: Died in the Far West on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 1886, of consumption, Sarah Jane **Nichols**, daughter of John T. and A. W. Jordan. Deceased was a faithful member of the M. E. church south.

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## ***Southern Aegis, 1887***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 19, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Died, on January 13, 1887, at Fairview, Mr. L. C. **Chamless**, leaving a wife and eight children to mourn his departure.

Feb. 2, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Events of **1886**:

Feb. 6, 1886: **Infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. **Smith**, of Canoe Creek, died.

Feb. 11, 1886: Mrs. S. P. **Cobb** died at Canoe Creek.

Mar. 7, 1886: Mrs. R. B. **Davis** died at Greensport.

Mar. 14, 1886: Nathaniel **Hawkins**, aged 91, fell dead at Fairview, while feeding his horses.

Mar. 20, 1886: Mrs. T. J. **Pope**, aged 30, died near Ashville.

Mar. 20, 1886: Mr. Thos. **Casey**, aged 70, died at Odenville.

Mar. 22, 1886: Mrs. Jas. **Harden**, aged 60, died at Odenville.

Feb. 16, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Eden. Mrs. **Willingham** and two of her children died of measles last week.

Feb. 23, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Canoe Creek. **Infant** child of Mr. Jas. **Cobb** died last week.

Feb. 23, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Etowahnton. We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Young **Ford** which occurred last week. He leaves a wife and three children, besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was an active member of the Methodist church and a devoted man. "Peace to his ashes."

May 4, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Rev. H. E. **Harris** will preach the funeral of Mr. Westley Sheffield at Hopewell church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May.

+Jun. 8, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Ellen **Dean**, wife of Pomp Dean (col.) died on May 30.

Jun. 8, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: **St. Clair Man Killed!** A. E. **Newman**, of Springville, this county, a brakeman on the A. G. S. Rr., was killed by a freight car at Cottdale, near Tuscaloosa, on last Saturday morning, June 4. He fell while coupling cars.

Jun. 22, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Cooke Springs. Died at this place, from effects of measles, Mrs. Eliza **Abbott** and her infant son, Cooke

**Abbott**. Another son, Johnny is ill.

Jun. 29, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: THE KILLING OF JOHN RICKLES. John **Rickles**, a mineral expert formerly of this county was shot and killed at Irondale, Jefferson county, on June 21, by J. T. Maxwell. Maxwell gives as a reason for the deed that Rickles tried to outrage his wife several days before The particulars as given in the daily papers are, for a great part incorrect, and the whole affair seems clouded in mystery.

Maxwell is somewhat notorious as a sporting man, figuring extensively in cockpits and sporting circles. He tried preaching for a while, but it was soon found he was out of his element, and it is said he had killed two men before in self defense each time.

John Rickles is well and favorably known in this section as a gentleman of modest demeanor, unassuming, of thorough business capacity in his line, and generally believed to be of the best moral character, and the prevailing opinion is that the murder is a deep seated conspiracy. Rickles has always borne a thoroughly good character and is at once declared innocent of the accusation for which the killing is said to have been done by every one who knew him. Quiet, inoffensive and upright, he had made many friends who believe that a terrible mistake has been made or that the affair was the result of some other provocation that is unknown. [In the July 6, 1887, issue, there is a notice, "Resolutions of Confidence Passed at Springville Upon the Character of John B. Rickles." It is almost one column long. Letters on his behalf were also printed in other

issues of the paper.]

+Jun. 29, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Wash **Yancy**, a colored citizen of this place, died on last Sunday of typhoid fever.

Jul. 20, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: A little 19 month old **daughter** of Mr. H. I. **Cox** died last week after an illness of seven weeks.

Aug. 17, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Death of Miss Ella **Hodges**. Miss Ella, daughter of Mr. W. T. Hodges of Birmingham, died at her home in that city on August 13, 1887, of typhoid pneumonia. Age 17 years, four months and nineteen days. Services were held at the residence of deceased on South Highlands at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and her remains were brought to Ashville in the evening for interment. Rev. J. A. Glenn, pastor of the Baptist church, of which she was a consistent member, conducted the services. Text: Psalms 89:47, and Hosea 10:12. The funeral sermon was touching and impressive. Not one could deny the amiable character and sweet Christian disposition of Miss Ella. To know her was to admire her, and many were the eyes that were bedewed with tears on Monday evening. She was interred in the family plot in the cemetery. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the stricken parent and sorrowing relatives and friends.

Aug. 24, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Death of Judge Lacy. Hon. A. W. **Lacy**, Judge of Probate for St. Clair county, died at his home in Ashville, at 3:25 o'clock on Monday morning, August 22, 1887. Cause supposed to have been heart disease. The sad

intelligence was a blow to the people of our community who had learned to love and respect Judge Lacy, as a citizen and an officer.

The stricken family left on Tuesday morning for Eden, the former home of deceased, with the remains for interment. The funeral sermon was preached yesterday (Tuesday) by Rev. J. A. Glenn, at Eden.

Judge Lacy embraced the Christian faith in his early youth, and for a half century has lived in the full enjoyment of that faith. As a member of the Baptist church, he was a consistent Christian, an ardent worker and of striking liberality. It was his custom to take the broad view of the matter of life and religion.

As a man of family, he never shunned his responsibilities in that relation. The father of a large family of boys, he set them a good example and leaves all in good circumstances, both spiritually and financially. Being of a most amiable disposition, he was loved and respected by everyone and a great favorite with the children who called him grandpa.

The duties of his office, however, were too much for a man of his peculiar nervous temperament, and it was his intention to have resigned as soon as he recovered, this being prevented only by his untimely death.

The stricken relatives and friends have our tenderest sympathies in their bereavement. *Requiescat in pace.*

Aug. 24, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Died. Last week, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus **Neely**. Buried at Ashville cemetery.

Aug. 24, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Died. On August 22, 1887, Mrs. **Withers**, wife of Mr. B. F. Withers near Ashville.

Aug. 24, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Died. On August the 19, 1887, Mrs. **Shell**, wife of Mr. J. E. Shell near Ashville.

Aug. 24, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Died. On the 11, the 3 year old **son** of Mr. Frank **Withers**

Sep. 28, 1887, *Southern Aegis*: Judge Box was called from Cleburne where he had been holding court last week to the dying bedside of his only son. He arrived here last Wednesday several days before Eugene died.

On the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., died, Eugene A. **Box**, aged 18 years, leaving besides his many relatives to mourn his early death, every community in the county in sadness and sorrow. Wherever, in this county, there is a young church member or Sunday school scholar, the news of his departure from earth will cause a shock of sadness and gloom; for Eugene was not unknown outside of his own little circle of friends in Ashville and its vicinity.

He was a youth of promise and of great expectation among his hundreds of friends, and an only son around whom the strong affections of father, mother and sisters were entwined, and upon whom all the means that his fond parents could afford were being lavished to fill out the attainments to which his youthful ambition aspired. That he was a noble son and brother, we attest; that he gave bright promise of fulfilling the hopes of his loving parents we can testify. But it is not

of this we wish to speak in this brief article. There was something in his nature which soared far above the vain glory of a life's attainment sought by a worldly ambition.

He was a Christian boy, bearing the standard of Christ's religion among his young comrades in his daily associations, and so he was known and so he will be remembered by all who knew him

Had he graduated as it was his purpose to do, he would have come home from his final work wearing the well earned honors of the institution in which he had matriculated; but his character could hardly have been any brighter than it was--although more filled out--his life hardly freer from the dross of human infirmity. It was here in the Sunday school, the prayer meeting and in the church where his life was appreciated and his young influence was felt.

At the state University where he stood high in his classes, respected by his teachers and loved by his fellow pupils, he was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and recognized as one of its brightest lights. There he was enlisted for Christ's cause as he had been among his associates at home. Eugene professed religion and joined the church when quite young, and his consistent walk had been tried for several years before he died.

He did not live in vain, as can be attested by all his associates, although he has left us so young--before his nature developed into full matured manhood--nor has he died in vain; for his bright example as a soldier of the cross will live in the memory of his friends bearing fruit until they too are called to go over.

Oct. 5, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. On Sept. 26, 1887, Westley  
**Campbell**, 7 year old son of Robert  
and Julia Campbell.

Oct. 5, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Springville. Mr. Smith  
**Montgomery** of St. Clair Springs  
was buried here September 24.

Oct. 5, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Springville. Uncle Tommie  
**Edwards**, near St. Clair Springs,  
died Sept. 26.

Oct. 5, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Round Pond. With sadness we  
record the death of little Maggie  
**Obarr**, who died Sept. 23, 1887.  
She met her death by falling into the  
fire while her mother and the rest of  
the family, except her grandmother  
who was in bed, were in the cotton  
field picking cotton. Her aged  
grandmother was so feeble she could  
not get to her in time to rescue her  
from the flames.

Nov. 2, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Arch **Walker** died on Friday night  
of paralysis, aged 84 years.

Nov. 30, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died. Rev. Peter **Harden**, of  
Odenville, Nov. 25, 1887, 7 a. m.,  
aged about 85. [See August 9, 1888,  
for funeral announcement.]

Nov. 30, 1887, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died MIZE. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
November aged about 53, Obadiah  
**Mize** at his home in Beaver Valley.

### ***Southern Aegis, 1888*** Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 5, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on December 23<sup>rd</sup> last, near

Fairview, Mr. Harrison  
**Higginbotham**.

Mar. 8, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
A three year old **child** of Mr. W.  
**Lankford** was kicked by a colt just  
a few miles north of here. It lived  
only two days.

Apr. 5, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
Postell **Green**, born August 27,  
1882, died in the afternoon of March  
14, 1888, from the effects of burns  
received while popping corn with  
her little sister a few hours before.  
Her sufferings, at first intense, were  
soon greatly relieved, and her last  
hours were calm and peaceful. The  
untold anguish of the fond parents  
was shared by the entire community,  
and all that tender, loving hands  
could do was done. The deceased  
was an unusually attractive child.  
From infancy the pet of the  
household, the darling of all, her  
bright, winsome beauty and artless  
loving manner found their way like a  
sunbeam to every heart. She retained  
entire consciousness until the sad  
end came, speaking brightly and  
pleasantly to her many grief stricken  
friends who crowded around her  
bedside, calling them by name, and  
manifesting a courage and bravery  
wonderful to see. Her bright little  
spirit passed away from this to a  
heavenly home, where safe in "the  
Lord Christ's bosom," she awaits the  
coming of papa, mamma, brother  
and sisters at the 'beautiful gates  
ajar' –not alone, but hand in hand  
with a cherub brother gone before.

Apr. 26, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., **wife** of G. N.  
**Bagwell**.

May 3, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:

The *Chattanooga Times* gives  
account of the shocking death of  
Miss Ida **Fowler** daughter of Mr.  
George Fowler of our county. Her  
cousin, Charley Springfield,  
playfully puts a double barreled  
breech loading shot gun to her  
forehead and pulls the trigger. The  
tragedy occurred at or near Melville,  
Tennessee. We deem it dreadful  
folly to play with firearms, yet how  
many daily play with the far more  
deadly and fatal weapons of sin  
without a thought of the inevitable  
results of such idiotic temerity.

Jul. 26, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
Hood Locals. Mr. P. **Neely** was  
killed on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> on the  
A. G. S. three miles below Attalla.  
He had been up to Attalla, and had  
started back; he had lain down on  
the Railroad track and two trains ran  
over him. We extend our sympathy  
to the bereaved family and relatives.

Aug. 9, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
The funeral of Mr. Peter **Harden**  
will be preached by Rev. A. B.  
Wilson, of Branchville, assisted by  
Rev. G. F. Boyd, on the second  
Sabbath of August (12<sup>th</sup> inst.).  
Masonic honors will be paid the  
deceased on the occasion. [See Also  
Nov. 30, 1887, for his death notice.]

Aug. 23, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on last Friday, near Ashville,  
Harmon **Jenkins** of heart disease.

Aug. 30, 1888, *Southern Aegis*:  
Ragland. We mention here the death  
of the little **son** of Mr. Andrew **Box**.  
He was but 7 years old. His death  
was a touching scene. Dying, the  
little sufferer warned his aged father  
and the old people who were present  
to pray that he might meet them in

heaven.

Sep. 13, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: W. P. **Herring** died Sunday at Springville in this county.

Sep. 13, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: The death of Mrs. **Alford** near here is chronicled just as we go to press.

Sep. 27, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: OBITUARY. Andrew J. **Cox**, son of Abraham Cox, was born May 27, 1857, and died at his father's (the home of his childhood) Sept. 12, 1888, at the age of 31 years, 3 months and 15 days. Having lived at Ashville, St. Clair County, almost his entire life, he was well and favorably known. The heart grows sad with the mournful duty this tribute of love and respect demands to one so early called away from scenes and association beset with friendship's soft endearments. He was married to Miss Esther E. Turner, of Greene county, Alabama, December 23, 1884. She and two dear little girls are left to mourn his loss. He was converted and joined the C. P. [Cumberland Presbyterian] church at Ashville several years ago, and was afterwards ordained a ruling elder. From the day of his conversion he was seriously interested in the subject of religion, which interest led to his consecration to the service of God. His sickness, which was of a lingering, and painful nature, was strikingly marked by patient, firm endurance of suffering, an uncomplaining resignation to affliction and a gentle consideration of those to whom he was a tender care. As a child he was dutiful, as a brother kind and affectionate, as a friend honest and true, as a father

devoted, and as a husband full of loving kindness. While living he was respected and died regretted by all who knew him. Thus has passed away one of earth's noblemen.

Oct. 4, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: The death of William **Robinson** in Texas, is announced. He was nephew of the ex-probate Judge of this county.

Oct. 25, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: An **infant** of Thomas **Jones** was buried here Sunday.

Nov. 24, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: With sadness the sudden death is announced of P. J. **Smith**, of Attalla.

Nov. 24, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: Died. Mr. Lee **Ross** at his home near Ashville, 10 p. m., Sunday, in the 45<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Dec. 22, 1888, *Southern Aegis*: Drowned. Zephus **Frazier**, the little son of Mr. Geo. W. Frazier, aged about five years, was drowned in Canoe creek on last Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., while playing about the cotton gin of Mr. Lindsay about three miles above Ashville. His body was found by Mr. J. F. Whisenant a few hundred yards below the gin on Tuesday. It is not certain how he fell in the creek. We deeply sympathize with the sorrowing parents.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1889***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 17, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Armanda **Gather** [died] at her home in this county Beat 7 on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jan. 17, 1889, *Southern Aegis*:

[Died] On the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., near Ashville, **infant** daughter of Mrs. Esther **Cox**.

Jan. 17, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Leondas **Ferguson** who had his leg amputated on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. by Drs. Small and Wood of Attalla died at his home in beat 7 this county on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. He leaves a wife and two children, one an infant of 10 days old.

Feb. 7, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Miss Leah **Jones** of Crawford's Cove died Jan. 18, 1889, aged 28 years.

Feb. 7, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. Albert **Hammond** of Attalla died on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. His remains were brought to St. Clair last Tuesday week for interment.

Mar. 14, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: John **Vandegrift** was born in Chester district, South Carolina, November 3, 1802, and in the year 1820 at 18 years of age he removed with his father, Christopher C. Vandegrift, to Alabama, and settled near Branchville in St. Clair county. On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1826 he and Lydia Hardwick were married, and in the fall of the same year they settled in Cahaba Valley where they continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Vandegrift in October 1886. This dispensation of providence was sore bereavement to him, though he lived more than two years after the death of his wife, he mourned her death with poignant grief.

He professed faith in Christ while in his youth, and though he never attached himself to any church, through his long life he exemplified in his Godly walk and

conversation the verity of the religion he espoused; and in his death was seen by those who stood around him in his last moments, that calm and peaceful composure that comes over a dying Christian, as cannot be seen and realized in any other than a Christian.

He was of a positive character and of decided convictions and never swerved from what he conceived to be his duty and right to receive the plaudit of men. He sought to know the truth and strove to walk therein blameless and without offense regardless of criticism. He enjoyed the reputation of being an honest man, and as one who loved his neighbor as himself.

As he approached death, he gave infallible proof of his acceptance with God, and as long as he was able to speak, he admonished those surrounding him to live uprightly and to practice charity, and as he had lived, thus he died on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1889, surrounded, in his home where he had lived 62 years, by his sons and daughters, kindred and friends who will mourn his death and cherish his memory.

Mar. 21, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 18, 1889, near Etowahnton, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. George **McBrayer**.

Mar. 21, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: We learn from the *Age-Herald* of the 17<sup>th</sup>, of the death of Alemeth **Vandegrift**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vandegrift of Birmingham, whose funeral took place on that day in that city.

Mar. 21, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. S. A. **Treece**, the mother of our highly esteemed sheriff, D. A.

Treece, was burned to death at her home near Trenton, Ga., on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. She was fighting fire near the fence when her clothes caught fire, she ran to a spring of water a short distance and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but that was all, she was found an hour later in a helpless condition near the spring. She was for a number of years a resident of this county and lived about 2 miles from Ashville. We sympathize deeply with the bereaved relatives and friends of deceased. Mrs. Treece had lived to a good old age being in her 66<sup>th</sup> year.

Mar. 28, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1889, the **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. **Cox**, of Ashville. The pretty little bright child had been an invalid for several months. The parents have the deep sympathies of the entire town and neighborhood in their bereavement.

Apr. 4, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. Barton **Crump** died on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. He was 75 years old.

Apr. 4, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died at her home near Ashville, on April 2, 1889, Mrs. Elizabeth **Hodges**, aged 67. The deceased was one of our most esteemed and exemplary Christian women, a member of the Baptist church; and the mother of a large and interesting family whom she lived to see doing well in life, and who have the sympathies of this community

May 23, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 20, 1889, the **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. **Hodges**, age four months. The young parents have the sympathy of

the entire community in their sad bereavement.

May 30, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: John K. **Turner** was born in North Carolina, April 10, 1820, and died at his home in Greene county, Ala., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1889.

Jun. 6, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 1, 1889, Dr. Henry **Garlington**, of Etowah County, Alabama, and father of our townsman, Dr. H. S. Garlington.

Jun. 20, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 2, 1889, **infant** of Mr. and Mrs. **Haithcock**.

Jun. 20, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 3, 1889, **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. James **Kitchen**.

Jul. 25, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died recently Mrs. Mose **Robinson**, an old and respected lady of Branchville.

Jul. 25, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died, **child** of Mr. **Hollingsworth** at Branchville, age one year.

Aug. 1, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 28, 1889, Voire Judson, youngest son and **child** of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. **Schott**, of Ashville, age 3 years and 6 mos. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire town.

Aug. 8, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on August 1, 1889, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. John M. **Byers**, of Beaver Valley.

Aug. 8, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died last week, at his residence near Branchville, Mr. Robert **George**.



The deceased was an old and respected Ala. citizen, about 80 years of age and had been living near the place where he died forty-five or fifty years. His death was sudden.

Aug. 22, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. George **Gill**, born and raised in St. Clair County, died in Texas recently. He was well-known here. Four years ago, in company with a brother, he left St. Clair for his new home in Texas. He was about 25 years old at his death, and leaves a wife and two children.

Aug. 29, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Aug. 25, 1889, at his residence near Hood's this county, Roland **Hood**, age 71 years. Mr. Hood had been a victim of rheumatism for a number of years and had been confined to his bed for many months before he died. He had lived in the neighborhood where he breathed his last all his life, except for two years. The deceased was well known as one of our most exemplary citizens, respected and honored as such; and one of the correctest members of the Baptist church—worthy to be styled, as he was by his pastor, a moral and upright regulator of his community, for his life was a regular storehouse of good deeds. He died as he lived, a Christian—his bedside, at his last hour, was surrounded by numerous relatives and friends. He leaves an aged wife, four sons and one daughter.

Sep. 5, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 2, 1889, at Steel's, Mrs. Wm. **McDill**.

Sep. 5, 1889, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on Sept 2, 1889, near Hoods, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. **Sharpton**.

Sep. 5, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept 2, 1889, near Hoods, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. **Colly**.

Sep. 19, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Steele's. Died on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., **infant** of Mr. and Mrs. **Bryant**. They have the sympathy of the people in their sad bereavement.

Oct. 3, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 27, 1889, near Steel's, Mrs. **Logan**, the wife of Rev. T. S. Logan, age 72. The deceased was an old mother of Israel, an exemplary Christian woman, highly esteemed by all her neighbors, and will be missed by her many friends.

Oct. 10, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 2, 1889, **infant** son of Mr. C. D. **Alverson**, of Eden.

Oct. 17, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 10, 1889, Miss Anna **Shaw**, of Steels, age 19.

Oct. 17, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died Oct. 14, 1889, J. M. **Sanders** an old and respected citizen of the Shoal Creek neighborhood, age 58 years.

Oct. 31, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 25, 1889, David **Kirkpatrick**, little son of J. R. Kirkpatrick, age 2 years.

Oct. 31, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1889, at his home near Seddon, John T. **Robinson**, age 85. The deceased was one of the oldest and most

respected citizens of this county, in which he had lived for a period of 60 years.

Nov. 7, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 23, 1889, at his home, Mr. Dempsey W. **Partlow**, age 73 years. The deceased was a consistent and honored Christian, a good citizen and generous neighbor.

Nov. 7, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 31, 1889, Mrs. Robert **Ellis**, age 18 years.

Nov. 7, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 3, 1889, Mrs. Henry **Box**, aged about 65 years. An old and respected Christian mother residing near Slate.

Dec. 12, 1889, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Dec. 8, 1889, Mrs. Elizabeth **Spradley**, near Hoods, age 63 years. The deceased was the mother of our worthy townsman Mr. N. B. Spradley.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1890*** Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 9, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Conductor **Laton** of freight No. 19, on A. G. S. railroad, was accidentally killed near Springville on last Friday.

Jan. 23, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan. 19, 1890, near Hoods, Capt. S. C. **Vaughn**, of Gangrene, aged 67 years. The deceased was a highly honored citizen of this county, and for many years a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist church.

Mar. 13, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 7, 1890, Melinda

Naomie **Spradley**, youngest child and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Spradley of Ashville, aged about 3 ½ years. The deceased was buried on Friday in the town cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of this entire community.

Mar. 13, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 9, 1890, at his residence, near Ashville, Mr. Redden **Hodges**, Age 66 years. The death of this esteemed man of God was not unexpected to his numerous friends and relatives, as he had been the subject of affliction for several months; and he as well as his friends were conscious of the approaching end of his life among his fellow earthly mortals, for sometime. The deceased was one of our most prominent citizens, a devout Christian gentleman, respected and honored by all who knew him, and perhaps, no man in the state ever left behind him at his departure such a host of relatives and family connections. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for forty years and faithful to the cause of religion from first to last. He has left to us all the heritage of his good name, religious life and faithful work as a laborer in God's vineyard. His funeral took place, on Monday last, the memorial service being conducted by the Rev. J. R. Glenn, assisted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson, at the Baptist church, and was very impressive. The large hall of the building was crowded with attentive listeners who had come from far and near to pay their last respects to the dead. After the services at the church, the remains were borne to the grave and interred in the presence of a sorrowing multitude.

Mar. 13, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: From the *Pell City Echo*. The "angel of death" has laid his cold hand very heavily on the house of J. J.

**Willingham** who lives about four miles from this place. We are informed that at the time of this writing three corpses are lying in the room at his dwelling, while two or three other members of the family are suffering from the scorching fever of pneumonia. On last Saturday night his daughter-in-law, the wife of Robert **Willingham**, died. On Monday night his wife died and on Sunday Susie **Willingham**, the daughter of Robert Willingham, also died. Robert Willingham went to Tennessee several days ago and left his family all well. Owing to \_\_\_\_\_ failed to convey the sad news to him until his mother, wife and daughter were cold in death. Who can imagine the sorrow of this man on receiving this news. The bodies will be buried at the Coosa Valley burying ground. They intend for the burial to take place about Wednesday at 10 o'clock, provided Robert Willingham returns by that time. We extend to the bereaved families and friends of the deceased our heart felt sympathies in this great bereavement and pray God that he may comfort them in their sorrows and that he may speedily raise those of the family who are still suffering from their beds of affliction and restore them to health.

Apr. 24, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 20, 1890, Mr. G. G. **Crowford**, of Springville, this county. The deceased was 85 years old.

Apr. 24, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. C. C.

**Hammond**, aged about 50; funeral service at Evergreen the 18<sup>th</sup>. The deceased leaves a husband and five children to mourn her death. She was a good woman, true friend and a noble example of Christian Piety, had been a member of the church since 1853 and wielded such influence for good that those who knew her best will feel that a light has been extinguished in their midst for time to come. She was an affectionate wife and a loving mother as well as a kind neighbor. We tender the bereaved husband and motherless children our deepest sympathies in this hour of their sorrow.

May 8, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 2, 1890, Chesley J. **Teague** of Beaver Valley, aged about 58 years. The deceased was a prominent citizen of the county, a successful farmer and a Christian gentleman. He had been superintendent of education for the county for several years and made an efficient, upright officer. He was a representative of our best men. For the last year or more he had been a constant sufferer from malignant cancer which at last confined him to his room until the day of his death. He leaves a large and interesting family to mourn his death and many friends who will miss him in the walks of life.

Jun. 5, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 31, 1890, D. H. **Whisenant**, age about 55 years. The deceased was well and favorably known to all our citizens as a man of indomitable energy, pushing in business, honest to a cent, and full of generous impulses. He was one of the quickest men to assist a neighbor

and the promptest to reach to the relief of distress. His funeral took place last Saturday; Rev. J. W. Akin officiated at the interment in the funeral service. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church South, and had lived an exemplary Christian life.

Jun. 12, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on June 4, 1890, near Eden,  
the Widow **Brazier**, age about 80  
years.

Jun. 19, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on June 16, 1890, near Proctor,  
Mrs. Lou **Jones**.

Jun. 19, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1890,  
William J., generally known as  
Buck, **Waldrip**.

Jun. 19, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
IN MEMORIAM. The subject of  
this article, Redden **Hodges**, was  
born Aug. 4, 1823, near Ashville,  
St. Clair County, Alabama, where  
he resided until the time of his  
death, which occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1890, when he passed  
away in the full triumph of faith in  
Jesus. Bro. Hodges possessed noble  
traits of character. He was a man of  
decision. When he decided upon a  
subject, his mind was fixed; it was  
not difficult to find where he stood  
on any and all moral questions. He  
realized his obligation as a neighbor  
and endeavored to meet them by  
adopting the golden rule. He was  
obliging, accommodating and  
always ready and willing to  
contribute to the needy, and to visit  
the sick and do all in his power to  
alleviate their sufferings.

As a citizen he was loyal to his  
country and faithful to every

obligation and duty as a true citizen.

He realized his obligation as a  
husband and father. He endeavored  
to make home attractive and  
pleasant, by providing the  
necessaries of life, and cultivating  
the minds of his children and  
training them as they grew up to  
manhood and womanhood, for  
usefulness—in this he succeeded  
well.

Bro. Hodges professed religion  
and joined the Ashville Baptist  
church in the year 1849, was  
baptized by Elder Jesse A. Collins;  
he was elected and ordained to the  
office of deacon in the year 1850.  
The presbytery consisting of Elders  
Jesse A. Collins and Jordon  
Williams. It was the pleasure of the  
writer to observe the godly  
conversation and walk of this  
Christian man for near thirty years,  
both in his private and public life,  
having lived in less than two miles  
from him the greater part of that  
period of time. Bro. Hodges came as  
near complying with the exhortation  
of the great apostle to the gentiles,  
which is, "Let your conversation be  
as it becometh the gospel of Christ,"  
as any man I ever knew. I have been  
in company with him in every kind  
of gathering common in any  
community, and I do not remember  
of ever hearing him engage in a  
conversation that did not honor and  
respect his Christian professions.  
His presence always had a  
constraining influence on those that  
were inclined to indulge in slang  
and jocularly. He certainly was  
"spiritually minded." It was his  
pleasure and delight to converse  
about religious matters and subjects;  
he was cheerful and pleasant in the  
associations of life; as a member of  
the church, he was prompt, faithful,

earnest, practical and persevering; as  
a deacon, he used the office well,  
and in so doing "purchased to  
himself a good degree and great  
boldness in the faith." Truly a good  
man is fallen.

Bro Hodges sickness was of a  
period of nearly two years, his  
disease was such that his sufferings  
were very great, he bore them with  
Christian fortitude. During his  
sickness everything was done for  
him that could be done by attentive  
physicians, faithful nurses, kind  
neighbors and sympathizing friends.  
Finally all hope fled, the cheeks  
grew pale, the body grew cold, the  
blood clogged in his vein, the pulse  
ceased to beat, the angels lowered  
the chariot and the blood-washed  
spirit is borne to the realms of bliss  
to dwell with God forever.

His funeral sermon was preached  
by Elder Jno. A. Glenn at the baptist  
church from Rev., 14<sup>th</sup> chap., 13<sup>th</sup>  
verse. "And I heard a voice from  
heaven, saying unto me, write,  
blessed are the dead that die in the  
Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the  
spirit, that they may rest from their  
labors and their works do follow  
them," to a large and sympathizing  
congregation, afterwhich his  
remains were interred in the  
Ashville cemetery, leaving the  
angels to guard and the stars to sing  
their vesper hymns till the arch angel  
breaks the silence and "beauty  
immortal awakes from the tomb,"  
and is proclaimed "behold the  
bridegroom cometh go ye out to  
meet him." May his death admonish  
us to be also ready for in such an  
hour as ye think not the son of man  
cometh.

May the Lord be pleased to smile  
upon the bereaved in tender  
compassion and prepare them by his

grace to meet him in his glorious kingdom, is the prayer of the unworthy writer.

Jul. 10, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sunday, July 7, 1890, Ernest **Akin**, infant son of Rev. J. W. Akin, age 2 years and 8 months. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of this entire community. They have more faith that reaches beyond this vale of mourning and tears for comfort. Rev. Dobbs of Springville delivered a very able and affecting discourse at the M. E. church, subject—Death, after which the remains were taken to Shiloh 4 miles above Steel's for interment.

Jul. 24, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Mr. John **Canterberry** lost a six month old **child** last week under most distressing circumstances. A three year old brother gave the child a dipper of kerosine, from the effect of which the latter died.

Jul. 31, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July \_\_\_, 1890, Harvey **Brown**, residing on Canoe Creek, four miles north of Springville, age 80 years. The deceased was a pioneer settler of St. Clair County, moving from South Carolina about fifty years ago, and locating at Ashville. He was one of our most respected citizens.

Jul. 31, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July 23, 1890, Mrs. Ann **Thompson**, of Irondale at Mrs. M. E. Rickles' of Springville.

Aug. 28, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on August 22, 1890, Cicero **Carter**, near Ashville. The deceased was an exemplary citizen, an affectionate husband, and warm

hearted neighbor. We tender our sympathies to the family and relatives.

Oct. 2, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept 23, 1890, at his residence near Steeles, Wm. G. **Moore**, aged about 65 years. The deceased was one of our most respected citizens, an industrious, careful man, and for many years a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

Oct. 2, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept 26, 1890, very suddenly, Charles **Pearson**, an exemplary young man, at Branchville. He was buried Sunday last. His sudden death cast a sad gloom over the community.

Oct. 2, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept 26, 1890, Winston **Robinson**, the youngest son of Rev. J. S. E. Robinson, age 4 years. The fond parents of this interesting little boy, who had been the child of affliction from a past injury, have the sympathy of the entire county in their bereavement.

Oct. 9, 1890, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on October 6, 1890, at his home in Ashville, Wm. Harvey **Cobb**, aged 67 years. The deceased was the oldest native citizen of Ashville, born and reared in the town--he lived to connect the primitive wilderness of this site with the dawn of a new era unfolding in the history of the town of his birth--when he was a youth the Indians still had settlements along our water courses and he must have been nearly or about 12 years old when the last of the Creeks were removed from this neighborhood. (His parents

had settled in here when the state was a territory where they planted their son Harvey, as we all have known him, remained.) Not long since—a little over a year ago—his wife died, and now the husband and father is gone after the companion of his youth and old age, who had not long preceded him. They lie side by side up there in the old graveyard where their feet have followed so many of the sons and daughters of Ashville and its surroundings. On last Monday at 10 o'clock, we buried this old citizen of our town who had lived to witness all the changes that it has undergone for over a half century, and lived up to the margin of its greatest change, just to catch a glimpse of its coming. The services were conducted by Rev. P. S. Montgomery and Rev. J. S. E. Robinson. There was a large attendance of young and old at the funeral to render their last respect to honor his departure from life. He left two daughters, Mrs. Laura E. Montgomery and Mrs. Mary Rakestraw, both residents of Ashville, besides other relatives and connections of the family, to mourn his loss.

The deceased was an open, generous hearted man; his house was a home to everybody, and the children always had a friend in him. Indeed the main incentive or aspiration of the deceased and his tender, motherly wife, while living, seemed to be to aid others. They sometimes appeared to lose all consciousness of self in rendering service or doing acts of kindness to others. The deceased was a man whom, we believe, no one ever appealed to in vain for a favor in his power to grant. He wife was like him. They seemed to have been

plucked from the same stalk, so much alike were they in their office of kindness. Ashville is in mourning over the death of our departed townsman, and we all weep for him as a great family over the bier of its departed head. His memory will remain as inseparably connected with the history of Ashville as long as any of this generation of the young live to respect it.

Oct. 9, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died Oct. 6, 1890, **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas **Bowlin**. There was a deep gloom over the hearthstone and a sorrow no one can interpret in the hearts of the young couple, for it was the tender flower--their first born and only child. The entire community sympathizes with the young parents in their sad bereavement.

Oct. 30, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Branchville. Death has taken away our venerable citizen and neighbor, Mr. R. E. **Wilson**. He had been suffering a long while.

Nov. 6, 1890, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 4, 1890, Burrell **McClendon**, of Greesy Cove, aged 88 years. The deceased was one of St. Clair's oldest and most respected citizens.

### ***Southern Aegis, 1891***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 29, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on January 24, 1891, Mrs. Winnie **Hare**, wife of Rev. S. J. Hare, near Hood's of this county, age 41. The deceased was a beautiful example of the Christian virtues of true womanhood, a kind and generous neighbor, devoted mother

and an affectionate wife. There was a large attendance at her funeral which took place last Monday, at the cemetery here, Rev. Noah Hood leading the services at the Baptist church in an impressive discourse. The sympathies of this entire community go out for the bereaved husband and the mourning children.

Feb. 12, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on February 9, 1891, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. **Saulter**, aged about 6 months. The sympathies of our citizens are extended to the parents in their bereavement.

Apr. 30, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 26, 1891, at his home near Hood's, in this county, at about 10:30 o'clock p.m., Joel A. **Putman**, aged 70 years. The funeral came off at Gum Springs church on Tuesday following at 11 o'clock. The deceased was a pioneer citizen of the county, frugal, hardworking, strictly honest in his business affairs, and a devoted member of the Baptist church. He leaves a large and interesting family to mourn his departure from the walks of life.

Jun. 4, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 2, 1891, John Inzer **Montgomery**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Montgomery.

Jul. 9, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 4, 1891, Mrs. M. G. **Dill** near Ashville, age 71. The deceased was the mother-in-law of our popular Squire L. C. Vaughn. Had been confined to her bed for several months, was a good neighbor and devout member of the Baptist church and died in the full

hope of her Christian walk. Her funeral took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> at Hopewell. Her funeral will be preached on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August next by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson at Hopewell church.

Aug. 13, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Jas. **Beason**, a prominent merchant of Attalla, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. His remains were interred at Reeves chapel in St. Clair on the 11th. The deceased was a native of this county and had a host of relatives and friends here who learn of his death with sadness and sorrow.

Sep. 10, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 5, 1891, the little **son** of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. **Goode**, aged about 3 years. The bereaved young parents have the sympathies of this community in their severe loss and sore affliction.

Oct. 15, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Ben **Dobbins**, the 7 year old son of Mr. Pink Dobbins, was burned so badly, on last Thursday, that he died shortly afterwards. It appears that the little fellow was carrying some rocks to make a play house, when some matches in his pockets were ignited setting his clothes on fire. His clothes were nearly burnt off before the fire was extinguished. We deeply sympathize with the distressed parents.

Oct. 22, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on October 15, at her home at Steeles, Mrs. E. B. **Melton**. The deceased was one of the best women of our county; a Christian mother and worker in Christ's vineyard.

Nov. 26, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 21, 1891, at his home

near Slate, Rev. Geo. T. **Gibb**, age in his 79<sup>th</sup> year. The deceased was a venerable and highly respected citizen of the county--a member of the Methodist church, and a devout Christian. He was well and favorably known to a large number of the citizens of the county who will hear of his death with sadness. [See also Dec. 3]

Dec. 3, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: OBITUARY. Died November 22, 1891, George T. **Gibb**, Gospel minister and member of the Methodist Church, perfectly resigned to the Christian faith. Being asked sometime before his decease what he thought of his physical condition, he replied that he was thinking but little, if any, about that matter. His age was 78 years, 9 mo's and 8 days.

Dec. 3, 1891, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 27, 1891, Mrs. J. E. B. **Neeley** at her home in Springville.

### ***Southern Aegis, 1892*** Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 7, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: Caldwell. Died **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. John **Wildman** on Wednesday; was buried at Pleasant Hill Thursday.

Feb. 4, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: Cook Springs. Died on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, Miss Rennie **Lee**, age 18 years. Two more of the same family are now expected to live.

Feb. 4, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan. 28, 1892, near Whitney, Mrs. Eliza **Reeves**, age 92. The deceased was a highly respected old mother; honored by a

long life of many years.

Mar. 24, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 21, 1892, John **Rice**, near Fairview, age 104 years. The deceased was born March 1788 in Greenville, South Carolina; came to St. Clair county and located and has lived here a half century. [See Also *The Advance-Journal* entry for March 25 for further information.]

Aug. 25, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: Killing at Coal City. News reached us from Coal City last Saturday morning of an attempted robbery at that place Friday night, in which one man lost his life. It seems that there has been several burglaries committed in that community recently, and Friday evening a crowd of citizens had been collected together for the purpose of watching through the night. About 8:30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Mountcastle, bookkeeper for the Coal City Coal and Mining Company, was at his desk in the commissary of the company, when three men dressed in women's clothes and wearing red masks made of flannel cloth entered, and one of them, thrusting a pistol into the bookkeepers face, demanded that he open the safe and deliver the money to them.

Just at this juncture the citizens who had been detailed to watch through the night happened up, and taking in the situation at a glance, called on the would-be robbers to "hands up," and on their showing fight the citizens fired upon them, bringing one of them down at once.

The other two made their escape through a back door and have not been captured. The wounded man proved to be W. L. **McAmy**, a miner in the mines of the company. He

lived until 4 o'clock Saturday morning, when he died, and it is said told who his companions were. The parties implicated are white men who are well-known around the mines. The dead man leaves a wife and five children.

>Sep. 19, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: About two or three miles from Springville, Sim **Keith**, a prominent and highly respectable farmer resided; he was about 55 years of age and had a family, most of the children being grown. It seems that during the war Keith was a soldier in the Confederate army, and in one of the many battles in which he fought he was wounded on the head. At times since then, Keith has been temporarily insane. It would come on him by spells, and he even became violent. ...He was sent to the State Asylum where he remained for quite a while, but left afterwards apparently cured.

Friday, Keith left home, seemingly sound in mind. He told his family that he was going to a rock quarry in the woods about a mile or two from the residence to see if suitable rock for building a chimney could be gotten out of that particular place. He went alone but failed to return.

At 7 o'clock Saturday morning, young Keith, son of the missing man, went out to look for his father. He made a horrible discovery. With his back against a large rock was the dead and stiff body of Sim Keith. His throat was cut. Beside him lay a razor. The razor was found to be that of the dead man. He had no doubt premeditated suicide, and had taken the razor with him while suffering with temporary insanity. There was every evidence that it was a case of

suicide, and so sure were the dead man's relatives of this that no inquest was held. Mr. Keith belonged to a highly respectable family and the entire community sympathize with them in their grief.

Nov. 10, 1892, *Southern Aegis*: IN MEMORIAM. How sad is death when it enters our own homes and firesides and tears from our embraces the fond and loving mother, around whom the affections of the family gathered. Such is the case in the death of Mrs. Fannie **Turner**, wife of Thomas Turner, of Ashville, Ala. On Monday morning October 10, 1892, death entered this happy home and took away from the embraces of the kind husband and five lovely little children, this kind and affectionate Christian wife and mother, leaving a vacuum no earthly treasure can fill. Sister Fannie was 33 years of age, daughter of C. T. Nunnally, who died in this place in 1881, a man of high Christian character.

But however sad the death of our sister was, it was brightened by the presence of her Savior and her living faith in him. Several days before her death she told her husband to avoid all excitement possible, when she came to death for she wanted to pass through death quietly; she said it would break her heart to see him grieve over her death. She had prayed to die in her right mind, and it seemed as though she was confident she would. On the night before her death she said, "I never felt so happy before, I never felt like shouting in my life before, but I feel like it now," and she did, saying, "Bless the Lord, I am so happy; this is the Lord doing this to show you his power; this is what I prayed for."

Then calling up her husband and children she gave them her parting words, asking that her children be raised up to be Christians and leaving messages for absent kindred and friends, and when conscious that death was upon her, said, "If this be death, it is sweet." The last words spoken to the broken hearted husband just a short time before her death was, "Don't grieve, darling, meet me up yonder," turning her eyes heavenward. She had her right mind in death. She would often exclaim of angels and she seemed to think she had died and saw the Savior and he put a song in her mouth and she would try to call it to mind and try to sing it, and kept repeating "Heaven is my home." She called over the words of that hymn, "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep." She died with the words "Heaven is my home" upon her lips.

She was buried in the Ashville cemetery attended by a large number of kindred and friends. May there be a happy meeting one day when husband and wife, mother and children, shall all meet in heaven above.

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### ***The Advance-Journal, 1892***

Ashville, Alabama

+Jan. 29, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Kellys Creek. Scott **Thweatt**, a negro and convict, was killed a few miles from this place a few days ago. It is supposed that another negro shot him.

Jan. 29, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Kellys Creek. The angel of death has visited our community and the following persons have been borne away, we trust to that better world

beyond: **infant** son of Mr. Jas. L. **Ragland**; Mr. Jas. **Stines**; Mr. Gray **Beavers** and his lovely **wife**. The three latter were all in the prime of life. Mr. Stines leaves a wife and one child. Mr. and Mrs. Beavers leave six little girls.

Jan. 29, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Mrs. Robt. **George**, an old lady of \_\_\_6 years of age, widow of Robt. George, died last Friday morning near Odenville.

Feb. 12, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Pine Forest. Died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr. Will **Ash**, son of our esteemed citizen Mr. G. S. Ash, age 16.

Feb. 19, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Kellys Creek. died on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., Samuel **Sims**, one of the oldest citizens of our county.

Mar. 25, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Mr. John **Rice**, of beat 9, died at his residence the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Rice's age was variously estimated at from 102 to 105 years, but in fact he was only 96. He was born in North Carolina in 1796, serving in the Indian war of 1812, lived in eight states and died a pauper.

Mar. 25, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Beaver Valley. We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary **Mize**, near here. She died of consumption and was an excellent lady.

Mar. 25, 1892, *Advance-Journal*: Pine Forest. Miss Jennie **Durant**, a very pleasant young lady residing in this community, died last Wednesday. She was 20 years of age and had been in bad health for almost 2 years.

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## *Southern Alliance, 1893*

Ashville, Alabama

Mar. 10, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
J. W. **Griffin**, an old and substantial citizen of this county, who was recently injured while rafting logs, an account of the accident appearing in these columns at the time, died Sunday night.

Mar. 10, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mr. J. M. **Newton**, of Odenville, died Wednesday night, and the funeral takes place to-day at 11 o'clock at Friendship church. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson.

Mar. 17, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Branchville, March 9. Our Branchville people are very sad over the news of the death of our good citizen, Jas. M. **Newton**, who died last night. He died in the triumph of a living faith. It is hard on his companion, relatives and friends to give him up, but we have to be submissive to an all-wise Providence. [Signed] J. H. Vandegrift.

Mar. 31, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mr. B. F. **Ashley**, died Thursday night, at his residence near town. At the age of 72 years. He had been sick for a long time, and his death was looked for at any time for the past few weeks. He was a good citizen, and a consistent member of the church. The *Southern Alliance* extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

Apr. 14, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
On last Friday night, near Ashville, one of St. Clair's oldest

and most highly respected citizens passed away. Old Uncle Jackey **Partlow** was upwards of 84 years of age and was a member of one of the best families in the county. He belonged to the Baptist church, and was also a charter member of the masonic lodge at this place. Rev. Payton Montgomery conducted the funeral services at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock Saturday. Mr. Partlow was buried at one o'clock, with due masonic honors. The funeral was attended by a very large concourse of friends and relatives.

Jun. 23, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
It is supposed that there was 500 people present at the burial of P. W. **Alverson** last Monday the 12th inst. He was buried by Coal City Alliance and members of Bethsaida, Broken-arrow and other alliances. Brother Wm. Murchison was appointed chaplain and the alliance numbering 75, and members of the Sunday school numbering about the same, met at the house of the deceased only a short distance from the M. E. church and marched to the church singing "One By One We'll All Be Gathered Home." The Sunday school sung several of Brother Alverson's favorite songs and the Alliance went through with the burial form nicely.

Jul. 13, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Dr. Wiley **Yarbrough**, of Smith County Tex., died June 29. Dr. Yarbrough was a brother of John Yarbrough of our county. He moved to Texas from this county in 1857. His old friends in this county will be pained to hear of his death.

Jul. 13, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Partlow. Mrs. Sam **Black**, of

Lock Three, died on the night of June 28, the bereaved family has our sympathy.

Jul. 13, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Eden. The Many friends of J. L. **Dollar** will be pained to learn of his untimely death, caused by the falling of a limb on July 7, 1893, while cutting saw logs. Mr. Dollar was a member of the Baptist church, and was a good citizen, a kind and affectionate husband and father. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his death. [Signed] Amos L. Griffith

**Resolutions of Respect** Eden Alliance No. 217, at its regular meeting passed the following in reference to the death of J. L. Dollar, who was accidentally killed by a limb on July 7, while cutting saw logs.

Resolved. That in the death of brother Dollar, the alliance has lost a worthy member; the church a valuable brother, the community a good citizen and his widow and children, a kind husband and father. And the Alliance hereby tenders the widow and children its sympathy and condolence in their great loss. J. W. Lewis, Pres., J. T. Saulter, Sec.

Jul. 27, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Partlow. It is with a sad heart that we chronicle the death of little Merle **Stone**, infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stone.

Jul. 27, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
Little two year old **child** of Mr. and Mrs. Tom **Bowlin** died on last Friday and was buried at the Baptist church cemetery Saturday.

Jul. 27, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:  
The many friends of Mr. James



**Hawkins** will be sorry to hear of his death, which occurred at Lock Four, recently. He leaves a wife and four children.

Jul. 27, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Eden. Mr. James **Kilgroe**'s little **child** died Tuesday, slow fever was what ailed it. Rev. Paul Castleberry will preach the funeral Wednesday.

Aug. 10, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Mrs. Jane **Adkins** died last Sunday night after a long spell of sickness and was buried at Bethel graveyard the following day. Rev. Thos. Lambert preached her funeral as she had previously requested.

Aug. 10, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Hugh, **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. **Spruiell**, of Birmingham, died last week and was brought out and buried at Moodys graveyard.

Aug. 24, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

We are in receipt of a card from Maj. J. D. Truss, of Seddon, telling of the death of his little granddaughter, Rossie **Williamson** which occurred on the 20<sup>th</sup>. She was buried on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He states that Roy, twin brother of Rossie, is lying critically ill at the time of writing. The bereaved family has our sympathy in their great affliction.

Aug. 31, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Mrs. Joe **Jackson**, near Greensport, died Monday morning. Rev. G. E. Driskill was called to preach the funeral of Mrs. Jackson. He then returned to his meeting at Evergreen, which has been in progress for near two weeks.

Aug. 31, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Springville. Mr. A. J. **Hand** was

buried at this place last Wednesday. Jack will be sadly missed by his many friends.

Sep. 21, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Odenville. Some sickness about in the valley. A little **child** of Mr. and Mrs. Will **McKinney** was buried Sunday at Friendship.

Oct. 5, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

James **Gilmore** an old and respected citizen died at this place Monday and buried Tuesday.

Oct. 12, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Rev. C. D. Pike preached the funeral of Mrs. J. A. **Owen** on last Sunday, quite a crowd was in attendance.

Nov. 9, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

**Infant** child of Prof. **Mize**, of Eden, died Saturday night, and Mrs. Mize is not expected to live.

Nov. 16, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Mr. John **Bowlin**, of Shoal Creek, who has been sick for a long time, died last Saturday evening and was buried at the Ashville cemetery on Monday. Rev. P. S. Montgomery preached his funeral at the Baptist church.

Nov. 23, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Kelleys Creek. Mr. H. M. **Abercrombie** after several days of severe illness died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., leaving a wife and several children to mourn his loss. But we will frankly say that they have the sympathy of their many friends. Mr. Abercrombie was a man in good standing in all respects, and will be greatly missed and long remembered.

Nov. 30, 1893, *Southern Alliance*:

Branchville Nov. 27. Our little village was sad to learn of the death of our good citizen this morning, John **Simpson**. His death was not a surprise, he had been gradually sinking for several days. His disease was heart failure, he passed away without a struggle. It is a great consolation to his relatives and friends that he died in the triumph of a living faith in our Lord and Savior. He did not belong to any church, but lived the life of a Christian. He leaves an affectionate wife, a good woman. The writer has been personally acquainted with John Simpson for over fifty years and has always regarded him as an honorable upright gentleman. He was about 77 years old, and had been married about 52 years, has raised a nice family of children, who are doing well. He with his father Thomas Simpson, moved to this country from South Carolina 60 years ago and settled near Branchville as a farmer. John Simpson was noted as a good farmer and cotton raiser, has raised a great deal of cotton in his life time but died quite a poor man, but he had good and efficient children who cared for him in his old age. It is true that he was not rich in gold dollars, but thank God, he was rich in a spiritual life, which is worth more than all the gold that this world can produce. His dying example is great encouragement to his relatives to press forward by doing right and exercising faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that we may be led by the Holy Spirit, then we will learn to know the worth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Learn to govern ourselves on a principle of right, do as we would be done by,

then we will be blessed with true happiness, which is worth more than all the gold the Rothchilds can command. "A home in heaven what a joyful thought, as the poor man toils in his weary lot." [Signed] J. H. Vandegrift

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### ***Southern Alliance, 1894***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 11, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Harris **Williams** died at his home in Springville on last Saturday morning of heart disease.

Jan. 11, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. **Murphree** and children have the heart felt sympathy of all the people in the loss of his **wife**, and their mother, while it looks hard to us, but God knows best. I think that we all ought to be ready for death at any time.

Feb. 1, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Branchville. Ed. *Southern Alliance*: Our neighbor and friend, Mrs. Sarah Ann **Forman** was buried Sunday at Liberty church. There was a large congregation of friends and relatives at the Burial. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. Lovell. Sister Forman was a member in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and has always stood high in the estimation of the good people who knew her, and her death is lamented by her large circle of friends and relatives. Sister Forman was the daughter of Reuben Forman [should be Phillips], a pioneer of St. Clair county, who was among the first settlers of the county, and stood high as a good citizen and neighbor. James H. Vandegrift. [The following correction was printed the next

week.] Branchville, Ala. Feb. 3, 1894. In regard to my letter stating the death of Sister Foreman, the types made it appear that she was the daughter of Mr. Foreman, which was an error. She was the daughter of Reuben Phillips. Please correct the mistake. J. H. Vandegrift.

Feb. 8, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Mary M. **Box**, daughter of Henry W. Box, and wife of Milton Box, died at her home near Chepultepec, in Blount county, Jan. the 27, 1894. She had a severe attack of the "grippe," and recovered sufficient to be able to walk across the house and then relapsed and took Pneumonia fever which almost immediately caused her death. She was 49 years old, and for 35 years had been a member of the M. E. church, South. She leaves her father, two brothers, one sister, a husband and three children to mourn their loss. They have our sympathy in their affliction, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." G. E. Driskill.

[Rubye Sisson's *St. Clair County Marriages 1818-1899* gives Milton Box's bride as Mrs. Mary M. Chapman, married before.]

Feb. 22, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Joseph **Turner** died at her home near Ashville on last Wednesday. The bereaved husband and family have our sympathy in their great loss.

Mar. 1, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Cool Springs. Our neighbor and friend, Mrs. Annie **Turner**, was buried at the Moore Graveyard on last Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant. There was a large congregation of friends and relatives at the burial, the funeral services were conducted by

Rev. G. W. Lovell. Sister Turner was a member of Cool Springs church, and has always been held in high esteem by the good people who knew her, and her death is lamented by all. She was about 40 years old, and leaves a husband, six children, father, mother, two brothers and a sister to mourn their loss. They have our sympathy in their affliction. We can only say to them blessed are they who die in the Lord.

Mar. 8, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Fayette **Cox** who lived near Ashville, died at his home on last Sunday evening, and was buried at the Ashville graveyard Monday. He leaves a wife, five children and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Mar. 8, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. The little **baby** of Mr. and Mrs. **Cowan** of this place, who has been sick for several days, was called Thursday to pay the debt we all have to pay sooner or later, but the many friends of the Bereaved parents share a part in mourning the loss of their little one. Be ye therefore ready for at such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh. M. and F.

Mar. 22, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Gallant. Died, March the 12, Miss Rosa Ella **Pence**.

May 3, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: E. G. **Morris**, Sr. of Morrisville, died on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morris was an old and highly respected citizen and has many friends in St. Clair who will feel sad at the news of his death.

May 10, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

S. G. B. **Carrington**, aged about sixty-five years, died at his home near Ashville on last Wednesday. Mr. Carrington was an old and respected citizen. A consistent member of the Baptist church. He leaves a wife and family of five children to mourn his death.

May 24, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Mrs. **Bradford**, wife of S. A. Bradford, died on last Thursday morning and was buried Friday at the Ashville cemetery. Mrs. Bradford was a christian lady and had been an invalid for twenty-three years. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her death.

May 31, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Bradford. The subject of this sketch, Sister Nancy A. **Bradford**, was born in Greenville, South Carolina, Sept. 9, 1825. She was married to Samuel A. Bradford in 1844. She joined the Methodist church in 1853, and lived a faithful christian until the day of her death, May 17, 1894. Sister Bradford was a great sufferer for many years, but when the end came it found her ready. She died with strong faith in God, feeling that "to die is gain." The grief stricken husband and children have our sympathy. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." G. E. Driskill.

Jul. 5, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died, Near Lincoln on the 21<sup>st</sup> ult,  
Mr. S. J. **Crump** a well known  
former citizen of this county.

Jul. 12, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Died at his home near Fidelity church J. J. **Harris** on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harris leaves a wife and two

children to mourn his death. The bereaved family have the heart felt sympathies of the entire community.

Jul. 12, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Mrs. Will **Griffitt** of near Easonville died on last Friday and was buried Sunday. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

Jul. 26, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

L. J.(?) **Singleton**, of Lock Four, died on last Sunday night. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Jul. 26, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Died. William H. **Frazier** died at Branchville on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. He passed away without a struggle. His relatives and friends have abundant room to be thankful that he died in the triumph of a living faith. He was a young man of promise and had many friends. We regret his death very much but by the grace of God we submit to the will of a higher power. J. H. Vandegrift

Aug. 16, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Springville. There was a sad death in our community on last Friday. Mr. Harve **Pearson**, an old and respected citizen started to visit a relative about a mile away, and died on the road. His remains were not found until Saturday evening. We tender the bereaved family our sympathy.

Aug. 23, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:

Died on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. near Ashville, Eveline **Hodges**, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hodges. She was buried at the cemetery Sunday evening.

Aug. 23, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:  
**Infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. **Whisnant** died on last Saturday night, at their home near Steels depot.

Aug. 30, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:  
Grandma **Inzer**, as she was affectionately called by almost all who knew her, died at the residence of D. B. Moore at Coal City, on last Sunday morning, and was buried at Eden on Monday. She was the mother of our fellow townsman, Judge Inzer, and had reached a ripe old age, being upwards of 90 years. She leaves a wide circle of friends and relatives to mourn her demise.

Sep. 13, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:  
Margarette **Greene**, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Greene, after a few days illness died on Wednesday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock.

Another little form asleep  
And a little spirit gone,  
Another little voice is hushed  
And a little angel born.  
Two little feet are on the way  
To the home beyond the skies,  
And our hearts are like the void  
that comes  
When a strain of music dies.

A pair of little shoes  
And a lock of golden hair  
The toys our little darling loved  
And the dress she used to wear,  
The little grave upon the hill,  
Where the flowers love to grow  
And these are all of the little hope  
That came four years ago

Sep. 27, 1894, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died on Thursday, Claud **Turner**,  
infant son of Thomas Turner, the

family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Sep. 27, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: A Strange Death. On last Monday evening Mr. Jim Evans who lives near Ragland, saw the horse and cart of Dr. H. H. **Brewster** passing his field, and thinking the Doctor had stopped at his, Evans', house, he went out to stop the horse, when to his horror he found the Doctor laying in the cart dead. One of his feet had been rubbed by the wheel until it had nearly wore a hole in his shoes. It is thought that the horse had came over a mile and a half after the Doctor died. Dr. Brewster was a prominent physician. He leaves a family and large circle of friends to mourn his death, which was supposed to be the result of heart failure.

Oct. 11, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Odenville. Mrs. Parthenia **Mize** died last week. She leaves a husband and five or six little children who have our sympathies.

Oct. 11, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Odenville. Rev. R. H. **Ramsey** died last Sunday at Branchville.

Nov. 8, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Died on last Friday morning, Leity, the wife of Walter Montgomery. Mrs. **Montgomery** leaves a husband and five small children to mourn her death, the bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss. The remains were interred at the Ashville cemetery Saturday evening.

Nov. 15, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. We are sorry to note the recent death of Miss Mollie

**Dean**, who died the 12, and was interred at Friendship church. She was fifty-three [years] old.

Nov. 22, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: On last Saturday night near Pell City John T. Hays and John W. Brown shot and killed D. M. **Karr**. They were arrested and placed under guard to be brought to Ashville and lodged in jail, but Hays made his escape. Brown is now in jail at this place. We failed to learn the cause of the tragedy.

Dec. 13, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Died, October 7, 1894, Gregory Montgomery **Capshaw**, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Capshaw. "One by one we'll all be gathered home."

Dec. 20, 1894, *Southern Alliance*: Died on Sunday the 16, Mrs. Neil **Gilmore**, of Birmingham. Mrs. Gilmore and family were for a long time residents of Ashville, and she had many friends at this place. Her remains were interred at the Ashville cemetery on last Monday eve.

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### ***The Southern Alliance, 1895*** Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 10, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: On last Friday night the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. R. **Wilson** died, near Ashville.

Jan. 24, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Jas. **Copelin**, near Moody, died last Friday morning, and was buried last Saturday at Bethel.

Jan. 31, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. Mrs. **Chaney**, an aged Christian woman, died last Wednesday. She leaves several

children and grand children to mourn her loss, but they have the assurance that she died in the Christian's faith, to comfort them.

Feb. 7, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Springville. Mr. **Franklin**, of Tuscaloosa, who was attending school here, died very suddenly last Tuesday night; heart failure was the cause of his death. Several of the Cadets carried his remains to his home.

Feb. 14, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Bud **Thompson** died a few days ago in Texas. She was a daughter of J. M. Philips of our county.

Feb. 14, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Jas. **Reed**, of Ragland, she died one day last week. Mr. Reed and the other members of the family have our sympathy in this their sad bereavement.

Feb. 21, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Cropwell. We are sorry to learn that the **infant** child of Mr. W. S. **Jones**, of Walkers Crossing, is dead. The bereaved parents have our sympathy.

Feb. 21, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Springville. Mrs. Tom **Hooper** died last Friday at her home near here.

Feb. 21, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. E. J. Roberts has received the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs. **Reynolds**, of Kilgore, Texas.

Mar. 7, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Tom **Hooper Jr.** died at Springville one day last week.

Mar. 7, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:

W. A. Stone attended the burial of the **infant** of J. C. **Caldwell** at Pleasant Hill near Caldwell Tuesday.

Mar. 21, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. The first of last week the **infant** child of Mr. Will **Patterson** died.

Mar. 21, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. Monday the **infant** child of Mr. John **Hazelwood** died.

Mar. 28, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: JUDGE LEROY F. BOX, DEAD. On Tuesday morning last, Judge L. F. **Box** died in Edwardsville. As was printed in our columns last week, the Judge had been in a very critical condition for several days. He was attacked with a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied. His wife and daughter, Mrs. Jas. A. Embry, Mr. J. A. Embry, and his brother, Jas. A. Box, were in attendance at his death bed. Mrs. Tom Hodges, another one of his daughters, was prevented from going to the death bed of her father by sickness. Judge Box was known throughout the State, having held several offices at the hands of the people, and at the time of his death was serving the third term as Judge of this Judicial Circuit. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his death, besides numerous other relatives, and we might say thousands of friends.

He is one more good man gone on before to the mansions in the skies. The *Southern Alliance* extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES OF JUDGE BOX

The remains of Judge Box were brought to his home on Tuesday evening. Friends arranged for the members of the bar and county officers to bear the corpse to the M. E. Church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, where Rev. J. T. Millican conducted the funeral services. After which the lid was removed from the coffin and the relatives and friends were allowed to look on the face of the dead for the last time. The church was crowded with relatives and friends, besides there were many colored people at the church to take a last look at the man who had always been their friend. The Masons then took charge of the remains and proceeded to the cemetery where they buried him in accordance with the ancient ceremonies of the order.

A good citizen and able Jurist, a consistent Christian and exemplary Mason is lost to St. Clair County and the State of Alabama.

Apr. 4, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: The **infant** child of Mr. Peter **Hare** was buried at the Ashville cemetery last Sunday.

Apr. 11, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Odenville. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. **Newton**, of Branchville, had the misfortune to lose their little **infant** girl Saturday night. It was buried Sunday evening at Liberty.

Apr. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Eden, Ala., April 10, 1895. A feeling of gloom was cast over our little town last Friday morning by the news of the death of Mr. Reubin **Ginn**, which sad event took place last Thursday evening, in Anniston where he had been for some time past. Mr. Ginn was a young man

much liked and esteemed by all who knew him. His memory will be kept green in the hearts of his friends. The sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters should take comfort from the hope that while Ruby's body sleeps beneath a flower strewn mound of earth, his immortal spirit awaits them in that country where God shall wipe away all tears, and there shall be no more death neither sorrow.

Apr. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Jas. **Thomas** died at Cornelia on last Monday and was buried at Evergreen on Tuesday. Rev. J. K. Ensy conducted the funeral ceremonies.

May 2, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: A little three year old **son** of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett **Galbreath**, died on last Sunday morning and was buried at Ashville cemetery that evening. It died from the effects of burns which it received two or three weeks ago.

May 2, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: A little **child** of Jas. **Thompson** died near Hood Wednesday.

May 16, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Fred **Moorer**, nine year old son of M. W. Moorer, was run over and killed by a train on the A. G. S. railroad last Friday evening near Steels.

Jun. 13, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Odenville. Mrs. Frank **Mize** has died and was buried at Friendship.

Jun. 27, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Louisa **Davidson**, a widow woman living four miles east of Ashville, died one day last week.

Jun. 27, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mr. John S. **Watson**, the  
venerable father of Hon. Thos. E.  
Watson, died at the old family  
homestead near the town of  
Thomson, Ga., on June 12.

Jun. 27, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., at \_\_\_\_\_,  
Miss., Mr. Ossie **Todd**, formerly of  
this county. Mr. Todd was a quiet  
young man and a brother of Mrs. J.  
F. Donahoo, of near this place, and  
he had many friends in Coosa Valley  
who will hear with sadness of his  
death.

Jul. 4, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Rev. W. **Strain**, who lived near  
Ashville, died last Sunday and was  
buried at Hopewell on Monday.

Jul. 4, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mr. C. C. **Saylors**, an old and  
respected citizen living near  
Ashville, died Sunday last and was  
buried Monday.

Jul. 4, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mrs. Sarah Ann **Walker**, of Forney,  
Tex., telegraphed Mr. J. P. Philips,  
her brother, that her **daughter**  
Minnie died Tuesday morning.

Jul. 4, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Springville. Mr. J. M. **Carroll**,  
the well known carder, died at his  
home near here last Wednesday  
evening at 5 o'clock.

Jul. 11, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Springville. Died on last Sunday  
night at 8 o'clock Mr. Levi **Pearson**  
at his home near here.

Jul. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
A **child** of Mr. Buck **Tramel**

died Tuesday morning near Steel.

Jul. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mrs. Anderson **Jurdon** of Coosa  
Valley, died on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>.

+Jul. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
A **baby** of Van **Turner**, colored,  
died on Monday and was buried  
Tuesday.

Jul. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
LaFayette **Inzer**, father of our  
fellow townsman J. A. Inzer, died at  
his home in Springville Monday  
night, and was buried Tuesday. He  
was 83 years old.

+Jul. 18, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
James **Thomas** (col.) of Pell City  
who was sentenced at the April term  
of the county court to the mines for  
twelve months, died at Coalburg on  
the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Aug. 1, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
On last Saturday the **infant** son  
of Mr. Walker **Montgomery** died  
and was buried at Ashville cemetery  
on Sunday evening.

Aug. 1, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died: Umphrey **McBrayer**, aged  
84 years, died at his home near  
Ashville Monday evening. He was a  
member of the Baptist church a good  
citizen, and had the respect and  
esteem of all who knew him.

Aug. 8, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed **Thornton**, of  
Hokes Bluff, brought the remains of  
their **infant** child to Ashville  
Wednesday, where it was interred at  
the Ashville Cemetery.

Aug. 15, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:

Odenville. Mrs. C. A. **Strickland**  
who lives about 3 miles from this  
place, was instantly killed by  
lightning Sunday about 12 o'clock,  
while in the yard of her home. The  
deceased was about 60 years old and  
leaves a husband and one child, who  
have our heartfelt sympathy. J. L. M.

Aug. 22, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Springville. Died on last Friday  
afternoon, little Flora **Woodall**,  
infant daughter of A. W. Woodall.

Aug. 29, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Tribute of Respect. Whereas it has  
pleased Almighty God to take from  
this stage of action and from our  
midst on Aug. 29, 1895, at Seddon,  
Ala., our beloved brother Tayler T.  
**Goodwin**. Resolved by Seddon  
Lodge no. 249 that while we humbly  
bow to the will of the Master yet our  
hearts are bowed in mourning for  
our brother who has been called  
from Labor to rest. ... Committee,  
1895: D. H. Carpenter, D. R. Griffis,  
Noah Rich.

+Sep. 5, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died on last Thursday Josie **Dean**,  
col., wife of Smash Dean of this  
place. The deceased had been  
confined to her bed for 2 years.

Sep. 12, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died on last Friday near Ashville,  
Mr. Pleasant **Moore** age 79.

+Oct. 3, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
**Infant** child of Smith **Ferrel**, col.,  
died Saturday and was buried  
Sunday.

Oct. 10, 1895, *Southern Alliance*:  
On last Monday, the **infant** girl of  
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. **Philips** died at  
their home in Ashville. It was buried

Tuesday afternoon at Ashville Cemetery.

Oct. 10, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Round Pond. Died at the residence of the writer, little Bernice **Spruill**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Spruill of Birmingham, on last Sunday morning.

Oct. 17, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. The **infant** child of A. A. **Burtram** was found dead in bed Wednesday night. The cause of death is unknown.

Oct. 24, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Round Pond. By lamplight at the Moody cemetery on last Monday evening was buried little Wilmer **Jones**, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie G. Jones, of Birmingham. The little boy was the victim of typhoid pneumonia. He was a bright, vivacious little fellow, loved and petted by all, our hearts are made sore by his loss. Wilmer and Bernice, of whom I wrote recently, make two little grand sons that have died inside of two weeks.

Nov. 14, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Sallie **Freeman**, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Freeman, died Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock of membranous croup. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Nov. 14, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Springville. Died on last Thursday morning Mrs. Ruben **Woodall** the mother of Aron Woodall of this place, she was buried on Friday afternoon.

Nov. 14, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. **Pearson**, wife of Mr. Bowden

Pearson, of Texas, who has been very low with consumption for some time at this place, died on last Saturday afternoon about sundown and was buried at the Springville Cemetery Sunday.

Nov. 28, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: Died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. **Lindsey**. It was buried at Hopewell Church last Friday.

Nov. 28, 1895, *Southern Alliance*: The **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. **Maddox** was interred at Liberty Cemetery Tuesday.

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### *Southern Aegis*, 1895

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 24, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Riverside, Ala., Jan. 19: Mrs. J. M. **Huey**, the wife of Mr. J. M. Huey, a prominent Odd Fellow of this town, after a short and painful illness passed away at an early hour last Friday morning. The end came peacefully and why should it not, when we are in possession of the happy fact that at the early age of 14 Mrs. Huey joined the Baptist church at Eastaboga, Alabama, and has been ever since, a conscientious Christian woman, a loving wife and devoted mother to her children. Mrs. Huey was born in Calhoun county in the year 1856, and married Mr. Huey on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1890. God blessed that union in the birth of two boys, who wonder in their childish minds today where mother's gone, why she comes no more to kiss them fond good-nights, and with soothing lullabies lull them to sleep, and those hundred other things that only a mother can do. They go to father and ask where

mother is, and he with a sorrow stricken heart, his eyes blinded with tears, points upwards and whispers "In Heaven." Take courage, my brother. God knows what is best, and as He gave so has He taken away. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Mrs. Huey's remains were interred in the Riverside cemetery. Rev. B. F. Brothers conducting the service in his usual impressive manner. The pall bearers were members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of this city. E. R. C.

>Apr. 25, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: THE GRIM REAPER. [Delta County, Texas] It is with deep and sorrowful emotion that we note today the departure of an old and esteemed friend to that "bourne to which no traveler returns." On yesterday morning about 5 o'clock all that was mortal of Geo. W. **Jones** passed quietly away and was numbered with the pale sleepers in the silent kingdom of death. His illness began with an acute attack of pneumonia on Saturday night. He had suffered slightly from cold a few days, but no one, to have seen him robust, genial, and alert in his attention to business Saturday morning would have dreamed that today he would be removed from the walks of men. The best medical aid was summoned and the tireless ministrations of kind and sympathetic friends sought to soothe and alleviate his sufferings. But from the commencement his malady assumed a malignant and fatal type and skill could not at last avert the inevitable.

Geo. W. Jones was an Alabamian by birth and was at the time of his death about 50 years of age. In his youth he answered the

patriotic call of his state when the civil war broke out and served four years in Deas' Alabama brigade that gave as much free blood for the Confederacy as perhaps any in the great conflict. Mr. Jones was wounded in the Georgia campaign. At the return of peace, he was elected to office in his home county of St. Clair, and served several terms, during the time united in marriage to Miss Salome DeLoache, a young lady of beauty, rare accomplishments and dower with mental gifts of an order that made her an ornament to whatever society in which she was mingled, and a light of goodness and devotion to his home. About the opening of the seventies, Mr. Jones came to Texas locating in Delta county. In 1872, he was elected county clerk, serving our people in that capacity for an uninterrupted tenure of 20 years and with unparalleled faithfulness and ability. In point of qualification, he was almost without a peer in the state. And it was not until the fanatical wave of populism overswept the country that his eminent career of public service ended in defeat, but not in dishonor, for no man ever met disaster more heroically or bore a brighter garniture of worth and merit out of adversity than he. ...

Mr. Jones was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, also faithful brother in Masonic Odd Fellow's and Knights of Pythias orders.

In our town and all over Delta county, there are cheeks that will blanch and hearts that will throb with poignant grief at the news of the close to a life that contained much good and but little evil. To them, to his afflicted brother, to his

wife, who through many weary nights and days of unremitting watchfulness stood like a beacon of Hope beside his pain-racked couch, and to his bereaved and sorrowing daughter, the *Courier* sympathies goes out. ... To him whose heart is moved to good and noble aspirations, death brings no midnight of terror, but ushers in the grandeur of the glorious Dawn. And knowing the departed, we realize that he did not shrink from the last ordeal, but sustained by hope, entered "As one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him and lies down to pleasant dreams." At ten this morning the remains were followed to the cemetery by the various orders and largest procession we ever saw in Cooper. *Delta Courier*, Cooper, Delta County, Tex.

May 2, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Steeles Depot. Nevel **Steel**, youngest son of A. J. Steel, was buried at the village cemetery last Monday, on which occasion Rev. G. W. Lovell conducted a very impressive burial service.

May 23, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Steeles. Mrs. Nelson **Moorer** a highly esteemed Christian lady fell dead from her chair while sewing. She had been an invalid for several months but appeared to be rapidly convalescing when she was suddenly called from her labor to her reward. And one of her small children was killed by the train just one month to the day from its mother's death.

May 30, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. R. A. **Woods**, who has been ill for a few days, died at

Springville Monday.

+May 30, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: A little colored boy, Pomp **Dean's son**, was drowned last Sunday evening in the Spring southwest of Ashville. It is supposed he had a fit while stooping over to fill his bucket with water. He was buried at the cemetery on Monday.

Jul. 4, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 30, 1895, near Ashville, Rev. W. A. **Strain** aged 50 years. The deceased was well-known through this country as a good Christian, he will be sadly missed. His remains were interred at Hopewell church on Monday.

Aug. 1, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: The little **child** of Walker **Montgomery** died on last Saturday and was buried on the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Baptist church.

Aug. 8, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Marcus LaFayette **Inzer** Dead. Died at his home in Springville, Alabama, on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1895, Marcus LaFayette Inzer, in the eighty-third year of his age. He is the last of a family of six brothers and one sister, save one, James D. Inzer, who resides in Texas and is in his eighty-seventh year. He was born and reared in the state of Georgia, came to Alabama when a young man, and settled in Talladega county near Oxford. In 1852 he came to St. Clair county, then to Jefferson, then to Shelby, and from there back to St. Clair. He was married twice, his first wife was a Miss Patterson, his second, a Miss Moore. He was married to his second wife in the year 1851. She survives him. He served through the Seminole war in



1837 and 1838, as Lieutenant in company of his brother, Capt. Henry W. Inzer. He gave two sons to the lost cause, two have since died and two survive him, the youngest son [Jno. A. Inzer] is a promising young lawyer in Ashville. He also left surviving him six daughters.

He was for more than fifty years a consistent member of the Baptist church. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father, and good neighbor. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Indeed a good man has gone. Peace to his memory.

Aug. 15, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: A Sad Affair. On last Friday a difficulty occurred between Grant Nelson, engineer and lessee of the T. R. A. & C. railroad, and John **Montgomery**, conductor on the same, in which Montgomery had his skull bone fractured, and from the effect of the wound died Sunday night about 12 o'clock. The affair cast a deep gloom on our people, as both parties are well connected, were among our most quiet and peaceable citizens and up to the time of the trouble were on the most friendly terms. The deceased had many friends, and hundreds turned out to his funeral, which took place Monday, about 4 o'clock. The service conducted over the casket by Rev. J. A. Glenn was very impressive, moving the whole congregation to tears.

+Aug. 29, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Jo **Dean**, wife of Smash Dean, died on August 29, 1895. The deceased was one of the most prominent colored women of this community, a Christian and beliked by all who knew her.

Oct. 10, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. **Philips**. The bereaved parents have the deep sympathy of the entire community in the sad affliction.

Nov. 14, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Died, on Nov. 13th, 1895, little Sallie **Freeman**, daughter of Mr. Robert L. Freeman and wife. This is a sad bereavement to a young household and many sorrowing friends offer their condolence to the bereaved parents. Funeral at 2 o'clock p. m. today.

+Nov. 28, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Tony **Cunningham**, col., one of the 46 children of Alan Cunningham near here, was killed in a railroad wreck below Birmingham a week ago today.

Dec. 5, 1895, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died on last Sunday afternoon, Mr. Tommie **Green**, one of the oldest settlers of the county.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1896***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 9, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Henry **Glenn**, the venerable father of Rev. J. A. Glenn, pastor of Ashville Baptist church, died at his home, near Dukes in Calhoun County on January 3, 1896, at the age of 88 years. The deceased came to Alabama from South Carolina about 37 years ago, settling in Calhoun county. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for 57 years. Six children, four boys and two girls survive their father.

Jan. 16, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Saturday Jan'y 11th,

1896, Emma **White**, daughter of C. D. White, of near Hood, aged 17 years.

Jan. 23, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on January 19, 1896, at her home at Steels, Mrs. Susan **Steele**, aged 85 years. She left 6 children to mourn her departure, two of whom reside in Texas. The father and husband died about 4 years ago.

+Feb. 13, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: A negro Jo **Lewis**, near Seddon, was hanged to a limb on last Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., while on his way to Ashville jail. Lewis had been tried before Squire Robinson, of Seddon beat, on a charge of an attempted assault on Mrs. A. D. Prince, and bound over to the grand jury.

Feb. 27, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. Jack **Brown**, after a protracted illness of several months, died the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst., and was interred at Shiloh Cemetery the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mar. 5, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: The death of Mrs. V. V. **Brewster** was one to be regretted by her many friends.

Mar. 19, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 7, 1896, **infant** son of Mr. & Mrs. R. M. **Cox**, of near Ashville.

Mar. 19, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1896, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. **Nunnally**, of Ashville.

Mar. 19, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 13th, 1896, Mrs. Will **Beason** of near Whitney.

Mar. 19, 1896, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on March 17, 1896, Mrs. M. W. **McBaggett**, of near Whitney.

Apr. 30, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Steeles. Mr. J. D. **Stephens**, after a protracted illness, died at his home in this place the 24<sup>th</sup>. He was interred at Deerman's Chapel cemetery the 24<sup>th</sup>. He had many friends and will be greatly missed. His grief stricken children and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

Apr. 30, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: The announcement of the death of Jimmie **Crump** of Boaz, threw a shadow of gloom over his many friends in this place.

Jun. 25, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Over the River. Another of St. Clair's Old Citizens Has Passed Away. Proctor Ala., June 24, 1896. Russell **Davis**, an aged and respected citizen here, quietly breathed his last at 9:30 Monday morning June 22, 1896. Mr. Davis was born March 1807 in Franklin county, Georgia, has resided in Alabama since 1853 and has lived a consistent member of the Baptist church for fifty-three years. We need write nothing of the deceased more than to say that all through these ninety years of life and manhood on earth, he was never intoxicated, nor did a profane word ever fall from his lips. The symbol of hope and safety was his constant companion, and the happy reflections of a well spent life, in the exercise of piety and virtue, yielded for him in his last moment, stainless clouds of comfort and consolation. What an incentive! Who can estimate the aggregated joy and happiness that might and ought to follow as a result of constant

meditation upon Father Davis' upright characteristics, by his children, grand children and great grand children now scattered over most of the southern states. His remains were tenderly laid to rest at Gum Springs. Rev. I. N. Currier conducting the funeral services, Tuesday, June 23, 1896. Foster Freeman.

Jul. 30, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Monday night July 29<sup>th</sup>, **infant** and only son of Prof and Mrs. **Moore** while at Walnut Grove. The bereaved have the sympathy of the entire community

Aug. 6, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: John S. **Chapman**, of Philipsburg, died Wednesday, at his home. He was postmaster of that place, and had suffered long and patiently with cancer in his face.

Aug. 13, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died near Cottage Hill Aug. 7, 1896, Mrs. **Chamness**. Deceased was buried at Bethany.

Aug. 20, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1896, little Thorny **Montgomery**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Montgomery, near Ashville, the bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Aug. 27, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: J. R. **Vandegrift**. Mrs. S. V. Box, who left Ashville about two weeks since for Nashville, Tenn., to visit her sick brother, J. R. Vandegrift, arrived there just before the latter's death. The deceased was well known to the citizens of St. Clair, having been born in this county where he resided until about two

years ago when he removed to Nashville, where he lived until his death which occurred on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. He was about 52 years of age, and leaves a host of relatives in this county, with an interesting family of children to mourn for him. Mrs. Box returned to her home in Ashville.

Sep. 24, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1896, at Springville, **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira **Spruiell**, aged 10 months.

Sep. 24, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Died at home, near Caldwell, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Sam **Thompson**. Deceased leaves a husband and several children who have the deepest sympathy of their neighbors and friends.

Oct. 29, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Rev. L. M. **Wilson** died at his home in Tallapoosa county last week. He was once presiding elder of this district. His many friends will regret to learn of his death.

Nov. 19, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: Miss Henrietta **Hinton** died at Lebanon, Dekalb County, last Saturday and was buried Sunday. She was about 57 years of age. Miss Hinton had numerous connections in this county.

Dec. 10, 1896, *Southern Aegis*: S. P. **McClendon**, esq., for many years a citizen of St. Clair County but more recently of Birmingham where he was engaged in business, died on Thursday, December 1, 1896, at his home in that city. His remains were interred last Saturday in the cemetery among the family dead at

this place.

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### ***The Springville News 1897***

Springville, Alabama

Sep. ?, 1897, *The Springville News*:

Died on Sept. 10, 1897, W. W.

**Perkins**, age 46 years and 3 months. Mr. Perkins was the leading merchant and cotton buyer of the county. He began business in early life, was an upright Christian gentleman and citizen. To know him was to love him. As a church member he was among the most faithful and was always at his post of duty. In the midst of his worldly cares, he never neglected his religious duties. He was born and reared here, and leaves a loving wife, and two daughters and an aged mother, and many kindred to mourn their loss.

The Funeral services took place at the C. P. church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10 o'clock a.m. and was attended by a large and sympathizing congregation. The services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Porter, who was for years his pastor. His remains were interred at the cemetery. We will all miss Bro. Perkins, but must bow submissively to Him who rules above. The News tenders its deepest sympathies to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

Sep. 23, 1897, *The Springville News*: Argo. Mrs. C. C. **Truss** died Sept. 15. The bereaved family has the sympathy of our entire community.

Oct. 14, 1897, *The Springville News*: Died Oct. 1, 1897, Lizzie **Teague**, of Glenn Addie, aged 10 years. The dec'd was a loveable child, and a number of the young

associates sorrow for her.

Nov. 11, 1897, *The Springville News*: Died on Nov. 3, 1897, at his home in Beaver Valley, this county, A. W. **Byers**, aged 63 years. He was a representative of one of the oldest families of the county; a successful business man and farmer. His remains were interred at Evergreen on last Wednesday evening.

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### ***Southern Alliance, 1897***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 7, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Frank **Mize** who lived three miles from Ashville, died at his house on last Sunday. Mr. Mize was about 65 years old. He leaves a widow to mourn his death as well as a large circle of friends.

Jan. 21, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: A little **child** of Mr. and Mrs. Rufe **Hodges** died last Friday of membranous croup, and was buried at Ashville cemetery on Saturday.

Jan. 21, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: R. **Canterberry**, aged 80 years, died at his home at Mount Willing, Lowndes County, on Monday January 11th. He was the father of G. F. Canterbury and J. N. Canterbury of our county.

Jan. 21, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Ida **Crews**, wife of Walter Crews, of New London, died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. of consumption. She leaves a husband and two small children.

Jan. 28, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: The Angel of death has again visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufe **Hodges**, and taken away their little -o year old **daughter**. It has been --

ly a few days since they lost one -- their children, a **boy** about six --ars old, and on last Sunday Even--- their little daughter died of --mbranous croup. She was bur-- Monday at the Ashville Ceme----

Jan. 28, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: On last Saturday night Mr. John **McDonald** died at his home one mile from town. He was about 75 years of age, and had lived in this county -ut eight or nine years. He was ---n in Jefferson county and lived ----e all his life until he moved to ---- county. His remains were tak- - -o Ruhama burial ground, near ---- Lake and interred on last Mon---. Mr. McDonald was one of our ---- citizens and had the respect and ---- ndship of all who knew him.

Feb. 11, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Abner **Harman**, 18 year old son of W. J. Harman, near Easonville, some two weeks ago, while sick, got out of bed in the night and went to the fire and fainted and fell in the fire and burned himself so seriously that he died on last Thursday morning. The family were all asleep at the time and he was not discovered until nearly an hour after he fell.

Feb. 11, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Died at his home near Odenville, on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr. Drewry **Stovall**. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He was interred at Liberty Church.

Feb. 11, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. Uncle Johnnie **Mize** died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hodge, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan. He was one of our oldest and best citizens. He was in his eighty-eight

year. He was interred at Liberty Church; funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. K. Ensy.

Feb. 18, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: J. W. **McDearmond** was shot and killed by "Buster" Doogan on last Monday, near the village of Dawson a few miles from Collinsville.

Feb. 18, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: The **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. **Cox** died on last Thursday and was buried at the Ashville cemetery on Friday. Dr. Butte conducted the funeral ceremony.

Feb. 18, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Odenville. A little **son** of Bob **Wood** died and was buried at Friendship last week.

May 6, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mintia F. **Rickles**, daughter of Wm. and Jane Rickles, passed from her home on earth to her home in Heaven Jan. 1897. Age 19 years.

May 20, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: J. Newton **Galbreath**, of near Caldwell, died Monday morning of apoplexy.

May 20, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: An **infant** of Mr. Joe **Jackson** of Allula died Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jun. 3, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: A five year old **boy** of John **Higgins** was taken sick on last Friday and died Sunday. Mr. Higgins lives on J. P. Dill's place five miles from town.

Jun. 3, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: New London. A little **child** of Mr. and Mrs. William **Masters** died on last Friday.

Jun. 10, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. We are sorry to report the death of our good friend J. Frank **Mize**, which occurred on the eve of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. He was one of our noblest and most highly respected citizens. He has resided in the valley all his life. He lived and died a Christian. The remains were interred at Friendship on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Roberson. Friends of Frank Mize went in last Saturday with 15 plows and worked out the crop for his children.

Jun. 24, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: The death of our townsman, M. L. **Byers**, which occurred on last Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. at about 3 o'clock P. M., was very sudden and entirely unexpected up to twelve or fifteen hours before his death. Mr. Byers had been sick for several days with rather a stubborn case of fever, but no one thought him dangerously ill until Thursday p. m., at which time he was attacked with flux or hemorrhage of the bowels, and it is said that a collapse soon followed from which he never rallied. Mr. Byers was a member of the M. E. church, was a kind husband and tender father. Was strictly sober, courteous and true to his convictions, never faltering in the discharge of his life's duties, one of St. Clair's most noble sons with but few equals as a business man. In him the cause of temperance had a bold defender, and to his associates he gave a worthy example of sobriety and integrity. In his death his church has lost a consistent member, the town and community one of its best citizens, wisest and best business men. His death will be felt by many, and his loss to his

town and community is irreparable, in fact we all feel that we are losers by his death. To his family and large circle of relatives and friends, we tender our warmest and sincere sympathies in their bereavement, trusting that our loss is his gain.

Jul. 1, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: New London. Miss Emma C. **Davis**, wife of John B. Davis, was buried in the Macedonia cemetery last Friday. The much bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this their day of sorrow.

Jul. 1, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: One of the saddest deaths that has occurred in our community for a long time was that of Mrs. J. A. **Inzer**, which sad event took place last Thursday night. Mrs. Inzer had been sick but a few days with fever. As the news of her death spread over the town, sorrow entered the hearts [of the] many relatives and friends who had known her from childhood up to womanhood; had known her as the kind, merry playmate, the girl friend, the happy bride, the devoted wife and mother; "Della is dead," at those words tears unbidden flow.

Mrs. Inzer was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and less than two years ago stood before its altar a beautiful, blushing bride, with apparently a long and happy life before her, she now slumbers quietly in that dreamless sleep from which her Savior will awaken her. She left a devoted husband and an infant child. No words of sympathizing friends can give balm to the mourning husband, but in his deep sorrow may he hear the voice of his God whisper "I love thee, I love thee, pass under the rod." [nee, Della Robinson]

Jul. 8, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. Died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe **Mize**. "Budded on earth to bloom in Heaven." The bereaved parents have our sympathy.

Jul. 22, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: We are sorry to chronicle the death of our young friend, Mr. Polk **White**, who died at his home near Hood last Friday evening at 3 p. m. Mr. White was one of St. Clair's most promising young men. He was a Christian gentleman and lived an upright and honorable life. His remains were interred at Hopewell cemetery Saturday.

Aug. 12, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Steeles. Seldon **Bryant** who was shot three weeks ago, passed away last Saturday. He left all the evidence one could ask for that he was going home to Jesus. He bore his sufferings well, and he suffered a great deal the last twelve or sixteen hours. About 9 o'clock the morning he died, Marion Lovell was near him and he laid his arm around him and prayed for him that he might get ready to meet him in Heaven; he then talked but a little more. He was buried Sunday morning at Deerman's Chapel.

Aug. 12, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: A nine month old **boy** of Mr. W. E. **Box** died at the home of Jas. Box, in Coosa Valley, on last Tuesday, August 3.

Aug. 19, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. It is with regret that we chronicle the death of little Rosalie **Lathrop**, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lathrop, which occurred on Thursday 12. The

interment took place on Saturday evening at Seddon Cemetery, a large concourse of friends were in attendance.

Aug. 19, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: We learn that little Ruth **Miller**, the child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller, of Pell City, is dead. Little Ruth was a dear sweet baby of some two years of age. Her beautiful face, her sweet winning baby ways had endeared her to the hearts of the many friends of her parents. Dear parents, the sweet life entrusted to your loving care for a little while has been reclaimed by its Heavenly Father. In the bright realms of light across the dark river, she awaits your coming.

Aug. 19, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: The little **baby** of Mr. and Mrs. Sam **Crowe** died on last Monday. It was ill for several days and suffered much. The hearts of the parents are filled with sorrow now, but as time tones down and softens their grief, the thought that baby has gone away to its heavenly home, while it was pure and free from the soils and cares of this life, will be a comfort to them, and softened, chastened resignation will take the place of grief.

Aug. 19, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Tom **Turner**, who has been ill for several weeks past, passed away last Tuesday about three o'clock. Her life was a beautiful example of Christianity. While she expressed a wish that she might have been spared to her husband and little children, still she said she was not afraid to die. It is a consoling thought to her sorrowing relatives and friends, that she is now safely anchored in that haven where the

sufferings and sorrows of life will never reach her more. While she cannot come back to them, they can go to her.

Aug. 19, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: The little **infant** of Mr. Tom **Turner** died this morning, Thursday. Its mother died Tuesday. Mr. Turner has the sympathy of his many friends in his great trouble.

Sep. 12, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Miss Agnes **Trewhitt** who lived near Ashville died Monday. She was interred at the Ashville cemetery Tuesday.

Sep. 16, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Sycamore. Miss Lizzie **Chappell** died at her home Tuesday. Her death was a shock to the family as well as to the community. She had been sick only a few days and her case was not considered serious. She was loved by all who knew her, and her loss will be deeply felt.

Sep. 16, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: On last Sunday morning Mr. Pendleton **Brewster** died near Ragland. Mr. Brewster was a son of Dr. Brewster, deceased, he was just entering manhood's estate, and gave promise of being a useful and honored citizen. Last year he was a pupil at St. Clair College, and while here he made many warm friends who will be grieved at the sad news of his death.

Sep. 16, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: W. W. **Perkins, Jr.**, died at his home in Springville on last Friday. He was one of the leading business men of the town and county, and will be missed by the town and surrounding county. He was about

48 years old and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Sep. 23, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. **Hubbard**, a miner of Coal City, was killed by falling slate in the mine at that place Saturday afternoon.

Sep. 30, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Springville. Maj. E. A. **Crandall**, of this place, died in Birmingham last Wednesday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Crandall had been under the treatment of Dr. Davis several days previous to his death. His remains were brought up Friday and interred at what is known as Fuller Cemetery.

Oct. 14, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Little Lizzie **Teague**, aged ten, died at her home near Ashville on last Monday night and was buried at the Ashville Cemetery Tuesday evening. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Teague.

Oct. 21, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. P. W. **Shockley** died on last Saturday at Liberty. She was buried Sunday evening. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. K. Ensey.

Oct. 28, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: John F. **Green**, of Lock No. 1, died very suddenly Saturday at 3 p. m. Oct. 23, 1897, and was buried at Hopewell church Sunday at 3 p. m. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. A. Hood. A very large assemblage of people attended the funeral. Mr. Green was a native of this county, and belonged to one of the oldest and best families of the county. He was a man of sterling integrity, honest, upright, and had a very kind disposition, tender as a woman, his word was his law, and

while he had never made a public confession of religion, yet he was a very strong believer in Christian Religion and seemed to possess a hope of his ultimate salvation.

As a husband and father, he was kind and generous, and could not be surpassed in his affections for his children. He had been Lock Keeper of Lock One for several years. He leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his death. The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble and congestion of the lungs. He was sick only about fifteen hours.

Nov. 4, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Walt **Byers**, one of St. Clair County's best citizens, died at his home in Beaver Valley, on Tuesday night. His death was not unexpected, as he had been sick for months.

Dec. 2, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Dan **Seals**, who had been sick a long time, died in Seddon on last Friday night.

Dec. 9, 1897, *Southern Alliance*: Died on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. J. B.

**Dobbins** a prominent citizen of Riverside, his death is deeply regretted and the bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. His death was followed by the death of his daughter, Mrs. Reid, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. inst.

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### *The Southern Aegis* 1897

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 7, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan'y 3, 1897, E. Frank **Mize**, aged 66 years and 6 mos. The deceased leaves but one brother, A. J. Mize of the family who came here from S. C. in 1832 when the former

was only 2 years old. His parents settled on the place near Ashville where deceased continued to live until his death. He was a good, quiet citizen, beliked by his neighbors who have known him so many years, and his presence will be missed in this community. His body was interred last Monday afternoon at Wm. Shoate's graveyard.

Jan. 14, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Jan. 5, 1897, at her home near Cornelia, Mrs. Danley **Jones**, aged about 68 years. The deceased was a Christian mother and wife. Ten sons, one daughter and a husband mourn her departure, but she left behind her the impress of her loving hand as a comforter to them all.

Jan. 21, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Jan'y 15, 1897, son of R. M. **Hodges** residing near Ashville, aged about 4 years. The little fellow was afflicted with membranous croup for several days. The parents have the deep sympathy of the whole community.

Jan. 28, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Lonna **Underwood** died on Jan'y 19, 1896 [1897] at his father's home in Springville, age 14.

Jan. 28, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: The remains of R. C. **Wood**, an old and highly respected citizen of Gadsden, formerly of Springville, were taken to the latter place on last Thursday week for interment. The deceased was nearly ninety years old and left an interesting family to mourn for him.

Jan. 28, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: On Jan'y 24, 1897, **infant** child of

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus **Hodges** at Glenn Addie, died. This is the second child of the family nipped in the bud by the frost of death recently. May the bereaved parents fortified by Christian grace be able to say in their sad affliction and sorrow: The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed by the name of the Lord.

Jan. 28, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Did, Jan 24, 1897, John **McDonald** at his home at Glenn Addie, aged 78 years. The deceased was one of the county's oldest and most respected citizens. For over a year he had been going down hill, his numerous friends all the while hoping to see him improve, but hope was vain, and he passed away peacefully on last Sunday morning with some of his family and a number of his friends about his couch. He was a devout member of the Baptist church, a Christian and substantial citizen. As a farmer he made a success and no man was more trustworthy than the deceased.

His wife preceded him several years since, and was buried near East Lake, to which place the remains of deceased were conveyed on last Monday for interment. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community which feels that it has sustained a loss in the deceased's departure.

Feb. 4, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, near Springville, Jan 22, 1897, Alvin **Wood**.

Feb. 4, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died at the home of her son near Branchville on Jan'y 22, 1897, Mrs. Milton **Hagwood**.

Feb. 18, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 4, 1897, Drury **Stovall**, of Odenville settlement, aged 69. He was a good citizen.

Feb. 18, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 10, 1897, Mrs. **Compton**, Springville settlement.

Feb. 18, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan 28, 1897, John E. **Mize**, of Odenville settlement, age 86. He was a good citizen.

Feb. 18, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 11, 1897, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. **Cox** of this city. The parents have the sympathy of this whole community in their bereavement.

Mar. 4, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 25, 1897, Mrs. S. E. **Parker** of Beaver Valley, age about 54 years. The deceased was born and raised in Coosa Valley, and lived an exemplary Christian life, having joined the Baptist Church at the age of 16 years and died beliked by all who knew her. Her funeral took place at Hopewell on the 26. Rev. Noah Hood officiating at the burial service.

Mar. 25, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on March 11, 1897, at the home of his son, Dr. Marcus Laney of Eden, John **Laney**.

Mar. 25, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: John J. **Carson**, who formerly resided at Springville, died at Bessemer on March 8 and his body was conveyed to his former home at Springville on March 9, where it was interred. Mr. Carson was 73 years at his death, a member of the Presbyterian church and departed

life a Christian.

Apr. 1, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on the night of March 25, 1897, at his home at Leeds, Alabama, Jonathan **Bass**, age 60. He was one of Jefferson county's most substantial citizens and a brother to Dr. J. B. Bass of this city.

Apr. 8, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on March 31, 1897, J. M. **Odam**, of Palmetto settlement, age 84. The old gentleman's death was quite sudden, resulting from heart trouble. He was on the roof of his house shingling when he was stricken down in a moment, where he lay until his body was removed. The deceased was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years and lived and died a Christian.

Apr. 8, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on April 7, 1897, at his home near Early's Chapel. Old Uncle Johnny **Philips**, a highly respected citizen and devoted Christian.

Apr. 15, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on April 13, 1897, Paul **Rogers**, age 42. The deceased came to this community about one year ago. His occupation was that of painting and he did considerable work in that line for some of our citizens, finally locating here and opening a store in the west storeroom of Fulghum Hotel. He was very much afflicted, an invalid most of the time, but by his generous, sociable and fair deportment in all respects, as a wayfarer and stranger among the citizens, soon won the respect and sympathy of the latter.

... He once had relatives in California, but if any of them were

living at the time of his death, he did not know it. His parents died when he was quite young, and he left his home with an aunt and uncle, coming eastward, probably just before locating here, about one year ago had been living in Birmingham.

He is dead, and if he had a living relative left behind to mourn his departure he knew it not; but warm hearted friends gathered around him in his last days upon earth speaking peace to the rough waves on life's tempestuous ocean wafting his spirit to other shores. On last Wednesday morning, his remains were taken to the cemetery. Rev. M. E. Butt, of the M. E. Church, south, officiating in the religious ceremonies at the grave where his body now lies in that sleep from which there is no waking to renewed mortality.

May 13, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:

Died, on May 6, 1897, Miss Esther **Hardin** of Ashville, age about 13 years. Esther was an interesting child, gentle and quiet in her ways, belied by all her youthful companions. But the cold hand of death has been laid on her for its own, and she is gone—gone from the common walks of this life. Her death was sad bereavement to an aged father and mother, besides others of a large family left behind to weep for her. The community was distressed to hear of her departure, though it had been expected for a day or two, and the bereaved one have the heartfelt sympathy of all our people. Will, Walter and Henry Hardin, of Bessemer, were in our city last week attending the funeral of their deceased sister. Mrs. Lizzie and Mrs. Sue Darnel, of Etowahaton, were also in attendance.

May 13, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Allula. Died, on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., Miss **Moore**, daughter of Wm Moore of this place.

May 20, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Rufus Huges, who killed **McKinley** at St. Clair Springs on May 1<sup>st</sup> during the picnic, is undergoing a preliminary trial before Judge Watson this week.

May 20, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Allula. Died, on May 16, **Ollie**, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jackson.

Jun. 3, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Died, at Birmingham, Ala., May 28, 1897, Mr. J. Pinkney **Philips**, aged 38 years. The deceased was the son of Mr. J. M. Philips of this county, and had been down with pneumonia for some time. He had been in the employ of the Birmingham Dry Goods Company for 10 years as its bookkeeper, and was held in the highest esteem by the citizens and business men of the city. Here he had a large acquaintance and was respected by all who knew him for his kind, genial and affable disposition. He stood well with everybody who knew him. His funeral took place at Woodlawn on the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult from the First Baptist Church, and was largely attended by mourning relative and friends.

Jun. 24, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Died on June 18, 1897, M. L. **Byers**, at his home in Ashville, aged 37.

The deceased was the leading business man of the city, and his sudden death was a terrible shock to our whole community. He had been

sick for a few days only, and 36 hours before his death, the disease which had taken hold of him was broken and he was pronounced convalescing. In the mean time, inflammation of the bowels set up, and in a few hours, one in the prime of his young manhood was laid low.

The deceased was a thorough business man and was possessed of the highest qualities which belong to the class of which he was a bright representative.

A Christian upon whose record there is no shadow or blur in his private life, a warm hearted neighbor full of generous motives, a friend to everybody, a loving husband and tender father, one who looked after the interest of his lovable family.

He belonged to one of the largest families in the county, a family whose history is linked with the later and is intimately identified with that of Ashville from its beginning—a family the record of which, in all respects, stands among the fairest of the country.

On Saturday at 11 o'clock his remains were taken to the M. E. church where a service was held as a parting tribute to his memory, participated in by his pastor, Rev. M. E. Butt, Rev. J. A. Glenn, of the Baptist church, Rev. J. H. Zwingle, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

The church was draped in deep mourning and flowers in great profusion covered the casket. The whole county seemed deeply stirred by the severity of the shock felt by the hundreds present to attend the funeral and to pay a last respect to all that was mortal of the deceased.

His remains were conveyed from the church at 1 o'clock to the cemetery, where after the ceremony



at the grave, they were interred.

The responsive sympathy of so many who knew the deceased in his life time called out spontaneously as it was, by the sad affliction, indicates in what high esteem his memory will be held by his many friends left behind for a little while only. May the bereaved relatives take comfort and consolation in this time of their distress from his example, and in the bitterness of the cup of their sorrow find the remedy which brings its relief in the peace and joy of a Christian hope.

Jul. 1, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on June 24, 1897, at her home in Ashville, Mrs. Idella **Inzer**, aged 22.

This death was unexpected, although the deceased had been quite ill for over a week; and it came with a shock which stirred the whole community with sorrow craping every heart with the deepest sadness and gloom. A young wife and mother had been marked as a victim by the remorseless finger of the grim messenger and was gone from the arms of her devoted husband and the association of dear friends, leaving her infant, scarcely a year old, behind her, before her departures was anticipated. The announcement of her death could hardly be realized by those who had seen her in the bud of childhood, developing into happy youth, and finally blushing into the beauty of her full womanhood.

She had been the child of care and attention, around whom entwined the tenderest affections of a kind father's heart—her father having departed life a number of years ago, leaving her with her two younger brothers to the entire charge

of her surviving companion.

The funeral took place at the M. E. Church at 2 o'clock last Friday, Rev. M. E. Butt, pastor, conducting the service. There were many sad hearts present to shed the parting tear and to evidence their affections for their departed young friend by the tokens which they laid upon her casket.

The service was impressive and affecting to old and young alike, and after it was over the casket was borne away to the old family burying ground southwest of the city where it was deposited with its mortal remains to peaceful repose.

Jul. 8, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on July 5, 1897, George **Whisenant**, near Steeles, age about 40. The deceased left a wife and 3 children who have the sympathy of this community where the family once lived.

Jul. 15, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on July 9, 1897, at Old Town, Mrs. Elsie **Moore**, aged about 63. The deceased was a venerable mother, a member of the Baptist church, having a large family and many connections, who will miss her. She was buried at the old Moore Graveyard on last Saturday at 3 p.m., Rev. G. W. Lovell conducting the service.

Jul. 22, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Thursday, July 15, 1897, Miss Lizzie **Jones**, near Proctor, aged 20.

Jul. 22, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died on July 16, 1897, Polk **White**, son of Rev. C. D. White, of Hoods settlement, aged about 20. The deceased was a quiet young man of

a promising future, beliked by all his young associates, and his death so recent after his return home from School at Dixon, Tenn., cast a gloom over the community where he lived and among his numerous friends here.

Jul. 22, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Lincoln. Died at Kymulga, Alabama, on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, little **Frances Burt**, infant of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. **Lanier**, aged 4 months. The remains were brought here and interred at Blue Eye Church at 10:30 a.m. on the 16th.

Aug. 5, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on August 1, 1897, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ **Nash**, aged 67 years. The deceased was a highly respected Christian woman, for many years a consistent member of the Baptist church here and has resided in this neighborhood for years, where she left a number of relatives to mourn her death. Her remains were taken to Hopewell for interment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.

+Aug. 12, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: At the close of the meeting at the colored church, on last Sunday night, Will **Ash**, a Negro of this city, was shot and from the effects of the wound received, died on Monday afternoon. Frank and George Williams, residing east of Ashville, are charged with the shooting and are now in jail. An effort was made to take Ash's statement of the shooting before he died.

Aug. 19, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Aug. 13, 1897, at home of the parents near Ashville, little **Bertie Lee**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam **Crow**, age about 14

months. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the whole neighborhood in their sorrow and sad affliction.

Aug. 19, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:

Died, on Aug. 17, 1897, at her home in Ashville, Mrs. Ada **Turner**, aged 27.

The deceased was afflicted several weeks before death came which was looked for several days previously. For days, the distressed parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yates, of Whitney, and sorrowing husband, sat by the bedside of their beloved, patiently with that fortitude which becometh all in such a trial.

The deceased was a member of the Baptist church, and devoted Christian mother, with a lovable and most affable disposition, neighborly and kind, and bore her suffering, during the long waiting, with patience and Christian heroism.

The deepest sympathy is felt in this county for the bereaved families who mourn for the deceased and especially the two little ones she left behind her—two young to be conscious of a mother's loss,

The funeral took place Wed., 18<sup>th</sup>, conducted by Rev. J. A. Glenn at the Baptist church, were very impressive.

Aug. 26: Died, on Aug. 19, 1897, **infant** of Thos. **Turner**. It was the offspring of a few days only, too young to experience the joys and sorrows of this life. Its mother departed it only two days before, and the little one soon followed, winging its flight to the other shore after her. The sorrow stricken father and family have profoundest sympathy of this community.

Aug. 26, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Riverside. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. **Lathrop** deeply sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, **Francis Rosalind**, which sad event occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

Sep. 2, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Died, on Aug. 30, 1897, at her home near Ashville, Miss Agnes **Truit**, aged 14. The deceased had been a sufferer sometime and her death was not unexpected. The parents and relatives have the sympathies of the whole neighborhood in their bereavement.

Sep. 2, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Aug. 31, 1897, J. M. **Jarvis**, of Canoe Creek, age 65. The deceased was well known to most of our citizens as a jovial kind-hearted citizen.

Sep. 16, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Died, on Sept. 12, 1897, Pendleton **Brewster** of Allula, age 18.

Pendleton was a promising young man of the county and the announcement of his death was a solemn shock to a number of his companions. He had been suffering with stomach ailment for a week, but it seems anticipated nothing serious from the pain and was apparently in good health a few hours before his death. He died at the home of Mr. John Davis, two miles below Ragland where he had gone to meet some young folks at a party in the neighborhood. His death was a shock to this city where the deceased was well known as a youth of excellent habits and character.

Sep. 16, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*:  
Died, on Sept. 10, 1897, W. W.

**Perkins** of Springville, this county, age 46. The deceased was a strictly business man, a leading merchant and cotton buyer. He was a useful citizen, zealous in church, and will be missed in his community. His remains were interred last Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> inst., services at the C. P. Church conducted by Rev. J. S. Porter his pastor for eight years. There was a larger attendance of deep sympathizers on the occasion.

The deceased leaves a wife, 2 daughters, an aged mother, besides many kindred to mourn his departure, who all have the sympathies of the entire community where he had spent his years in active life.

>Sep. 30, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Sept. 22, 1897, at the Davis Infirmary, Birmingham, Ala., Maj. Edwin Alphonso **Crandall**, of Springville, aged 78.

The deceased was born at Springfield, N.Y., Oct. 20, 1818. In 1836 he came south where he engaged in civil engineering and for several years was president of the Division of the Central of Ga. And also president of what was then known as the Mississippi Valley Railway, now Memphis and Charleston, and aided in the construction of some of the earliest railroads in Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

In 1861, he received from the authorities of Tennessee the appointment of colonel of the ordnance department and served under the Confederate government in the same position with enlarged duties until the close of the war.

After the war he returned to those avocations to which his mind always seemed inclined and for 20

years was connected with the land department of the Ala. Gt. Southern, which position he held at the time of his death.

He married Henrietta Welmer, Memphis, Tenn., Sept 1860, who died Apr. 23, 1868, leaving no issue. He married again Oct. 7, 1869, Anna W. Walker, of Calhoun Co., Ala., who was born in Talladega County March 1, 1844, and died at her home in Springville in 1895. By the last marriage there were 9 children, 5 of whom are living, 3 of them sons, and 2 daughters.

For three months before death came as a relief, the deceased was a great sufferer. His body was embalmed and brought to Springville to his home and children where it was interred after appropriate services at the M E Church south, of which he has been a member for many years.

Thus has passed away another of the county's best citizens and men of worth: a man of great liberality. He will be missed in his community by his church which he loved and worked so faithfully.

Oct. 14, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Oct. 11, 1897, at her home at Glenn Addie, Lizzie **Teague**, age 10 years. The deceased was a bright little girl, belied by all her associates for her modest pleasing ways. [She] suffered patiently for many months until the last hour brought its deepest fold of gloom and sorrow over the family circle by her departure. The bereaved parents and relatives have the full sympathy of this community in their affliction.

Oct. 21, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Oct. 17, Mrs. Henry **Franklin** of near Steels, aged about

30 years.

Nov. 11, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Died, on Nov. 2, 1897, A. W. **Byers**, at his home in Beaver Valley, age 64.

He belonged to one of the largest families in our community, identified with the latter's history from its organization and which represented among its members some of the leading farmers and successful business men in every part of the county. He had suffered for many months and deep sympathy was expressed by his friends during the time. He bore his afflictions with fortitude and patience.

The deceased had been an industrious, careful man all his life, of strict business habits devoted to his family, was known as a law observing citizen and honored as such. His influence was good always, and it is, perhaps, enough to say of him that his memory will be respected by all who knew him best as an honest man, a generous neighbor and a faithful Christian.

He left a devoted wife and 5 children living—all of whom are well situated in life.

The remains were interred at Evergreen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, inst., where a large attendance was present to pay a last tribute to his memory.

Dec. 16, 1897, *The Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Clarissa **Alverson**, wife of Charles Alverson of Coal City, died at her home the 5<sup>th</sup>. The deceased was an old lady, a member of the M. E. Church, south, and highly esteemed as a Christian mother.

### ***The Southern Alliance, 1898*** Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 6, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: On Christmas day [1897] a very sad death occurred in Ashville, which cast a gloom over the entire community.

Mr. Elma **Hodges**, of Birmingham, had come to Ashville, where he used to live, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. On Christmas morning he was going with his cousins Lavett Cox and Jessie Wyatt to the Fulghum House for breakfast, and as they were walking along the street, Mr. Hodges suddenly sank to the ground with a groan, and was dead. Drs. Bass & Beason were hastily summoned, but when they saw him, at once realized that he was beyond the reach of medical skill. Mr. Hodges was a true Christian gentleman, beloved by all who knew him. He was buried on the following day at Ashville Cemetery, Rev. J. A. Glenn conducting the funeral ceremonies.

Jan. 6, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. Mrs. Tom **Mize** died at her home here on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. She has been lingering with consumption for about 6 months. She leaves a husband and two small boys to mourn her loss. She was a constant member of the Missionary Baptist church from childhood until her death. The remains were interred at Friendship on the 5<sup>th</sup>, funeral services by Rev. J. K. Ensey.

Jan. 6, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Eden. Barney **Bolton**, son of W. C. Bolton, died on last Monday night of typhoid fever.

Jan. 13, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Mr. Jackson **Philips**, age 80 years, died at his home in

Ashville on last Tuesday night. He was a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He leaves a wife and a number of children.

Jan. 13, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: The many friends of Mrs. M. M. **Smith** were shocked to hear of her sudden death on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. She died in Springville at the home of her mother where she had been since the first of October. She was a faithful and earnest worker for the Baptist church. She leaves a husband and four children.

Jan. 13, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Mrs. M. J. **Trotter**, who went to Birmingham to be treated, died and was buried at Steels last week.

Jan. 27, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Last Thursday Mrs. Jackson **Philips** died at her home in Ashville. Her husband died some two weeks since. The couple had lived together for over 50 years. She was buried last Sunday at Ashville Cemetery.

Jan. 27, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Easonville. Mrs. **Spradlin**, wife of Mr. S. D. Spradlin, died Saturday morning, Jan. 22, and was buried in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Jan. 27, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Eden. Mr. Joe **Leachman** died last Saturday after a lingering illness.

Feb. 17, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Mr. **Carlyle**, who was hurt a week ago with the engine on the tram road, died last Thursday

night and was buried at Hopewell Saturday.

Feb. 24, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Eden. Mrs. Laura **Wright**, of near Birmingham, daughter of Mrs. Martha Ginn of this place, died at her home last Friday and was brought to this place for interment Saturday. Mrs. Wright leaves a husband and children, Mother, brothers and a sister. The family has our deepest sympathy. May they find comfort in the thought that Laura has just preceded them to a brighter home and there awaits their coming.

Mar. 10, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Uncle Bennie **Moore**, an aged and highly respected citizen of Coal City, died at that place last Friday night.

Mar. 10, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: New London. Last Sunday morning Death made its appearance in the family of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. **Lee** and took from them their little daughter **Vera**, who had been sick for 7 weeks.

Mar. 31, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: W. H. **Caldwell**, who has been sick for several months, died at his home in Ashville Wednesday morning. He leaves a widow and 4 children.

Mar. 31, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Kelley's Creek. The infant child of Mr. James **Blankenship** died Friday. Burial was at Harpersville Cemetery.

Mar. 31, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Partlow. The infant child of Andrew **Mitchell** died Tuesday

night.

Apr. 7, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Branchville. Mr. Newman died Monday March 28 and was buried at Argo on Tuesday.

>Apr. 7, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Branchville witnessed a sad death a few days ago, that of Mr. Benjamine **Newman** aged 84. He has been a consistent member of the church for 54 years and has lived a Christian life. He was a faithful soldier in the Mexican and Confederate Wars.

Apr. 21, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Davisville. On last Monday Aunt Peggie **Davis** bid adieu to the cares of this life. She has been loyal to her church and her friends.

Apr. 28; Beaver Valley. Mrs. **Meeks** died suddenly at her home on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The remains were interred at Friendship.

Apr. 28, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Springville. Died at the home of his father in Springville, April 21, 1898, Wiley **Bradford**, in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his life. Wiley was one of our highly respected, social young men and leaves many friends here to mourn the loss of one who passed off the stage of life so early. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and his funeral was preached by Rev. T. B. Hanie to a large and sympathetic congregation on Friday at 2 o'clock in the C. P. church.

Apr. 28, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Springville. Died at her home in Springville April 23, 1898,

Mrs. T. W. **Truss** in her 70<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs. Truss was one of our highly esteemed Christian mothers. She was both a Martha and Mary in that she was careful about many things, yet, she had in early life “chosen the better part,” which enabled her to bear her afflictions with almost unparalleled patience and died a triumphant death. Her funeral was preached Sunday by Rev. P. S. Montgomery to one of the largest congregations ever gathered in Springville. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 50 years.

Jun. 9, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Died. Infant child of Mr. And Mrs. Jesse **Ford** of near Steels.

+Jun. 9, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Branchville. Our people are very much astonished and excited over a murder that occurred at the negro church yesterday. It seems that Foster **Cross** and Joseph Truss, both colored, had a falling out, and that Truss threatened to kill Cross, and begun striking him on the head with a stick. The result was that Cross shot and instantly killed Truss. Cross claims to be justifiable, and surrendered himself to the Justice Court. He had his trial this morning. The Justice bound him over on a bond of \$200 for his appearance at Circuit Court. Everyone, black and white, justifies Cross. There was some jealousy existing: Cross and his wife are not living together and that was the basis of the trouble. Cross' life had been threatened heretofore.

The above circumstance should be a lesson to all the people both black and white. (Signed) J. H. Vandegrift.

Jun. 9, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Eden. For some time past there have been two powers for good in our midst, Mr. And Mrs. W. M. Owen. They have labored with us in church and Sunday School, they have given time and strength to every useful public affair. In the school room they won the love and respect of their pupils. Now one of them—Mr. Owens, a public-spirited, generous, noble, Christian man has gone from us forever, but his work will go on in the lives of the boys and girls, and the young men and women who were his pupils a few short weeks ago. Mr. Wiley M. **Owens** died Sunday afternoon June 5<sup>th</sup>, 3 o'clock. I was his pupil for months, and I feel what poor, weak things words are on an occasion like this. God has seen fit to take from us one of our beloved teachers; may He enshrine the other in His Fatherly love, and strengthen and comfort her in her great sorrow. [Signed] Brann

Jun 16, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Canterberry. Died on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. **Ruple**, who has been sick for many weeks. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Gum Springs.

Jun. 16, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Riverside. Infant child of Louine **Pike** died on Saturday.

Jun. 30, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Mrs. E. F. **Mize**, who resided near Ashville, died on Tuesday evening.

Jun. 30, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. Died at the residence of Mrs. J. S. **Donnahoo** on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., Miss Joicy Mize, age 20 years. The

remains were interred at Friendship on the 27<sup>th</sup>. funeral service conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson.

Jun. 30, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. Mrs. **Neely** died at the home of her son Thos. Neely on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. and was buried in the family grave yard the day following. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson.

Jul. 7, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: New London. Death has again visited our community and snatched from our midst Mrs. F. P. **Lee**, who has been sick for several months past. As the news of her death spread, many hearts were made sad, because her many kind deeds, the many words of love, tenderness, and sympathy spoken to those in trouble and distress, and her beautiful and noble character have won for her many true and loving friends in whose hearts the memory of the deceased will ever find a resting place. She has for several years lived a devoted Christian life and has been an affectionate wife and a kind and loving mother. ...

It has been but a short while since she witnessed the death of her infant child, and with all of a mother's love she mourned the loss of her dear babe, but she was submissive to the will of God, and rejoiced in the hope of one day meeting her little ones on the shining banks of sweet deliverance, and today she is watching and waiting to welcome us to the portals of ultimate glory.

She died Tuesday night, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at ten o'clock and her remains were interred at the Mt. Pisgah

cemetery on Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Castleberry.

Aug. 4, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: New London. Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bert **Willingham** died on last Tuesday.

Aug. 11, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Steels. Died, a few days since, old Mr. Ben **Smith** and his brother Mr. Ike Smith. There was but a few days between their deaths and they were buried side by side at Shiloh.

Aug. 25, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Cooke's Springs. Death's angel has visited the community and carried away the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. **Carreker**. We sympathize with them in this sad event.

Aug. 25, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Eden. Died on Friday afternoon Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Mary **Payne**, wife of L. Payne.

Aug. 25, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: We are sorry to state the death of little Lena, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. **Steed**, which occurred on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. The remains were interred at Liberty. She was sick only a few days, with the dreaded disease, Diphtheria. There are several other cases in this community.

Oct. 20, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: We paid our last respects to Rev. W. B. **Bynum**, of near Brompton, last Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bynum had been in bad health for several months, but not serious, and on Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, he

was called to dinner, but while going from his chamber to the dining room was stricken with paralysis. As he did not come immediately after he was called, his loving wife suspected that something was the matter, and by speaking to him found that he was almost helpless. She assisted him to his bed. He spoke two or three words, and in a short while passed away peacefully.

Mr. Bynum has been working as a minister for 28 or 30 years. He had many peculiarities, but despite all his infirmities, we believe Mr. Bynum's motive was to live a devout Christian and do all the good he could.

He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his death.

Nov. 3, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: We are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. H. H. **Brewster** of Allula, which occurred on last Monday at 8 p.m. The remains were interred at Ragland cemetery on Wednesday.

Nov. 17, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: The many friends of Adam **Byers** deeply regret to learn of his death which occurred at Santiago, de Cuba, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Oct. He was a private with Co. G, 5<sup>th</sup> Vol. Infantry.

Nov. 17, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Seddon. Some of our young people attended the funeral of Dr. Bob **Steadham** of Easonville. He was a citizen of this place for a long time and had many friends here who deeply regret to learn of his death.

Nov. 17, 1898, *The Southern*

*Alliance*: Kelly's Creek. Mr. Joe **Rich** died last Friday with pneumonia. He was a quite a young man and leaves a wife and several children, best of all, he was prepared to go and did not dread death.

Dec. 1, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. **Jester** left their two little girls in the house while they were picking cotton and on returning to the house they found the youngest child in a tub of water, dead. It fell out the door into the water.

Dec. 1, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Seddon. Died on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. Mary **Turner**, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Turner.

Dec. 22, 1898, *The Southern Alliance*: Died, at the home of his son, W. J. Hill in Springville, on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1898, J. C. **Hill** – aged 76 years. Mr. Hill was one of our oldest and most respected citizens, an upright Christian gentleman, one who lived his religion from day to day. He was a member of the Baptist church for 45 years. He had been engaged in the mercantile business for many years, and as a business man was a success. He leaves two sons, B. M. Hill and W. J. Hill. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved relatives. *Springville News*

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## ***Southern Aegis, 1898***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 19, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: M. M. **Smith** returned from Springville last week after the funeral of his **wife** there.

Jan. 19, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Mr. Jackson **Philips** were interred at the Ashville cemetery the 13th. Rev. E. W. Jones of the M. E. Church conducted the services at the church and grave. [See Also January 26 for Mrs. Philips' death.]

Jan. 19, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan. 8, 1898, at Birmingham, Mrs. Mary **Anderson**, a former resident of Springville.

Jan. 19, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Thursday, Jan. 13th, 1898, Mrs. Orlean P. **Robinson**, wife of Hon. E. J. Robinson, at her home in Ashville, aged 39. The deceased had been suffering for some weeks, but no one looked for her death until the day it occurred, when the information that she was sinking came like a sudden shock, filling many hearts with sorrow and bringing tears to many eyes.

A secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, South, of Ashville, she was best known for her active work in its cause, and the success of the society was greatly due to her zeal and efficiency. Her funeral took place on Friday with a service at the M. E. Church. The church was draped with the emblems of mourning and the service was impressive. The remains were conveyed to the cemetery and interred.

The deceased left a husband and sister in this town and four young children to their care, all of whom have the deepest sympathies of this community in the bereavement which has befallen the family flock.

Jan. 26, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: A terrible affair happened recently near

New London, in which Robbie **Allen** was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his brother Spurgeon. The boys were hunting together.

Jan. 26, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: From the *Springville News* of last week. We gave last week a short notice of the death of Mrs. Parthenia **Forman**, widow of Hon Jas. Forman, deceased, and mother of W. S., J. L., and J. B. Forman and Mrs. J. M. McLanglin and Mrs. J. O. Turner, which sad event took place last Thursday. Mrs. Forman was in her 76<sup>th</sup> year and had been an invalid for 27 years and a greater portion of the time confined to her room and bed, yet during all that time she bore her afflictions with the utmost Christian fortitude, that cheerfulness which only a good Christian mother could bear. She was always cheerful except during extreme pain. She was a faithful and affectionate wife and mother, thoughtful of every interest of her children until the last. She united with the Methodist church in early life. She was born near here and spent her life in and near Springville. The large audience that attended her funeral service bore testimony to the high esteem in which she was held in the community. All the business houses of the town were closed. The funeral service was preached by Rev. P. S. Montgomery, one of her most intimate friends. Rest, Mother, rest, thy sufferings all are over, In heaven we will meet thee.

Jan. 26, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: From the *Springville News* of last week. Died on Jan. 17, 1898, Harvey K. **Pearson** born Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, and was in his 69<sup>th</sup> year. The father

of the deceased, James Pearson, moved to this community from S. C. with his wife and settled here in 1818. He remained here until his death; hence the Pearson family is one of the oldest, highly respected and most extensively connected of any family in the community. Harvey K. Pearson was married June 12, 1848, to Miss Laster with whom he has lived for about 50 years, sharing each others joys and sorrows, but like all other earthly things, the end came, and he leaves this good wife, three sons and two daughters, to mourn their loss and his eternal gain. Bro. Pearson was one of our good law abiding and industrious citizens who provided well for those dependent upon him. An honest upright Christian gentleman, a member of the Baptist church 20 years.

Jan. 26, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on January 23, 1898, at her home in Ashville, Mrs. Cynthia **Philips**, consort of Jackson Philips, who preceded her just ten days, aged 76 years. The deceased was one of the most amiable and devoted Christian mothers of our community, a member of the C. P. Church, a faithful daughter in Israel until her last hour came, and at the angel's call she gave all that was mortal to that mansion prepared for her beyond this life. She belonged to one of the oldest pioneer families of the county—a family of representative people in the county's history—the Ash's—and was reared from a little child in the vicinity of this city which bears the name of her ancestors on the male side of the house.

Mother Philips—the dear, good old woman, so much loved, so

venerable, has gone where her venerable companion went just a few days before; and we all mourn for her because she is not; and we can never forget the influence of her presence while she lived, nor stop the tears of sorrow which flow in her memory.

On Saturday afternoon her remains were borne to the Baptist church, and after the service there to the grave in the city cemetery, where they were laid to peaceful rest.

Feb. 2, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died Jan'y 22d, 1898, Mrs. S. D. **Spradlin** of Easonville. The deceased had been a long sufferer. Her remains were interred at Mt. Pisgah cemetery on the Sunday following her death.

Feb. 2, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Dosier Laster, a negro belonging to Freeman's section hands at Steels, was knocked in the head by one James **Hood** of Etowah county, and it is reported that Hood committed suicide afterwards, thinking he had killed the negro, who is not thought to be dangerously hurt.

Feb. 9, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died, **son** of B. F. **Parsons** of Argo, Jan'y 26, aged 15 years.

Feb. 9, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: The **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Williams** was buried at Mt. Pisgah Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.

Feb. 9, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: The death of Geo. **Smith** aged about 14 years, which occurred last Friday, was a sad one. The youth was kindling a fire with kerosene when it ignited and set fire to his clothing. It burned him so badly that he only

lived a few hours. His mother's hands were badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames. The youth was buried in the cemetery here on Saturday. The bereaved parents have our deep sympathy in their affliction. This should be a warning to others who use oil in kindling fire.

Mar. 2, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Mrs. **Wright**, who resided in Jefferson at the time of her death, were interred at Eden on the 20<sup>th</sup> ult.

Mar. 2, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. P. B. **Oliver**, on his way to Gadsden as a witness in the York Rogers murder case, was run over by the switch engine of the Southern, near Black Creek, and killed. Mr. Oliver was a well known citizen of Gadsden and his sudden and horrible death was a shock to all. He was the brother of W. A. T. Oliver and leaves three little children orphans, his wife dying sometime last year.

Mar. 9, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 27, 1898, Mrs. **May**, an aged lady near Friendship where her remains were interred on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mar. 9, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1898, David Benny **Moore**, of Coal City, aged 77 years. The deceased was an old pioneer of the county, the head of one of the most prominent families in it. He had been in bad health for sometime and recently was stricken down with paralysis, which was finally too much for wearied nature, and after a week or more's lingering his body succumbed in death. He leaves an exemplary wife and

mother with a family of children, grand children and many connections to shed the tear of sadness at his departure. "Uncle Benny," as he was familiarly known to many of our people, was a good citizen, high-toned Christian gentleman--an old land mark whom everybody respected for his worth and his kindhearted and fatherly disposition. He will be missed among men in his own community, and by the old people of the county who knew him so well in the private walks of life, and in his church where he was especially useful.

His remains were interred at Coal City on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Rev. P. S. Montgomery, of the Baptist church, to which the venerable deceased belonged, conducting the service.

>Apr. 6, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Wednesday morning the 30<sup>th</sup>, 1898, at his home in Ashville, Wm. H. **Caldwell**, aged nearly 53. The deceased had been a sufferer for many days. The father and two sons came to this county from Mobile before the war, where the former died. William, the oldest son, went through the war, and after traveling in several states, located once more in St. Clair, where he resided until his death.

For several years he was circuit clerk of St. Clair County, and made a good officer. He leaves a wife and four children, three boys and one daughter, the latter married and residing at Caldwell. His funeral took place Wednesday, the remains being interred at the city cemetery, Rev. E. W. Jones conducting the service. The family have the sympathies of the county in their bereavement.



Apr. 6, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on March 21<sup>st</sup>, ult., the **infant**  
child of Andrew **Mitchell**, of  
Partlow.

Apr. 6, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on March 25<sup>th</sup>, ult., **infant**  
child of Mr. **Blankenship**, of Kelly's  
Creek.

Apr. 20, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1898, Edmond  
H. **Rakestraw**, near Ashville, aged  
74. The deceased was on his way  
home from the field when suddenly  
his heart ceased to perform its office.  
His son, Henry, who was near him  
when he died, reached the spot in a  
few moments only to find his father  
lying on his face a corpse. He had  
been complaining of several attacks  
of heart trouble before he was finally  
stricken down with the last. He was  
born in Butts county, Ga., June 15<sup>th</sup>,  
1824, married Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1847, and  
moved to Cobb county, in same  
state, about that time. In 1880 he  
located at Cave Springs, Ga., and  
from there in 1884 came to St. Clair  
where he continued to reside until  
the day of his death. For a number of  
years he had been a professor of  
religion, before 1882 when he united  
with the Baptist church of which he  
has been a consistent member since.  
He was a peaceable, quiet and  
industrious citizen of decided  
convictions, kind and agreeable in  
his relations to others. He leaves a  
wife and eight children, seven of  
whom are sons and one daughter,  
the oldest of the children about 50  
and the youngest about 27 years of  
age. Two of the boys now reside at  
Cave Springs, Ga., and the daughter  
at Renfro, Ala.

There had never been a death in  
the family—except an infant—before

the father departed life. The funeral  
took place last Sunday at Choate's,  
near Steele. Rev. N. A. Hood  
conducting the service. The bereaved  
mother and children have the entire  
sympathies of this community in  
their sorrow.

May 4, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at her home near Springville,  
April 23, 1898, Mrs. Hulda **Truss**,  
nee Praytor, and wife of T. W.  
Truss, one of our best Christian  
citizens. Mrs. Truss was over 70  
years of age, and was one of our  
good Christian mothers, loved and  
respected for her many virtues.

May 4, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on April 21<sup>st</sup>, Wylie **Bradford**,  
age 25 years. Wylie was held in high  
esteem by his many friends and  
associates, and we pen with sorrow  
this announcement of his death, that  
one which gave promise of much  
future usefulness should thus early  
be cut off. We extend our heartfelt  
sympathies to the kind father and  
mother and the many relatives and  
friends.

May 25, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Jack **Simmons**, son of our  
townsman, K. Simmons, who has  
been teaching school at Cook's, New  
Mexico, was foully murdered at that  
place last Friday. He was returning  
to his room from the bank where he  
had just cashed a check for about  
\$40, which the robbers confiscated,  
and also his watch. One party is  
under arrest. Jack was a genial  
young man and had many friends in  
this county who will regret to hear of  
his untimely end.

Jun. 8, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on May 29, 1898, Mrs. W. R.

**Brown**, of Wade, buried next day at  
Argo.

Jun. 8, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on June 6, 1898, Prof. W. M.  
**Owen**, principal of Eden High  
School, this county, at Hillman  
hospital, Birmingham. He had been  
taken to the hospital for an  
operation, but died before the latter  
was commenced. He had just been  
elected to take charge of the Eden  
High School another term. At the  
republican mass convention in this  
county, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, held at Ashville,  
he had been selected as the nominee  
of the party as a candidate for  
probate judge.

The professor was a quiet and  
unassuming citizen, but one of  
strong vigorous intellect, popular  
and generally beliked. Professor  
Owen was 30 years of age. He  
married Miss Davidson, sister of  
Judge Davidson, of Oneonta,  
Probate Judge of Blount county, and  
sister of Julius Davidson, Assistant  
United States District Attorney  
under Mr. Vaughn.

He became ill last Tuesday week  
and grew worse right along. He  
became in such a condition that it  
was decided to have an operation  
with the hope of saving his life. It  
was too late, however. Cut off  
suddenly, in the very prime of his  
manhood, hundreds of our citizens  
will regret to hear of his death. His  
remains were brought up from  
Birmingham to Steele's Depot for  
interment.

Jun. 22, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
**Infant** child of Lonnie **Pike** died at  
Riverside recently.

Jun. 29, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:  
From the *Springville News*. Richard

Ottis **Pound**, aged 13 years, died at his home here on Monday. His remains were interred at the Fuller graveyard on Tuesday.

Jun. 29, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: From the *Springville News*. Died at his home near here, June 18, 1898, A. M. **McClendon**, aged 85. He came to this community early in life, and lived here up to his death. He was one of our best Christian citizens, honest, truthful, upright and law abiding. He leaves a wife with whom he has lived 63 years, and a large relationship to mourn their loss. His death was very sudden, there being no one at home at the time.

Jul. 13, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 27th at New London, Mrs. F. P. **Lee**, an estimable lady and mother. Her remains were interred at Mt. Pisgah, Rev. Paul Castleberry conducting the service.

Jul. 20, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: The **infant** child of G. C. **King**, at Wade, died on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jul. 20, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sunday night, July 17, Willie **Watson**, the little daughter of Judge and Mrs. A. G. Watson, aged about 8 years. Willie will be missed by all of us.

Aug. 17, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: A Mysterious Death. Near Cottage Hill in St. Clair county, Mrs. Dora **Pugh**, wife of D. L. Pugh, took a watermelon from the patch of Tom Bowlin, and in a few hours after eating it died. Dr. Beason, of Ashville, was summoned, but before he had reached the patient she had died. An inquest over the subject

was held on last Thursday the 11th inst., D. A. McCain, coroner, Rufe Mattison, R. T. Nunnally, Tom Turner, J. M. Rakestraw, Marvin Watson and R. A. Cox Jury.

Dr. D. E. Cason assisted Dr. Will A. Beason in the operation of removing the deceased's stomach which was taken to Birmingham on the 12th by the former for examination. A suspicion exists that the melon had been poisoned, though it seems Mr. Pugh himself ate heartily of it, while the wife only took a small portion of it claiming that it was bitter. The wife's health had not been good.

[Same issue, page 3] The verdict of the corner's jury in the case of the poisoning of Mrs. Pugh referred to on our front page was that Mrs. Pugh died from the effect of strychnine poison administered by her husband, D. L. Pugh. The latter was arrested and is now in jail.

Aug. 17, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died Aug. 4, 1896 [sic], Mrs. F. S. **Reausaw**, of Birmingham. Her remains were interred at Springville the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Aug. 17, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died Aug. 6, 1898, Clara **Puckett**, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Puckett of Springville.

Aug. 24, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. The remains of Miss Emma **Black** of B'ham were brought to this place and interred in the cemetery last Tuesday. She had been in the Davis Infirmary for some time and was thought to be improving when the news came of her death. The bereaved relatives have the sympathies of our entire people.

Aug. 31, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Miss Susanna **Taylor** who died on the 17th were interred at Mt. Calvary. The deceased was an estimable old lady 72 years of age, leaving a large family of children.

Aug. 31, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. Lena, the little daughter of Mrs. L. J. **Steed** of Beaver Valley.

Aug. 31, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died Aug. 12, Mrs. Mary **Payne**, wife of L. Payne of Eden.

Sep. 14, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Emmit **Stovall**, the oldest son of John W. and Sallie Stovall, died at his home near Branchville, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1898. He was 8 ½ years old. It is said of this little boy that he was kind, studious and obedient.

Sep. 28, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: J. Aiken **Smith**, an old citizen of Kelly's Creek died on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sep. 28, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Will **Donahoo'schild** of Beaver Valley died recently and was buried at Friendship.

Sep. 28, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Frank **Williams** of Seddon died on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Orrie Shaw of same place on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sep. 28, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Victoria **Mullican**, formerly of Caldwell, died on the 16<sup>th</sup>. She was buried at the Pleasant Hill cemetery. Rev. J. K. Enzy conducting the services.

Nov. 2, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Harden **Pierce**, of near San Antonio, Texas, died last week.

He was a son of J. Y. McBrayer, of Cornelia, and a former resident of this place. The remains were brought to Springville for interment last week.

Nov. 2, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Joseph **Light**, son-in-law of one of our highly esteemed citizens, Levi Presley, was killed in Chattanooga Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Light was formerly a conductor on the A G S railroad, and had many friends at this place. Mr. Presley, on hearing of the murder, immediately left for Chattanooga to join his bereaved daughter. Chambers, the man who shot Mr. Light, is now in custody.

Nov. 16, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Oldtown. The **infant** child of Mr. Texas **Wildman** died and was buried at the Moore graveyard.

Nov. 16, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: On Nov. 5, 1898, Jack **Pearson**, age 41 years, died. Mr. Pearson was born and raised in this county; he was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson. His father died many years ago. Jack was a law-abiding citizen and has many friends and relatives who will regret to learn of his death.

Nov. 23, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Kelly's Creek. Mr. Joe **Rich** died a few days since of pneumonia. He left a wife and children who have the sympathy of the community.

>Nov. 23, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Beaver Valley. Adam **Byers** died at Santiago de Cuba, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> last. He was a member of Co. G. 5<sup>th</sup> Volunteers.

Dec. 14, 1898, *Southern Aegis*:

Canoe Creek. Died on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., Miss Raciai **Ellis**.

Dec. 14, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Died at the home of his son in Springville, on Dec. 11, 1898, W. J. **Hill**, age 76 years and 3 months.

The deceased was one of the oldest and best citizens of his community; had been a member of the Baptist Church 54 years and lived a Christian life. He was a successful merchant for many years; but during the last two years went out but little on account of failing health. He leaves two sons, B. M. and W. J. Hill.

Dec. 21, 1898, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. From the *Gadsden Times*. After several weeks' illness from a complication of diseases, Mrs. W. M. **Wood**, mother of Mrs. Sampler and Miss Mattie Wood, died at her home on College Street last Wednesday, and her remains were tenderly laid away in the cemetery at Springville. Mrs. Wood was also the mother of Mrs. M. V. Allison, Mrs. J. F. Osborn and Mr. Alvin Wood of this place.

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### *The Springville News, 1898* Springville, Alabama

Feb. 3, 1898, *The Springville News*: Argo. The 15-year-old **son** of B. F. **Parsons** died on the 26, and was buried in the cemetery at Center church. We tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family

Feb. 24, 1898, *The Springville News*: Pratt City. T. P. **Sanford** of East Highlands died at her home Wednesday last.

Feb. 24, 1898, *The Springville*

*News*: The dress of the **infant child** of C. M. **Hood** became ignited by some unknown cause, and before Mrs. Hood could reach the house, the child was entirely covered by the flames. The child died about midnight.

Apr. 28, 1898, *The Springville News*: Died at her home near Springville, April 23, 1898, Mrs. Hulda **Truss**, nee Praytor, and wife of T. W. Truss. One of our best Christian citizens. Mrs. Truss was near 70 years of age and was one of our good Christian mothers, loved and respected for her many virtues. She was a domestic woman and careful about many things, yet like many of old, she had chosen in early life the "better part" which could never be taken away from her. Her patience in suffering, her bright hopes of heaven and willingness to meet death if it was the Lord's will, and in possession of all the powers of her mind to the end, has few equals. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 50 years or more. The funeral sermon was preached on Sunday by Rev. P. S. Montgomery in the Baptist church here to one of the largest audiences ever assembled at the church in our town. Mrs. Truss was the mother, by first marriage, of W. W. Perkins, dec'd, who was one of our leading merchants, and also the mother of Mrs. W. J. Hill, and Mrs. J. M. Newton, dec'd. We extend sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Apr. 28., 1898, *The Springville News*: Died on April 21, 1898, Wylie **Bradford**, age 25. Wylie was held in high esteem by his many friends and associates, and we pen with sorrow this announcement of

his death, that one who gave promise of much future usefulness should thus early be cut off. Wylie grew up here in our midst and his father is among our best citizens. The funeral was preached by Rev. T. B. Hanie at the Cumberland Presbyterian church to a large and sympathizing audience. His remains were interred at the cemetery here. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the kind father and mother and to his many relatives and friends in the hope that their loss is his eternal gain.

May 16, 1898, *The Springville News*: Jack **Simmons**, son of our townsman K. Simmons, who has been teaching school at Cook's, New Mexico, was foully murdered at that place last Friday. He was returning to his room from the bank where he had just had a check for about \$40.00 cashed, which the robbers confiscated, and also his watch. One party is under arrest. Jack was a genial young man and had many friends in this county who will regret to hear of his untimely end.

May 16, 1898, *The Springville News*: The funeral services of Grandma **Laster** who died on Dec. 27, 1897, were conducted at Bear Mountain church near here last Sunday by Rev. Wm Hullett. A multitude of friends of the family and relatives—200 or more—were in attendance. Mr. Hullett's sermon was an able and masterly one, paying a glowing tribute to the good and beautiful life of the one who had passed away.

Aug. 11, 1898, *The Springville News*: Died on Aug. 6, 1898,

**Clara**, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. **Puckett**. The little girl had not been sick but a few days. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathies of our entire community.

Aug. 11, 1898, *The Springville News*: Died on Thursday, Aug. 4, 1898, Mrs. F. L. **Reausear**, of Birmingham. Her remains were brought here Friday and interred in the cemetery. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Aug. 18, 1898, *The Springville News*: The remains of Miss Emma **Black**, of B'ham, was brought to this place and interred in the cemetery last Tuesday. She had been in the Davis Infirmary for some time, and was thought to be improving when the news came of her death. The bereaved relatives have the sympathies of our entire community.

Aug. 25, 1898, *The Springville News*: Ayer's. The remains of Mrs. Susie **Taylor** of Cedar Mt. Was brought to this place last week and was interred in the cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Aug. 25, 1898, *The Springville News*: Village Springs. Mrs. Susanna **Taylor** died Wednesday morning and was buried at Mt. Calvary on Thursday.

Aug. 25, 1898, *The Springville News*: Mrs. Susan M. Taylor of near Village Springs died Wednesday, 17, 1898, and buried at Mt. Calvary. She was 72 years old. She leaves a large family of children and relatives to mourn their loss. The bereaved

ones have our sincere sympathies in their affliction.

Sep. 8, 1898, *The Springville News*:

Emmit **Stovall**, the oldest son of John W. and Sallie Stovall, died at his home near Branchville Aug. 31, 1898. He was 8 ½ years old. He was an extraordinary child, kind, studious and obedient. He bore his afflictions with great patience, and loved to talk and sing of heaven, and when his voice became too weak to sing, he called for his little harp on which he sweetly played "Longing for Home." But he soon laid his harp aside and passed into a brighter and better world where his immortal fingers could touch a harp more golden to render sweeter music with the loved ones in the Home of the blest, where his little spirit shall forever rest.

Sep. 8, 1898, *The Springville News*:

Our town was shocked last Sunday morning by the report that W. V. **Pankey** had met a horrible death at Thomas Station on the Ensley car line near Birmingham. While seated on the ties apparently asleep, the steps struck his head, crushing the skull and killing him instantly. Mr. Pankey had spent some months here with his daughter Mrs. G. L. Hall and was well known to our citizens. The remains were brought here Sunday afternoon and shipped to Stevenson for interment Monday. The family of deceased accompanied the body to the old home and will remain several days.

Sep. 22, 1898, *The Springville News*:

Died on Sept. 17, 1898, Mrs. Eliza M. **Buchanan**, aged 82. Mrs. Buchanan had been very feeble for some time. She was one of our best

mothers, a devoted Christian and loved by all who knew her. She leaves a large number of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Oct. 6, 1898, *The Springville News*: Branchville. Little Jessie **Warren** died last Tuesday night of diphtheria and was buried at Liberty Thursday. The bereaved parents have our deepest sympathy.

Oct. 6, 1898, *The Springville News*: Caldwell. The Death Angel on last Tuesday visited a little **child** of Mr. Emory **Thompson**. The remains were interred in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on last Wednesday. We extend our profound sympathies to the bereft parents.

Oct. 27, 1898, *The Springville News*: Harden **Pierce** of near San Antonio, Tex., died on last Monday. He was a son of Mrs. J. Y. McGray of Cornelia and a former citizen of this place. The relatives have the sympathies of all our people.

His remains will be brought here today, and his funeral will be preached by Rev. T. B. Haynie at the C. P. Church on Friday morning at 9 a.m.

Nov. 10, 1898, *The Springville News*: Old Town. The **infant child** of Mr. and Mrs. Texas **Wildman** died last week and was buried at the Moor graveyard.

Nov. 10, 1898, *The Springville News*: Died on Nov. 5, 1898, Jack **Pearson**, age 41. Mr. Pearson was born and raised in this county. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs.

John Pearson. His father having died many years ago. Jack was a law-abiding citizen and has many friends and relatives who will regret to learn of his death. The funeral services were conducted at the C. P. church by Rev. T. B. Hayne and the remains were interred at the cemetery. The bereaved relatives have our sincere sympathy.

Dec. 8, 1898, *The Springville News*: Caldwell. Died on last Sunday afternoon, Nov 17, 1898, Mrs.

Rachael **Ellis** at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Dock Chandler. Mrs. Ellis had been ill some time of the Cardiac Dropsy whereof she died. She breathed her last sitting in a rocking chair. She was a devoted, loving mother and a consistent Christian, having belonged to the church over 30 years. She has left this world of trouble and adversity where there are two children, other relatives, and a host of friends to that heavenly land where her consort has been for a score of years. Sister Ellis said in her dying hour, "all is well with me" and "ready to cross over the river and rest in the shade of the trees," using the memorable words of an illustrious general [Stonewall Jackson] in his dying hour.. May all of us strive to emulate this good sister's exemplary life and be ready to victoriously say "all is well with me: in our dying hour.

Dec. 8, 1898, *The Springville News*: Died on Dec. 3, 1898, Cleveland **Braden**, son of Ed Braden, age 14 years. Cleveland was a bright boy and the pet of the family, loved by all who knew him. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Dec. 15, 1898, *The Springville*

*News*: Died at the home of his son, W. J. Hill, in Springville on Dec. 11, 1898, J. C. **Hill**, aged 76. Mr. Hill was one of our oldest and most respected citizens, an upright Christian gentleman, one who lived his religion from day to day. He was a member of the Baptist church for 54 years. He had been engaged in the mercantile business for many years and as a business man was a success. He leaves two sons, B. M., and W. J. Hill. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Dec. 15, 1898, *The Springville News*: After several weeks illness from a complication of diseases, Mrs. W. M. **Wood**, mother of Mrs. Sampler and Miss Mattie Wood, died at her home on College Street last Wednesday, and her remains were tenderly laid away in the cemetery at Springville.

Mrs. Wood was a devout Christian, a loving mother and a good friend and neighbor. She will be sadly missed from her accustomed place, but she has gone up higher to that home prepared for us all. —from *Gadsden Times-News*

Mrs. Wood was also the mother of Mrs. M. V. Allison, Mrs. J. F. Osborn and Mr. Alvin Wood of this place. Her remains were interred in the cemetery here last Thursday. The bereaved relatives have the sympathies of our whole community.

Dec. 29, 1898, *The Springville News*: Died on Dec. 28, 1898, Miss Roxie **Patterson**. The bereaved and sorrowing relatives have the sympathies of all our people.

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### *Southern Aegis, 1899*

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 18, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Springville. Mrs. **Burnett**, living  
about two miles north of Springville,  
died on last Sunday night. Her  
remains were interred at the  
Woodall Cemetery on Monday.

Jan. 25, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Branchville. The little **daughter** of  
Mrs. Allen **Simpson** died the 13th  
inst.

>Feb. 1, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
MAJ. J. D. TRUSS DEAD. On  
Jan'y 27, 1897 [sic], at his home  
near Seddon, Maj. J. D. **Truss** died  
after a lingering illness of months;  
though his health has been impaired  
for years. His interment took place at  
the family cemetery on the Saturday  
following.

The deceased was one of the  
most conspicuous citizens of St.  
Clair County, known to all of its  
citizens. His type of manhood was  
high, far reaching above ordinary  
men while he was as generous as  
brave in his conceptions of the  
obligations of life. Perhaps few men  
have ever lived so long and  
undergone so many varying relations  
to society as have occurred in his life  
time, and held so high a respect  
from countrymen as the lamented  
deceased.

As a soldier he was among the  
bravest, truest and most fearless,  
cool and cautious in the hour of  
danger; and as a comrade in arms,  
kind, sympathetic and considerate,  
never flinching in the face of duty  
and never forgetful of his obligations  
to others.

In the war of the confederate  
states, he was the major of a  
battalion, and in his command not  
only distinguishing himself for his  
prudent unwavering courage, but

won the love of his companions for  
his fidelity to them under the most  
trying conditions.

Few men were more liberal in  
their consideration of the opinions of  
others, fewer, perhaps, have ever  
been influenced less by the motives  
of self interest in the association of  
life; he seemed to be the friend of  
everybody, high or low, rich or  
poor—circumstances such as these  
never entered the interest he felt for  
others; only poverty, distress and  
suffering and need met a generous  
response from his overwilling heart  
to aid others. He held many  
positions of honor among his people,  
and could have aspired to the  
highest in the gift of his friends, if he  
had chosen to do so; for no man ever  
held himself so well balanced by  
devotion free from prejudice, by  
motives the freest from self interests  
in his dealings with men. He was,  
indeed, a Christian without guile  
within, whatever his faults without.  
His inner life was the strongest—his  
outer life was childlike—and, in his  
way, became as near as the most of  
men in the living a life true to his  
convictions and faithful to his God.

He was held in high esteem by  
his children and all organizations of  
which he was a member—a loyal,  
earnest and trusted worker in all the  
varied fields of action to which he  
was called.

As a father he was affectionate  
and true, and as a husband, without  
reproach. The one prominent fact  
presenting itself in his life is that he  
was fair among the fairest of men in  
all the relations he sustained to  
others, if not as men should be in all  
the circumstances influencing  
human action, as they really are  
under present environments,  
clogging the effort to the purest and

noblest ends of ideal manhood,  
which the deceased, if he possessed  
an ambition, desired to reach.

He left a loving wife and two  
children who were present at his  
death, and these will have the  
consolations, in the hour of their  
mourning, that come from the hearts  
of those who honored the deceased  
in life, and still live to call his  
memory blessed. [See also the  
second entry for Feb. 15.]

Feb. 1, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Evergreen. On Jan'y 16 last, died  
Mrs. **Babers**, near Martintown,  
remains interred at cemetery here.

>Feb. 8, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Richard M. Stead [Richmond  
**Steed**], residing near Odenville, St.  
Clair county, on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
inst., committed suicide by shooting  
himself three times. The deceased  
was well known in the county,  
having been born and raised here.  
He was about 73 years of age, was a  
farmer of sturdy habits and had been  
in a depressed state of mind for  
sometime. During the war he had  
been a soldier in the federal army,  
and the weapon used in his own  
death was an army revolver he  
brought home at the close of the war  
and had preserved ever since as a  
relic of the war. [See also next  
entry.]

Feb. 15, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Mr.  
Richmond **Steed**, whose unfortunate  
death by suicide was noted in the  
*Aegis* last week, was 70 years of  
age. He was an honest, temperate  
man, a good citizen. He was  
afflicted with melancholia, and  
doubtless this led to his act. He left a  
family of nine children, only one of  
whom is single. He had been an

industrial, frugal man and accumulated some wealth.

>Feb. 15, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Maj. J. D. **Truss**, whose death at Seddon after a protracted illness, was editorially commented on in the *Aegis* in its issue of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>., was major of the 10<sup>th</sup> Alabama. We inadvertently spoke of him as commanding a battalion during the war. Major Truss went into the war in 1861, organizing a company in Coosa Valley, which became a part of Col. Jno. H. Forney's regiment, the 10<sup>th</sup> Alabama at Montgomery, after its organization transferred to the army of the Potomac. He became a major of the regiment in 1863, and for a year or more, was in full command of the regiment for the most of the time.

Feb. 15, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died week before last, near Pine Forest, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Pink **Crow**.

Feb. 15, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The **infant** child of Mr. M. E. **Forsyth** died Monday last and was interred Tuesday in the cemetery. The parents of the little one have the sympathies of the entire community.

Feb. 22, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Canoe Creek. Clorine **Meeks**, 5 year old daughter of Will Meeks and wife, was burned to death by an open grate fire on Feb. 8. It was the little girl's birthday.

Feb. 22, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1899, at his home near Ashville, T. D. **Beachum**, aged about 55 years.

Mar. 1, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on Saturday, Feb. 25, 1899, Vera **Hamilton**, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, of Beaver Valley, age 8 years. The interment took place Monday at Evergreen, Rev. O. L. Millican, conducting ceremony.

Mar. 8, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. Geo. **Yarbrough** died at his home, Tyler, Texas, of heart disease. He was a brother of Mr. John Yarbrough of this county.

Mar. 29, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Coal City. **Infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Dave **Harris** died on the 13th.

Apr. 5, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Caldwell. Mrs. Drucilla **Washington**, aged mother of Robt. Washington, departed this life on the 25<sup>th</sup>, ult., and was buried at Ashville cemetery.

Apr. 12, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Brompton. Died on March 28, age 49, Mrs. Nannie Baldwin **Sims**, wife of J. Sims. The deceased was a Christian. Mrs. M. E. Sims, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Orr of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Manly of Temple, Ga., and Mr. Walter Sims and family of Woodlawn, Ala., were present at the funeral.

Apr. 19, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Eden. **Infant** of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. **Lacy** died on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Apr. 19, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Wade. William **King** died recently, age 88.

Apr. 19, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Wade. Died April 11, 1899, Hillard **Simmons**, aged 22.

Apr. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died at his home in Beaver Valley on Monday night, April 24, 1899, John B. **Rowan**, age 77. A good citizen of industrious, frugal habits has departed.

The deceased was a man of numerous friendships, a good neighbor and kind father. He leaves 5 children, all single but one married daughter, who lived with him—except the later who resided close by. The bereaved have the sympathy of a large number of friends to the family.

Apr. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 21, 1899, at Springville, of meningitis, Luther **Dyer**, age 19. The young man had just entered school when he was taken suddenly ill.

May 3, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Miss Bettie **Mize**, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Mize, who live near Branchville, died on Apr. 24.

May 3, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Mr. Jack **Alverson**, who died at Riverside on April 21, were interred at Coal City the Saturday following his death.

May 3, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Oldtown. Mrs. Louisiana **Phillips** of Talladega, age 44, who was raised near here, died recently.

May 3, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Caldwell. Mrs. Dempsey **Allison**, of near this place, died April 18 of heart failure.

May 3, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Caldwell. Miss Patsie **Huffstutler**, formerly of this place, died recently

at Massy, Texas.

May 3, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Springville. J. L. **Hollifield** and  
wife, of Avondale, died on last  
Tuesday. Their remains were  
brought up Wednesday to this place  
for interment.

Jun. 7, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Ragland. Died recently, Hamilton  
**Hyde**.

Jun. 7, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Eden. The remains of Mrs. Martha  
**Ginn**, who died in Gadsden, May  
26, were brought to her home here  
and interred. She left a husband and  
5 children.

Jun. 7, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on May 31, 1899, Mrs. Martha  
**Simpson**, near Branchville.

Jun. 14, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Alverson. On May 24, died at her  
home, Aunt Lou **Bridges**, an old  
and respected lady.

Jun. 14, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Branchville. Widow **Lawley**, Jim  
Lawley's baby, Bro. **Lambert**, Mrs.  
Allen **Mize**, Tom **Mead's** baby,  
Widow **Simpson**, Richard  
**McLerris' baby** all died within a  
few days.

Jun. 14, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died last Saturday, June 10, **infant**  
**son** of Mr. and Mrs. John **Simmons**  
near Evergreen.

Jun. 14, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The  
remains of Mrs. **Bird** were interred  
at Pleasant Grove, June 11, '99.

Jun. 21, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Calvin, the little **son** of Eliza

**Roberson**, who died June 7, was  
interred at Hopewell.

Jul. 5, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died June 23, Mr. John **Barber**.  
The deceased left a wife and a  
number of children. His remains  
were interred at Coal City.

Jul. 5, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died June 21, John L. **Harp**.

Jul. 5, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The  
infant child of J. **Bates** died at Mrs.  
Sanders on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Jul. 5, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Caldwell. Died June 22, '99, Mrs.  
Ellen **Mickle** at her home in  
Crawford's Cove. Buried at Pleasant  
Hill.

Jul. 12, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Mrs.[L. J.] **Banks**, wife of L. J.  
Banks, of Hood, St. Clair County,  
died on June 26. Mrs. Banks had  
had an attack of the grip, from  
which she never recovered and  
which finally merged into  
consumption. *Gadsden Times*.

Jul. 19, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Steele recently, Mrs. E. B.  
**Melton**. Had been a sufferer for a  
long time.

Jul. 19, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Talladega, July 14. Yesterday at  
noon, news was received from  
Washington of the death of Judge  
George E. **Brewer**. It has been many  
a day since the death of one of  
Talladega's citizens has thrown such  
a pall over the city, for in the death  
of Mr. Brewer, the town, county and  
state has lost a man of true worth  
and one who bore the title of judge  
with all the honor and distinction

possible.

Judge Brewer went to North  
Carolina sometime since for his  
health, and after staying there for  
awhile without improvement, went  
to Washington for treatment, where  
after a few days of serious sickness,  
he died in a sanatorium.

Judge Brewer first came to this  
city from Tuskegee, Ala., to take  
charge of the Talladega City  
Schools, and after filling this  
position successfully for several  
terms, he resigned and entered the  
practice of law.

In 1894, he was appointed by  
Gov. Oates judge of this, the  
Seventh Judicial Circuit, to fill out  
the unexpired term of the late Judge  
LeRoy F. Box. In 1898, he was  
again a candidate and was elected  
by a large majority.

His career as a judge is well  
known throughout the state, as he  
has been many times commended by  
high officials and from many other  
sources for his great ability as an  
executive officer.

Solicitor Samuel Brewer, of  
Tuskegee, brother of the deceased,  
was with Judge Brewer at the time  
of his death. The remains will be  
brought here at once.

Jul. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July 17, 1899, Aunt Polly  
**Robinson** of Canoe Creek  
settlement, age 83. The deceased  
was one of our best Christian  
mothers, and leaves a number of  
children and relatives to mourn her  
loss. The remains were interred in  
the Brown Graveyard on  
Wednesday. The relatives have the  
sympathies of our entire community  
in their sad bereavement. *Springville*  
*News*



Jul. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Riverside. Died on July 19, 1899,  
little **Hampton**, son of Mr. and Mrs.  
R. W. **Alford**. He was only sick 2  
days with bowel trouble. This is the  
2<sup>nd</sup> little boy buried by the bereaved  
parents.

Jul. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Also on July 22, 1899, the **child** of  
Mr. and Mrs. **Griffis**. She was only  
sick a short while.

Jul. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Green **Jordan**, a well-to-do farmer,  
was run over by a train and killed  
between Pell City and the Coosa  
River on the 25<sup>th</sup>. He could not hear  
distinctly. He was about 60 years old  
and lived near the scene of the  
tragedy on his farm with his wife  
and daughter.

Jul. 26, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Mrs. Emily L. **Weaver**, who died on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> at her home on Sand  
Mountain, had a remarkable history.  
She was 71 years old and was as  
active as a 16-year-old until she was  
70. Her grandfather, Washington  
Stevens, was a first cousin to George  
Washington and fought in the  
Revolutionary War under George  
Washington. Her father, David  
Andrews, fought through the Indian  
War. Her oldest brother, Jackson,  
was killed in the Mexican War, and  
two brothers, Joseph and John, were  
killed in the Confederate Army. Her  
parents never owned a slave nor  
never lived a day on rented land. She  
has a clay pipe that was made when  
Filmore was president of the United  
States, and a candlestick that  
furnished light for George  
Washington to eat supper by before  
we won independence. She also has  
a chair now at the home place that is

over 100 years old. It was her  
grandmother Stevens' chair. She has  
woven 20 yards of cloth a day. She  
could, until her death, read without  
her glasses and walked five miles  
anytime. She was the last of her  
father's family.. *Gadsden Times-*  
*News*.

+Aug. 2, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
James **Crowley**, colored brakeman  
on the local, was killed on July 17  
by falling from his train at  
Riverside. His remains were taken to  
Heflin for interment.

Aug. 9, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July 26, 1899, Aaron  
**Barbour**, age 50. He was a highly  
respected citizen and had never  
married.

Aug 9, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on July 28, 1899, C. H. **Webb**,  
age 80. He left a wife and 8 children.

Aug. 9, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
James R. **Cowan**, ex-tax assessor of  
Etowah County, age 70, died at  
Gallant, Etowah County after an  
illness lasting from last Christmas.  
Mr. Cowan was a Republican and  
was appointed as tax assessor just  
after the war and served during the  
Reconstruction period.

Aug. 9, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: On  
Aug 8, 1899, J. **Washington**, age  
about 30, died at the residence of his  
father-in-law, W. D. Thomas. He  
leaves a wife and 2 children. His  
remains were taken to Sand  
Mountain for interment. The  
deceased came here a short time ago  
afflicted with the disease from which  
he never recovered.

Aug. 16, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on [Aug] 5, 1899, infant **child**  
of William **Casey**, residing at  
Etowahton.

Aug. 23, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Neely's School House, Aug  
12, 1899, the little one and a half  
year old **son** of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel  
**Crow**, after a protracted illness. The  
little boy was the light of the family,  
and there were many who shed tears  
over his grave.

Aug. 23, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
**Clint Lee**, little son of Mrs. And  
Mrs. Geo. **Smith** of near here, died  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> and was interred at the  
cemetery here on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The  
bereaved relatives have our  
sympathies.

Aug. 23, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Riverside. Old man **Thornton** died  
last week after an illness of several  
months.

Aug. 23, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Mrs. Truman **Skelton** died a few  
days since at Magnolia, Miss., after  
a brief illness. She was the wife of  
Mr. Truman Skelton, who went to  
Mississippi from Jacksonville a few  
years ago, and who is well known to  
most of the citizens of Ashville and  
community.

Aug. 30, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Branchville, Aug. 19,  
daughter of Jess **Lovell**, age 15.  
Buried at Liberty.

Aug. 30, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died Aug 18, 1899, at his home  
near Caldwell, Francis **Burtram**,  
age 65. The deceased leaves a wife  
and 7 children. He was a member of  
the M. E. church.

Aug. 30, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Aug 20, near Dearman's  
Chapel, Little **Burt**, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. E. W. **Scott**, age 1 year.

+Sep. 6, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Will **Logan**, the little 6-year-old  
Negro boy who fell from the bridge  
across Will Creek one day last week  
and crushed his skull, died Sunday  
night, never having regained  
consciousness. *Gadsden Times*.

Sep. 6, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept 4, 1899, at her home  
near Dearman's Chapel, Sarah Ann  
**Jones**, wife of Wm. B. Jones, aged  
66.

The deceased was a most  
estimable lady, had been a member  
of the Presbyterian church in early  
life, belonged to the M. E. Church  
South at the time of her death, of  
which she had been a consistent  
member about 27 years. Leaves her  
husband and 3 children to mourn her  
departure.

The funeral took place at  
Dearman's Chapel on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst.  
And was largely attended by  
sympathizing friends and the  
numerous relatives of deceased.

Sep. 13, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 3, 1899, at her home  
in this city, Mrs. Sarah **Hitt**, age 73,  
wife of Joseph Hitt, one of our oldest  
and best citizens. Mrs. Hitt was one  
of our best Christian mothers, a  
good neighbor and loved by all who  
knew her. Rev. P. S. Montgomery  
preached the funeral at the Baptist  
Church here, of which she had been  
a member over 50 years. She leaves  
a husband and 6 children.

Sep. 13, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: We  
are sorry to note the death of Mrs. S.

A. **Jones**, of near Steeles. Mrs.  
Jones was a good Christian mother  
and had been quite ill for some time.  
She leaves a number of relatives to  
mourn her loss. The relatives have  
our deepest sympathies.

Sep. 13, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 11, 1899, **John  
Wesley**, son of John **Glidewell**, of  
Canoe Creek, age 22 months.

Sep. 13, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 11, 1899, Canoe  
Creek valley, H. D. **Carter**. The  
deceased had been an invalid for  
sometime, had many friends in and  
around this settlement who will  
regret to hear of his death and who  
sympathize with the family and  
relatives of the deceased.

Sep. 27, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Riverside. Dandy **Day** died last  
week and was buried at the Coleman  
family burying ground.

Sep. 27, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Riverside. The little 14 month old  
**baby** of Mr. **Adams** died the 12<sup>th</sup>  
inst. The families have our deepest  
sympathy.

Sep. 27, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Sept. 22, 1899, Mrs. Ellen  
H. **Cason**, wife of Dr. D. E. Cason,  
age 56. The deceased was a kind  
hearted Christian woman, a good  
neighbor, a prudent mother and  
painstaking companion. For many  
years she was a sufferer bearing  
patiently and heroically her burdens  
until finally she was called away.

She leaves 2 children, son and  
daughter, Dr. E. P. Cason of  
Talladega, and Miss Ella of  
Ashville, and her husband with  
many relatives and friends to mourn

her loss. Her remains on last  
Saturday were conveyed to the  
cemetery at the Baptist Church  
where, after the usual service, they  
were interred.

Sep. 27, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Mrs. John **Laster**, wife of the  
evangelist, died at Attalla on the  
20<sup>th</sup>.

Oct. 4, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died at Kelley's Creek on Sept. 19,  
1899, Jimmie E. **Tucker**, age 17  
months.

Oct. 11, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The  
little **son** of Mr. and Mrs. R. J.  
**Douglass** died on last Tuesday and  
was buried on Wednesday in the  
cemetery. The parents have our  
deepest sympathies.

Oct. 11, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Mrs. M. **Hendon** died at her home  
in Reamlap on Friday, Sept. 29,  
1899, age 45. She leaves a husband  
and 9 children who have the  
sympathies of the community in  
their affliction.

Oct. 11, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Mr.  
and Mrs. Peter **Hare's** **infant** child,  
near Hoods, died from whooping  
cough on Oct. 1, 1899.

Oct. 18, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Jimmie **Douglass** at North  
Sagerstown died Oct. 3.

Oct. 18, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died Oct. 10, '99, Jack **Allison**, age  
22. He was an exemplary young  
man.

Oct. 18, 1899, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died Oct. 3, 1899, Mrs. Vinnie  
**McClendon**, wife of J. S.

McClendon of Spradley's Cove. Those who were acquainted with Mrs. McClendon need no testimony to mind them of the Christian life lead by her nearly 35 years. Her remains were interred at Mt. Calvary cemetery, Oct. 4.

Oct. 18, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The little **daughter** of Mrs. Ada **Rich**, Lucille, died at Eden on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Oct. 18, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 12, 1899, Mrs. Lorena **Hodges** near Ashville. The deceased was the venerable mother-in-law of C. C. Montgomery, one of our most progressive farmers. She departed, leaving behind her many relatives and friends who will remember her as a Christian of gentle ways and many virtues.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: From Oldtown the death of little Florence **Vineyard** is reported.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Jas. **Terry**'s little **girl** died Oct. 22, 1899, and was interred at Springville.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died at the home of her son-in-law, S. V. Garner, Oct. 21, 1899, near Springville, Mrs. Miriam **McClendon**, age 81. She was the widow of Momon McClendon who died June 18, 1899. They had lived together 63 years in peace and harmony. They had born unto them 9 children, 68 grand children, and 55 [great] grand children.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: At Caldwell, Mrs. Caroline **Galbreth**, age about 69, died Oct. 20. She was born and raised in this county. She

leaves 2 children and 7 grand children to mourn their loss.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: The friends and relatives of Moses F. **Morris**, formerly of this county, will regret to learn of his death at Jacksonville, Texas, Oct. 1.

Nov. 8, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died at her home near Springville, Oct. 28, Mrs. Eliza **Riggs**, aged 72 years, 4 months, and 13 days

+Nov. 15, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Wash **Jones**, an old and popular colored citizen born and raised in this settlement, suddenly died in his wagon on a trip to Gadsden. Wash will be missed by a number of friends, white and black.

Nov. 22, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died Nov. 13, 1899, at Blair's, Miss Nettie **Simmons**

Nov. 22, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died at New London, Nov. 8, 1899, **infant daughter** of Dutch **Johnson**.

Nov. 22, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 8 at Coal City, John **Stone**

Nov. 29, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: News reached here Monday morning last of the sudden death of M. V. **Allison** at his home in Springville, in the morning about 2 o'clock, the 27<sup>th</sup> inst from a stroke of apoplexy. Dr. J. M. McLaughlin was summoned, but efforts of relief were unavailing. The deceased was born in Hurt County, Ga., and moved to Alabama in 1859 [not clear that the number is a "5"], and has been a citizen of Springville since 1867. He leaves a wife, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

The latter Mrs. W. W. Byers resides at Ashville. Charley Allison, one of the sons, is ticket and express agent at Springville for the A.G.S. The sympathies of this entire community go out to the family.

Dec. 6, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1899, Josiah **Turner** of Glenn Addie. The deceased was born and raised in St. Clair County near Ashville. For sometime he has been a child of affliction, bearing up heroically of his suffering. He was connected with the best families of the county, and had been a member of the church for many years. His remains were interred last Wednesday at the Moore Graveyard, south-west of Ashville, where a large number of friends attended to pay their respects to the departed, while sympathizing with the bereaved wife, several children and numerous relatives he left behind.

Dec. 20, 1899, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Wednesday Dec. 13, '99, **Eula**, the only daughter of Mr. Thos. **Turner** of Ashville, age 16. The deceased has been afflicted for many months and her death was not unexpected when it came. She was a bright, pleasant child, greatly beloved by her many young friends, who especially felt the soreness of the severance which took place in her departure. The last tokens of their friendship and affection was in following her remains to the grave made for her rest at the cemetery to cover her casket with their floral wreaths at the service, and to weep over it as the clods covered it from sight. There was general sympathies of this community for the bereaved father, brothers and relatives.

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## *Southern Alliance, 1899*

Ashville, Alabama

Undated fragment, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: The **baby** of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. **Lacy** died Friday night and was buried Saturday afternoon at this place.

Jan. 12, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Wednesday, Mrs. J. B. Bass, and her niece, Jennie Ward Gunn, daughter of Dr. John **Gunn**, were summoned by telephone to Gadsden to the bedside of Dr. Gunn, who was dangerously ill. News reached Ashville last night that Dr. Gunn was dead. Dr. Gunn was a dentist, and had done a great deal of work for the citizens of this county, and had a large number of friends here who will be sorry to hear of his death.

Jan. 19, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Woods Bend. The many friends of Dr. R. P. **Evans** will be grieved to learn of his death which occurred on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst at the home of his son-in-law, A. R. Goley. The remains of the deceased were interred in a cemetery near Ragland.

Jan. 19, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Slate. Mrs. Mary **Bearden**, near this place, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, and was interred at Dearmons Chapel cemetery on the 12<sup>th</sup>. She leaves several children to mourn her loss. We heartily sympathize with the bereaved ones.

Jan. 19, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. The little **infant** of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan **Gann** died on Saturday night the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

>Feb. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Special to the *Age-Herald*: Seddon, Jan. 27. Maj. J. D. **Truss** died at his home near Seddon at 8 o'clock this morning. The interment will take place at the family cemetery at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Today the telegraph flashes through Alabama announcing his decease and awakening responsive chords of love, sympathy and devotion in many who stood with him in the varied conflicts of life as a soldier, philanthropist, Christian and patriot, exclaiming, as David of Jonathan, 'I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me; thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of woman.'

As commander of a battalion in the civil war, he was one of the Chevalier Bayard type, "Sans peur et sans reproche." His companions in arms at their firesides fondly linger over the many touching reminiscences of his fidelity to his men, of his unflinching courage under the fiercest fire, coupled with the sagacity and prudence of the truly brave and fearless; of his kindly sympathy and its practical application in the opening of both heart and purse to the poor private far from his native heath, unknown among strangers.

As a philanthropist, every cry for relief, every struggle in its incipency as well as on the high tide of success, every widow's and orphan's lament; every groan from oppressed and despairing humanity met with prompt, hearty and effectual response.

But it is of his Christian attitude, having intimately known him in varied relations, that I would more

fully speak. Of Nathaniel our Saviour spoke: "Behold, indeed, an Israelite in whom is no guile."

Ingeniousness combined with (or, rather, to speak more correctly, the source of) loyalty, fealty, steadfastness, consideration, self sacrifice and self suppression, was a prominent factor in his Christian life. I do not mean by this just eulogy that he was sinlessly perfect without spot or blemish, for none but one on earth ever attained to this; but mean simply that which is couched in "Well done, good and faithful servant."

As a church member, he was truly loyal to his church and his pastor, and was a valuable member of the Coosa River Baptist association, regularly attending its meeting and contributing largely to its moral and religious efficiency. As the superintendent and also the teacher of the Bible class of his Sunday school, he has left a deep impress on the minds and hearts of those for whom he labored and to whom he ministered, a void being created by his death that will be difficult to fill.

As a husband and father, no mere words can express the loss. Time and the grace of God can and do staunch deep wounds; but the cicatrix ever remains. Of his immediate family, a beloved wife and two children alone remain, and were present to minister their need of love in his last hours on earth. His son, Mr. J. D. Truss, Jr., an inspector in the United States Engineering corps, living in a distant state, twice impelled by filial love and high sense of duty, laid aside his transient duties to the government to minister to his comfort and receive his dying

blessing. May the God of all consolation abide with and comfort the bereaved ones of this excellent family. [signed] Lealis Law.

Feb. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Brompton. Mrs. J. W. Willis has returned from Horse Cane, Ky., where she went to lay the remains of her husband, J. W. Willis, who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst, in their last resting place. Mr. Willis was agent here and was well liked. He died with brain trouble after two days illness.

>Feb. 9, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Richmond **Steed**, of Beaver Valley, aged 70, killed himself at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Crowe Harden, on last Monday morning.

He used an old pistol which he brought home with him from the army in 1865. He fired three shots into his head.

There was no reason known to the family for his rash act, except that he had been very despondent for sometime.

He was an honest, upright citizen, and leaves a number of children and friends to mourn his death.

>Feb. 9, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. Mr. Richmond **Steed**, of this place, committed suicide Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Crowe Harden, at Odenville, by shooting himself in the forehead with a pistol. He shot himself three times, the third being the fatal one. His son-in-law, Mr. Thay Byers, witnessed the first shot, but was afraid to approach him, he then stepped behind a house and fired two more shots. The cause of the tragedy is unknown.

Mr. Steed was about 70 years old and has lived in this valley from his infancy and by honest toil has accumulated some wealth. He leaves nine children, all married except one. He was staying among his children. We lose an honest man in his death.

Feb. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: One of the **infant** twins of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. **Forsythe** died Monday evening last. It was buried at the Ashville cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Feb. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: On Feb. 5, Mr. Reden **Jonston**, aged 85, died at his home near Cook Springs.

Feb. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Pulaski. On last Friday, Mrs. **Roberts**, one of the paupers at the county poor house, kept by J. A. Lowery, caught fire and was burned to death.

Feb. 23, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. The remains of Arn **Franklin**, who died at his home at Argo, was buried at Liberty last Sunday.

Feb. 23, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Thomas **Day**, who lived about 7 miles from Ashville on the Fairview Road, died at his home on last Friday morning. He was about 45 or 50 years of age. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death.

>Mar. 9, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: James M. **Montgomery**, a prominent citizen, died at his home near Lincoln Saturday and was buried in the Talladega cemetery

Monday. Mr. Montgomery was a veteran of the Mexican war and also of the civil war.

Mar. 9, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: On Feb. 25, at his home in Tyler, Texas, Col. Geo. **Yarbrough** died of heart disease. He was a brother of Hon. John Yarbrough of this county.

The *Tyler Courier* says: "In the death of Col. George Yarbrough, this community loses a prominent citizen—one whose life and works have been felt in the home, in church, in commercial affairs, and in every way that he has touched elbows with his fellow man. It has ever been for the advancement and promotion of the community and betterment of those with whom he was associated.

Col. Yarbrough has been a resident of Tyler for 46 years, coming here from Alabama, and was born in St. Clair County, Ala., June 2, 1826. In early life he united with the Baptist denomination and remained a consistent member of this body until his demise. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church in this city for 42 years, and was one of the original members.

+Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: OLDEST MAN IN THE COUNTY DEAD. Dock **Collins**, colored, age 106 years, died at his home near Riverside on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1899. He was born in Lawrence District, South Carolina, in 1793, and was sold at public auction at Lawrence Court House when he was about 7 years of age, and bought by Jeremiah Collins, who was the grandfather of Attorney Jas. A. Embry, of our town. He was brought to this county just after the sale, where he continued to reside up till

the day of his death.

He was a Negro of good sense and when he came to manhood, he was foreman of his old master's plantation. He was also the first Negro to own land in the county and a peaceable law-abiding man all his life.

He was owned by the same Jeremiah Collins when freedom was declared, having had no other master since a boy. He was almost a life-long member of the Methodist church, and the good advice which he had always given to his race resulted in many of them securing homes around and near him. The influence exerted by this old man among his people was wonderful, he never failing to advise them to be truthful, industrious and honest.

During his life, he was married twice, and was the father of 14 children, 5 of whom are now living, and some of them property owners. He died within a quarter of a mile from the old home of his master, and the cause assigned for his death was old age. He passed away seemingly without pain, and retained his mental faculties till the very last. The life of this good old Negro would be an example of integrity and honesty to his entire race.

Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: "Uncle Jimmie" **Carr**, one of the oldest men in Shelby County, was found frozen to death Friday morning. He was between 85 and 90 years of age.

Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Samuel **Vann**, a prominent citizen of Trussville, died last Thursday, age 79. He had been ill for some time, but had apparently recovered and was walking about when he had

an attack of heart disease and died in a few moments.

Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Oldtown. Last Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., Mr. T. D. **Beachum** died at his home near Ashville, age 58. His remains were interred at the Moore cemetery. D. A. Partlow conducted the funeral services. The writer extends his sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Oldtown. On Feb. 25, Vera, the 8-year-old **daughter** of John **Hamilton**, died at her home in Beaver Valley. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery. She was a bright and interesting child, and we sometimes wonder why the Lord takes the brightest jewels from our homes. The writer extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: On last Sunday Mrs. J. C. **Horseley** died at her home in Bucks Valley, of cancer of the stomach. She was about 65 years old.

+Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Seaburn **Ash**, an old colored man who used to live near Ashville, died at Alabama City a few days since.

An amusing story is told in regard to Seaburn renting some land from Judge Inzer. It is said the Judge rented Seaburn some corn land on the third, and that when the corn was ready to gather, the Judge told him to gather two loads and put in his (Seaburn's) pen, and then bring the third load to his, the Judge's crib. The Judge not getting any corn went to see Seaburn to find out the reason, when he was told by the old colored man that there warnt no

third load to bring as he had only raised two loads. It is said the Judge allowed him to keep all the corn and when the story got out, the laugh was on the Judge.

Mar. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Pine Forest. **Vera**, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Hamilton**, died on the 25<sup>th</sup>. She had been sick only 3 days. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

Mar. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Arnold Springs. Mrs. Minnie C. **Dill**, wife of F. O. Dill, died at McFall in Calhoun County on March 5. She was buried at Alexandria on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Dill was a good Christian and was a daughter of W. M. Alverson of Coal City.

Mar. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Elizabeth A. **Greene**, 79, died here on last Monday night and her remains were interred at the Ashville cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

She was born in St. Clair County, near Springville, Jan. 20, 1820, and has always resided in the county.

Her father, James Thomason, with two Negroes, came to this county in 1815. He was one of the very first settlers, and few white people lived here at that time. Indians having possession of the country.

In 1817, he went back to North Carolina, his former home, and moved his family here, cutting out his own road as he traveled.

After settling, he had to go to mill on horseback to Guntersville, a distance of 45 miles.

Mrs. Greene leaves two children, Judge James T. Greene, of the Ashville bar, and Mrs. M. M.

Fulghum, with whom she was living at the time of her death. She was a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and leaves a host of relatives and friends who have our sympathy in their bereavement.

Mar. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Buck's Valley. Died on the 9<sup>th</sup>, little Hubbard **Cook**, son of N. B. Cook, near Pine Forest. The remains were interred at Evergreen Saturday.

Mar. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Beaver Valley. We are sorry to note the death of Mrs. John **Riggs** which occurred on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. The remains were interred at Liberty on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. K. Ensey. Mrs. Riggs has been lingering for months with consumption, but she bore her afflictions without murmuring and with Christian fortitude and courage and departed this life rejoicing in the hope of the glory of God. She leaves a husband, 2 children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, which is Heaven's gain.

Mar. 23, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Palmetto. The little **daughter** of Lee **Partwood** was kicked by a horse which resulted in her death.

Mar. 23, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. The Angel of Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave **Harris** on the 13<sup>th</sup> and called for their **infant** child. The child was buried at the Baptist cemetery.

Mar. 30, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: The **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Jim **Black**, near Hood, died on last Saturday and was buried at Hopewell Sunday.

Mar. 30, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Priscilla **Washington**, 76, died at the home of her son, Robt. Washington, near Caldwell, on last Saturday morning. Mrs. Washington had been consistent member of the Baptist church for many years and lived a devout Christian life. She leaves 7 children and a number of friends and relatives to mourn her death.

Apr. 6, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Brompton. Death has again visited our town and taken away one of our best women, Mrs. Nannie Baldwin **Sims**, wife of our neighbor and friend, J. F. Sims. Mrs. Sims suffered only a few days with pneumonia, and died March 28, age 49. She was a true Christian lady, and we fully believe she died the death of the righteous. Mrs. M. E. Sims, of Atlanta, Ga., is with her son and family in their bereavement.

Mr. Walter Sims and family of Woodlawn, Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Orr of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Manly of Temple, Ga., were all at the funeral of Mrs. Sims.

Apr. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. Mrs. Dempsey **Allison**, of near this place, died on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., of heart failure. The remains were interred at the Woodall graveyard.

Apr. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Oldtown. On last Tuesday word reached here of the death of Mrs. Louise **Philips** of Talladega county, who was raised three miles west of here. She was about 44 years old and a Christian lady.

Apr. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. Mr. Jack **Alverson**, of Riverside who died on last Friday,

was interred in the Methodist cemetery at this place last Saturday. Rev. Wm. Purdy performed the obsequies.

Apr. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Pine Forest. The angel of death has again visited this community and carried from our midst one of our old and highly respected citizens, Mr. John **Rowan**, age 76. Mr. Rowan was a member of Evergreen church and lived an upright, Christian life. He leaves five children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death. Rev. Oscar Millican performed the obsequies.

Apr. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Ragland. Died on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., Nannie **Wolf**, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, the remains were carried to a cemetery in Calhoun county for interment.

Apr. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: \_\_\_\_\_ **Dyer** died at Springville \_\_\_\_\_ Monday of menegitis. He \_\_\_\_\_ on of Moses Dyer of Springville.

May 11, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. Mrs. **Bain**, of near Springville, and the mother of Jim Bain, of this place, was buried at New Hope Cemetery last Friday at this place.

May 11, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. **Willie**, little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. **Porter**, died on Thursday, and was buried at Seddon Friday.

Jun. 1, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. Mrs. Martha **Ginn**, the widow of Reuben Ginn, died at her

home in Gadsden May 26, and was buried here Saturday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock. Her husband and two children are there to welcome her. She was a good Christian and leaves five children to mourn her loss.

Jun. 1, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Ragland. Hamilton **Hyde** died Wednesday of last week and was interred in the cemetery at the M. E. church Thursday.

Jun. 8, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Old Father **Lambert**, at Moody, died on Tuesday of last week. He was a man who had the love and respect of the people where he lived. He would have been 85 years old in a few days.

Jun. 8, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mrs. Martha **Simpson**, widow of Dr. Simpson, died near Branchville, on May 31. She was well when she went to bed and woke up about 10 o'clock and waited on some of her grandchildren and went back to bed, and again woke up before 12, and died in a few minutes.

Jun. 8, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Alverson. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, Aunt Lou **Bridges**, an old citizen of this place, died at her home, which was at J. E. Early's. She was a prominent member of the church.

Jun. 15, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Laney Calvin **Robertson**, son of Elijah and Cordella Robertson, was born near Eden, Ala., May 27, 1897, and died of dysentery complicating other troubles June 7, 1899.

Jun. 15, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Riverside. Several of our people attended the burial of Mrs. **Bird**,

wife of Joseph Bird of Seddon, at Pleasant Grove church on Sunday.

Jun. 22, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died at her home in Beaver Valley on last Sunday, Miss Della **Hammonds**. The remains were interred at Evergreen cemetery Sunday. Rev. Oscar Millican conducting the obsequies.

Jun. 22, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Died on Thursday last at her home near Deermans Chapel, Mrs. [Nannie] **Swan**, the wife of A. K. Swan. Mrs. Swan has been confined to her bed for about 35 days with a fever, and till a short time before her death she was thought to be improving. She was a most estimable lady and a devoted wife and mother. She leaves her husband and several children to mourn her loss. The remains were interred at Deerman Cemetery on Friday.

Jun. 22, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Eden. Mrs. **Malone**, of this place, died Saturday afternoon. She was carried to Lincoln and buried in the cemetery there Monday.

Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
A little **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. Dick **Lindsey** was buried at Hopewell cemetery Tuesday.

Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Mrs. Lem **Banks** died near Hopewell last Monday, and was buried at the Hopewell cemetery Tuesday.

Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
A **child** of John **Williams**, col., who lives on the Vaughn place, was buried at Hopewell cemetery

Tuesday.

Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
The 1-year-old **boy** of J. W. **Barber** of Coal City, died on last Friday night and was buried at Harkey's Chapel Saturday.

Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
John **Barber**, who lived at the Ashley place last year, died at Eden on last Friday night, and was buried at Harkey's chapel Sunday.

>Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Canterberry. John L. **Harp** died June 21, at 10 a.m. He leaves a mother, wife and eight children and many friends to mourn his loss. Mr. Harp lost his arm in the civil war fighting for his country. He has lived an upright life, and has many friends who regret to hear of his death.

Jun. 29, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Caldwell. Mrs. Ellen **Mickle**, wife of Robert Mickle, deceased, died of consumption at her home in Crawford's Cove on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., and was buried at Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Jul. 6, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
A little **child** of Mr. Will **Bullock**, who lives about 2 ½ miles from town on the Robinson place, was buried at Ashville cemetery Sunday.

Jul. 13, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:  
Steels. Mrs. E. B. **Melton**, who has been sick at her mother's for some time, died on last Thursday. Mrs. Melton was E. B. Melton's second wife. We are in sympathy with him. Mrs. Melton's home was at Moody's Cross Roads.

Jul. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:



Died on July 17, Mrs. Polly **Robinson**, aged 83 years. The deceased was the mother of Griff D. Robinson and was one of our best Christian mothers. The remains were interred at the Brown graveyard on Wednesday.

+Jul. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. James **Crowley**, colored brakeman on the local train, fell from the cars and was instantly killed on Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, the car wheels crossing his breast. The remains were carried to his home at Heflin for burial.

Jul. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. Died on the night of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Ernest **Alford**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Alford.

Jul. 27, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. died on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. **Griffith**.

Aug. 3, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: A little **girl** of Joe **Willingham's** died Wednesday of last week, near Easonville.

Aug. 3, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Chandler Mountain. C. H. **Webb** died of Dropsy on last Friday at 7 o'clock p. m. He leaves a wife and eight children. He was 60 years old. He was not a member of any church. His mind was clear to the last moment. He died praising his Maker. We are in sympathy with Mrs. Webb and family.

Aug. 3, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. Died on Wednesday morning, July 26, at 6:30 o'clock, Aaron **Barber**. Uncle Aaron was born in St. Clair County near fifty

years ago. He has lived in the state—and, in fact, in St. Clair County—the greater part of his life. Uncle Aaron was sick only a few days before his death. He was a member of the Methodist Church at this place, and in good standing; he was also a member of the Odd Fellows. The Odd Fellows buried him in the Methodist cemetery. Bro. Johnston delivered a eulogistical speech on Bro. Aaron's character. Bro. Aaron was never married, but he leaves a multitude of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, for he was respected by everyone. A more honest man never lived.

Aug. 10, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: The **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. **McFarland**, at Springville, died one day last week.

Aug. 10, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Jas. **Washington**, living near the college, died Tuesday morning of typhoid fever. Mr. Washington had recently moved here from Boaz, and it is said he had the fever when he moved here, as he had just lost a brother who he had been waiting on at Boaz. He was carried through the country to Boaz for burial.

Aug. 10, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Etowahnton. The **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Bill **Casey** died on last Saturday morning.

Aug. 17, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. W. T. McCormac, of our place, was called to Gadsden last week to attend the funeral of his father, W. O. **McCormac**, who was buried there on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

Aug. 17, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Neely's School House. Samuel

Abner **Crow**, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crow, died at this place Monday morning after about two months' sickness.

Aug. 24, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Branchville. The 15-year-old **daughter** of Jess **Lovell** died near here Saturday morning at 2 o'clock and was buried at Liberty Sunday.

Aug. 24, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Steels. Little Bert **Scott**, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Scott, died last Sunday morning about 6 o'clock after three or four weeks' illness, near Deerman's Chapel, age one year and twenty days.

Aug. 24, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. Died, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., at 11 o'clock p. m. at his home 1 ½ miles north of here, Francis M. **Burtram**, aged about 65 years. He was one of our oldest Christian citizens and died with a lingering disease that he has been afflicted with for about five or six years. He leaves a good Christian wife and seven Children, besides many grandchildren, and scores of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were held at Pleasant Hill on Saturday at 4 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. J. K. Enzey, of Evergreen, a member of the Methodist church. The remains were interred at the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Sep. 7, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Billie **Jones**, an aged and venerable lady; the mother of our fellow townsman, D. A. McCain, died Monday of old age.

Sep. 7, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Lotta **Robertson**, youngest daughter

of Samuel H. and Ida Robertson, died near Eden, Ala., August 25, 1899, aged 4 years 11 months and 4 days.

Sep. 7, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Mary **Price**, wife of Thomas Price, who has been residing with her father, Jerry Warren, of near here, died on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult., of lung fever. The remains were interred at the Reeves Grove cemetery the 30<sup>th</sup>.

>Sep. 7, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Died, on August 12, aged 72 years, Bro. A. R. **Thornton**, one of nature's noblemen, a man as true as steel, devoted to his family, his church and his God. In the death of Bro. Thornton our community has suffered an almost irreparable loss. Warm hearted and generous, faithful and true, but faintly express the nobility of soul that characterized the man, only those who knew the great depth of his nature could understand the wonderful impulses that governed his life.

It was only after a long and severe illness that his iron constitution yielded to disease, and when the end drew near and the death angel's touch had already dampened his brow with the sweat of death, he smiled, and said to those who stood by him, "God is so good!" Again in his delirium he was fighting the old battles of the confederacy over again, and caring for the wounded.

His early life was spent amid the wild scenes of the west, being one of the old 49'ers in the gold fields of California. His life was full of stirring incidents. His faith in God was strong and his devotion to his church (M. E.) and his family was remarkable. We extend our tenderest

sympathies to his loved ones in their great sorrow!

Sep. 14, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. H. D. **Cather** died Monday at 1 o'clock at his home two miles from town. He leaves a wife and three little children to mourn his loss. We extend our sympathies.

Sep. 14, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. Died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh **Goodwin**. The remains were interred at the Baptist cemetery.

Sep. 21, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Wesley **Glidewell**, son of John and Mattie Glidewell, died near Oldtown on Sept. 11th, 1899. He was a bright and lovely boy of about two years of age.

Sep. 21, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. Dandy **Day** died of consumption on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., and was buried in the Coleman cemetery at Riverside on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sep. 21, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. **Adams** died on Wednesday 13th inst.

Sep. 21, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. The funeral of Frank **Burtram** was preached by Rev. J. K. Enzy at Pleasant Hill Sunday, in which the ceremonies were conducted by the Masonic brotherhood.

Sep. 28, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Died near Kelley's Creek P. O. St. Clair county, Alabama, September 19, 1899, Jimmie E. **Tucker**, daughter of James F. and Fannie F. Tucker, aged 17 months.

Sep. 28, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. George **Newton**, a good citizen of Pine Forest, aged 47, died on last Sunday. He was buried at Friendship Monday evening. Rev. J. S. E. Robinson conducted the funeral services. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Sep. 28, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: On last Friday Mrs. D. E. **Cason**, who has been sick for a long time, passed away. She was surrounded in her last hours by husband, children, relatives and friends. She was buried on last Saturday at the Ashville cemetery. Rev. O. L. Millican conducted the funeral service.

Sep. 28, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Jesse T. **Tucker**. He was born May 7, 1866. He made a profession of religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Willow Springs, where he remained for some years. Since that time there was a church of the same faith and order organized at the Truss and Helm Mill and he joined that church and remained in it as long as it was a church. Since that time he has been holding a letter waiting an opportunity to join another church, all the time living a devoted Christian life. He died in the triumph of a living faith May 23, 1899. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his absence. His funeral was preached Sunday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Church by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson.

Oct. 5, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: The three month old **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter **Hare** died with whooping cough last Sunday night. It was buried at Ashville cemetery

Monday evening.

Oct. 12, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Our beloved sister and friend, Mrs. Lulu **Davis**, went from this world to her home in Heaven Oct. 5, 1899. She was born April 11, 1862, in this county. At about the age of nineteen she was born to life eternal and was baptized into the membership of Providence Baptist Church. Sister Lulu was taken to her bed in September with fever from which she suffered with that patience which none can have but Christians, until death came to her, and her spirit went home to be with Jesus, and her body was buried in the Box cemetery to await the resurrection morn, when father, mother, husband and children shall meet her again to part no more.

Oct. 12, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Oldtown. We feel sad to pen the death of Mrs. Lee **Davis**. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Oct. 12, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. On last Friday night little Lucille **Rich**, daughter of Mrs. Ada Rich, died and was buried at Mt. Pleasant cemetery Saturday.

Oct. 19, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. Lorena **Hodges**, nee Moore, was born and raised in St. Clair Co., by Christian parents, died October 12, 1899. So another sweet mother has gone to that land of rest; which should cause us all to live nearer God. How pleasant have been the nights and days I have spent in her dear, lonely house, while she lived with her three little girls; providing well for them. Always patient and kind; filling the place of father and mother well. Now her chair is

vacant in the homes of daughters; while her home is in Heaven. The day before she died she said; "Man is few of days and full of sorrow." "The wages of sin is death," and "How strange! So bright and yet so severe."

Her husband died at Camp Chaise, in prison in 1863, on New Years day. He professed religion at a prayer meeting conducted by a father of blessed memory. And now we trust husband and companion are rejoicing in that Spirit Land. A Relative.

Oct. 19, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Died near Eden, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1899, Ora, little **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. **George**, aged 13 months.

Oct. 26, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: The **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. **Hodges** died on last Saturday morning, and was buried at the Ashville cemetery that evening.

Oct. 26, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. Mrs. Caroline **Gallbreath**, aged about 60 years, died Oct. 20. She was born and raised in this county, and has lived a faithful member of the Baptist church for 30 years. She died with an old and lingering disease with which she had been afflicted for nearly 20 years. She leaves two children and seven grandchildren to mourn her loss. The remains were interred at Reeves Grove cemetery Sunday.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. Austin, the little **son** of A. J. **Prickett**, died and was buried at New Hope cemetery last week.

Nov. 2, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:

Died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, Claud **Reeves**, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reeves, his remains were interred in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Nov. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Oldtown. Died on the 12th inst at 2 a. m. little Florance **Vinyard**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vinyard.

Nov. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Branchville. Our beloved friend and brother, Mr. Jim **Ash**, who has suffered so long, passed from earth to heaven on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.

Nov. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Miss Nettie **Simmons** died Monday evening at Blair's Mill, and was buried Tuesday evening at Deerman's Chapel.

Nov. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: New London. The **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dutch **Johnson** died on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. It was buried at the Coosa Valley cemetery.

Nov. 16, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. Died on Nov. 8, John **Stone**. He had been sick for a long time. Mr. Stone retired that night as usual and next morning the family found him dead.

Nov. 23, 1899, *Southern Alliance*: Caldwell. Died on the 11th inst., at 9 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Elizabeth **Ellis**, aged about 65 years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and devotedly loved by everyone who knew her. She lived faithful unto the end and passed peacefully, in full Christian faith. Heart trouble was the cause of her death. The remains were interred at

the Pleasant Hill cemetery, the 13th.

+Nov. 30, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:

Jim **Hammonds** a colored man of Ashville, died of dropsy Friday and was buried Sunday.

Nov. 30, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:

Mr. M. V. **Allison**, father of Mrs. Will Byers, of our place, died very suddenly at his home in Springville Monday morning. He was well and hearty Sunday evening, ate his supper, and retired at his usual bedtime. The next morning he dropped dead of apoplexy. He was a prominent and highly respected citizen and his death will be a loss to his community. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sorrowing wife and children.

Nov. 30, 1899, *Southern Alliance*:

Mr. Josiah **Turner**, who has been sick for a long time, died Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday at the Moore graveyard about three miles from town, Rev. Mr. Millican conducting the funeral services. Mr. Turner was liked and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and several children, and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. They have our deepest sympathy.

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### ***The Springville News, 1899***

Springville, Alabama

Jan. 12, 1899, *The Springville News*: Nelanville, Texas. The death of Grandpa **Sprott** brings sorrow to every home where he is known. He had reached a very mature age and was one of the early settlers of Texas, and often entertained his many friends with stories of his boyhood days when Texas was

inhabited by the Indians and game was abundant. He was liked by all who knew him, but our loss is his eternal gain, for he has long been a faithful worker in the Christian Church where he will be greatly missed.

Jan. 19, 1899, *The Springville News*: We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. W. L. **Turner** Friday night. Her remains were interred at Central Cemetery Sunday evening. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

Jan. 19, 1899, *The Springville News*: Dr. J. P. **Gunn**, of Gadsden, died on last Wednesday, (11<sup>th</sup>) of pneumonia. Dr. Gunn was well known in this county and his numerous friends will regret to learn of his death.

Jan. 26, 1899, *The Springville News*: Died on Jan. 16 at her home near Martintown, Mrs. **Babers**. Her remains were brought to cemetery at this place. We extend our deepest and sincere sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Feb. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Died on Jan. 31, 1899, at her home in Birmingham, Mrs. **Prince**, aunt of Mrs. M. S. Morten. Her remains were carried to Dearman's Cemetery for interment. We extend our deepest and sincere sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Feb. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Rich **Steed**, a venerable old citizen of Beaver Valley, committed suicide last Monday evening by shooting himself in the head three times with a revolver. The relatives

of the deceased have our heartfelt sympathies.

Feb. 16, 1899, *The Springville News*: One of the **infant** twins of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. **Forsythe** died Monday night.

Feb. 16, 1899, *The Springville News*: Wade Cullings. Iroo **Franklin**, step-son of W. W. Adkin, died Friday last and his remains were interred at the Liberty Cemetery.

Feb. 23, 1899, *The Springville News*: Wade Cullings. We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. J. W. **Curry** Thursday morning, Feb. 16. Her remains were interred at the county line cemetery, and the bereaved relatives have our sympathies.

Mar. 2, 1899, *The Springville News*: Oldtown. T. D. **Beacham** died on the 22 near here.

Mar. 2, 1899, *The Springville News*: Died on Feb. 25, at her home in Beaver Valley, Miss Varie **Hamilton**, 8-year-old daughter of Jno L. Hamilton. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Mar. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Canoe Creek. The many friends of W. N. **Randolph**, formerly of our community, now of Alvord, Texas, will regret to learn of the recent death of his little child which was burned to death the 19<sup>th</sup> ult., this being his second child taken in this unrelenting way.

Mar. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Wade Cullings. We are sorry to

report the death of Mrs. Jane **Simmons**, who passed away Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. Her remains were interred at the Springville Cemetery Monday. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

Mar. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Wade Cullings. Mr. and Mrs. Dave **Criswell**, on waking Sunday morning, found their **infant** child cold in death, 1 month old. The family have the sympathies of the entire people.

Mar. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Died on March 5, 1899, near here, Mrs. Jane **Simmons**, 61. Mrs. Simmons was a consistent member of the Baptist church. She was a devoted mother and leaves six children to mourn their loss. She was the step-mother of our townsman J. K. Simmons.

Mar. 9, 1899, *The Springville News*: Died on March 6, 1899, Mrs. J. H. **Riggs**, of near Odenville. Her remains were interred at the Liberty Cemetery. She leaves a loving husband and 2 children to mourn their loss.

### ***The Alabama Weekly Inquirer, 1899***

Eden, Alabama

Feb. 10, 1899, *The Alabama Weekly Inquirer*: Rev. J. F. **Smith** died at his home in Talladega Saturday night. Mr. Smith was one of the best known ministers in Alabama, and was for a number of years rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Feb. 10, 1899, *The Alabama Weekly Inquirer*: As the Rome and Decatur train from Rome, Ga., was

switching in the yards at Attalla, Tuesday, J. W. **Brock**, an employee of the road, fell off the car and was killed.

Feb. 10, 1899, *The Alabama Weekly Inquirer*: The dead body of John **McKenna** was found in front of his door at Cardiff, Ala., about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. His body was slightly burned and it is not known whether he was burned to death or murdered. There is a suspicion that the latter is true and that the murderers poured oil on the body and set it afire to ward off suspicion. McKenna was an old man and lived by himself and it is thought he kept money hoarded somewhere about the place. This possibly accounts for his murder.

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### ***Southern Alliance, 1900***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 4, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. On Friday, Dec. 29, 1899, at 7 o'clock p.m., Robly C. **Cason** died at his father's home near Coal City. The remains of the noble boy were interred in the Methodist church cemetery at 1 o'clock Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Bro. Ralls attended to the burial service.

Robly was a machinist and superintendent of the pumping machinery for the Coal City Coal and Coke Co. On last Friday evening he was working at one of his pumps in the mines, No 2. between 3 and 4 o'clock, and just as the cars were starting down the slope, the foremost car came uncoupled and at lightning rapidity the car went flying down the track bent on its mission of death, striking Mr. Cason on the right hip breaking it and also his spine. He was caught

in the car some way and drug to the bottom of the mines, about 30 feet, he was badly bruised up, and a few minutes to seven he expired quietly. Robly was an obedient son, a true friend, an exemplary Christian. The labor union mourns his loss. The afflicted family is bereaved, the church poorer and Heaven richer. He was a Christian gentleman worthy of emulation.

Jesus while our hearts are bleeding  
O'er the spoils that death has won,  
We would at his solemn meeting  
Calmly say, "Thy will be done.

Jan. 25, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Canoe Creek. It is with deep sadness that we chronicle the death of Mr. Berriman **Clary**, who expired early Wednesday morning Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, after a lingering illness of many months with consumption. The interment took place Thursday in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The funeral oration was delivered by Rev. S. R. Lester of Springville. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved family and relatives.

Feb. 2, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Mr. Elias B. **Polk**, of Cook Springs, died one day last week. Mr. Polk was a good citizen and will be missed in the community. He was superintendent of Public roads in beat 16 at the time of his death.

Feb. 8, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Riverside. Miss Sallie **Scizzon** was burned to death in a frightful manner last Wednesday morning. Her mother had spent the previous night with a neighbor, and the younger children having gone to school, Miss Sallie was left alone. When Mrs. Scizzon returned, accompanied by Mrs. Day with whom she had spent the night, her charred and smoking

body was found lying near the hearth, a few moments more and the house would have burned up, thus leaving her horrible death shrouded in mystery. Miss Sallie was an estimable young lady and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the grief stricken family. She was buried in Riverside cemetery on Thursday evening, Rev. Mr. Butts conducting the burial services.

Feb. 15, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: John **Mize** Dead. Mr. T. J. Mize received a message Wednesday afternoon stating that his son, John, who has been working at Ft. Worth, was dead. Mr. Mize had received a letter last week that John was sick, but it was not known that he was dangerously ill. Mr. Mize left on the night train for Ft. Worth. The deceased was a brother of P. B. Mize of Brompton.

Feb. 15, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Kelly's Creek. A very distressing circumstance occurred near here last Friday morning. Little Juddie **Abrons**, eight year old son of Mr. Pinkney Abrons, while helping his father scald a hog became overbalanced and fell in a tub of scalding water. Medical skill failed to give him any relief, and about 7 o'clock Saturday morning his soul passed from this low ground of sorrow into the realms of ultimate glory. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

+Feb. 22, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: John **Dean**, col., died Saturday night and was buried Sunday.

+Feb. 22, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Charley **Murphy**, colored, died at

Whitney on last Monday morning.

Feb. 22, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: The sad death of Mr. T. B. **Matthews**, formerly of this county, but later of Colorado, occurred on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb.. The corpse was shipped to Caldwell, and his remains were buried at Pleasant Hill cemetery on the 16<sup>th</sup>, funeral conducted by Rev. P. S. Montgomery. Mr. Matthews left this county some 12 years ago. He first went to Texas and from there to Colorado. His death was from a fall said to be some 550 feet. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mar. 1, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Partlow. Bill **England**, who was suffering from bone felon of the mouth, died last Wednesday. He had been afflicted for over two months.

Mar. 1, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Union Grove. Died Feb. 30 [sic], Mrs. W. A. **Dorsett**, aged 50 years. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. Her remains were interred at the Hopewell Cemetery Thursday.

Mar. 1, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died on last Saturday night, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar **Hood**, of Hoods.

Mar. 22, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died at her home at Cook's Springs, March 14, 1900, Miss Katie **Carraker**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carraker. Her remains were interred at Cooks Springs Cemetery.

Mar. 22, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Mrs. **Harrison**, wife of our townsman, L. P. Harrison, died

Wednesday morning. Mrs. Harrison had been ill for several days with pneumonia fever and while her condition was critical, it was not known that she was so dangerously ill. She leaves a husband and seven children besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. She was the daughter of our esteemed friend Hewlett Chapman, of Fairview. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been at the bedside of their daughter for several days.

Mar. 22, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Judge Forman received a telegram Monday, notifying him of the death of J. M. **Thomason**, of Cedartown, Ga., a brother-in-law of Mrs. Forman. Judge Forman left Tuesday for Cedartown. Mrs. Forman intended going, but was unable to get to Whitney on account of the high waters. The remains were brought to Springville and buried Wednesday.

Mar. 30, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died near Eden on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. C. **C. Harless**. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mar. 30, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died on last Monday, L. P. **Harrison**, of this place. This was indeed a sad death, Mrs. Harrison having died the week previous. Mr. Harrison was about 46 years of age and the father of seven children. He was a member of St. Clair Lodge No. 112 Knights of Pythias, which order had charge of the funeral ceremonies which were conducted by Rev. J. A. Glenn. Mr. Hewlett Chapman, of Fairview, the grandfather, took charge of the orphaned children. A large number of relatives were in the city to attend

the funeral.

Mar. 30, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Partlow. Died on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. Elizabeth **Bice**. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

Mar. 30, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: The remains of Luther **Spradley** were interred at Mt. Pisgah cemetery Sunday evening. He lived near Easonville and the cause of death was pneumonia.

Apr. 5, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died, at his home near Eden, on last Wednesday, a week ago, Mr. Alex **Dunlap**. Mr. Dunlap was one of the old and highly respected citizens of Coosa Valley. He had many friends over the entire county who will be sorry to hear of his death.

Apr. 5, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died on last Sunday at Fairview, Mr. Jno. **Baswell**. Mr. Baswell was about 28 years of age, a son of S. Baswell of that place. The deceased was a widower, his wife having died last November leaving one small child. Among the relatives is Mrs. M. E. Forsythe, a sister, who resides at this place. The remains were buried at Reeve's cemetery near Ashville Monday.

Apr. 19, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Eden. Died at her home last Thursday, Mrs. W. P. **Garner**. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

Apr. 19, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died, on last Saturday at Riverside, Mr. Henry **Truss**. The deceased was one of St. Clair's oldest and most respected citizens.

We do not know about his family, excepting one son at Riverside. The deceased was a father of Maj. Truss, who died a few years ago at Seddon.

Apr. 19, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: New London. On last Tuesday night, Owens **Lee** relapsed with measles and died Thursday about 6 o'clock a.m. Owens was a son of F. P. Lee, and a clever and generous hearted boy. He was married to Miss Katie Hoile two months and six days prior to his death, and had just started out in life to battle for himself. The remains were interred in the Mt. Pisgah cemetery Friday.

Apr. 19, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Lunny **Pike**, 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pike, died with pneumonia Thursday.

Apr. 26, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Died, on yesterday morning, Mr. Abraham **Cox**, living near Ashville. Mr. Cox was 81 years of age, and was one of those citizens who commanded the respect of everyone, regardless of age, color or condition. He had been a citizen of our county for more than half a century and had raised a large family. Among the number being Messrs. A. W. and Gus Cox, with whom he resided, and Mr. R. A. Cox, of this place. He also has a daughter in this county, Mrs. I. N. Currier, and a son, J. C. Cox, of Oxford. He has for years been a member of the Presbyterian church, and a member of the Masonic Lodge at this place. Mr. Cox had been in feeble health for some time and while it was known he could not survive, it is sad to chronicle the death of a citizen that has been ever loyal to God and his

fellow man. His remains will be interred at the cemetery this afternoon, the ceremonies to be conducted by the Masonic Order.

+Apr. 26, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Fannie **Patterson**, col., and Jane **Thaxton**, col., of Whitney, died last week.

Apr. 26, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Coal City. Maudy **Baswell**, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Baswell, died last Saturday after a day's sickness. It was interred in the Methodist cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

+Apr. 26, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: Bing **Byers**, one of our most prosperous farmers and esteemed colored citizens died at his home near here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.

Apr. 26, 1900, *Southern Alliance*: In Memoriam of A. P. **Stair**, deceased. He was born in Virginia. When he had arrived to the age of manhood, he came to this country and was united in matrimony with Elizabeth Partlow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Partlow, in April 1872. He then settled down near his father-in-law's on the A.G.R.R. and lived there about 15 years. He was a prosperous farmer while in this community. He was also an honest upright citizen of St. Clair County. He sold out in the fall of 1887 and went to Arkansas and settled down in Cleburne County, near Wolf Bayou, and lived a prospering life of 13 years. He then fell a victim to slow fever and died April 9, 1900. He leaves a wife, 5 children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was a member of the M. E. church and lived a good

Christian life. He was a man known to a great number of people in St. Clair. He now lives in that bright, celestial land where parting is no more. [signed] D. P. Allman.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1900***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 3, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: We regret to learn that on Dec. 29, ult, Robert **Cason**, son of Dr. James D. Cason of Coal City, was killed on the coal shaft of that place. While working at the pump, a car broke loose at the tip, running at rapid speed, struck and knocked the young man about 30 feet. He was about 24 years old, and a young man of much promise. The unfortunate sad affair cast a deep gloom over the community.

Jan. 10, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Turpie **Walker**, age 88, died at the residence of her son, A. B. Walker, in this city, Monday night. She had been in feeble health for sometime.

Jan. 10, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. Nickolas C. **Jones**, an old and respected citizen of near Branchville, died last Saturday.

Jan. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Richard **Lankford**, brought in from Avondale, son of J. D. Lankford, were interred at Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Jan. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan. 17, 1900, B. A. **Clary**, age 30. The deceased has been ill for some time with that dreaded disease consumption.

Feb. 7, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: A

Sad Death. Many of our readers will remember Thos. **Matthews**, who was a pupil in the school at Ashville some years ago and boarded at Mr. Jink Clark's on Ala. St. He was an industrious and well esteemed youth.

Recently he went to Klondyke hoping to better his fortune there, but finally returned to Colorado in the search for Gold. Last Saturday week, he was out in the ridges with a party of prospectors looking for the precious metal. He was up on a cliff when leaning too far over he lost his balance, and in the fall his neck was broken.

We learn that his brother, Burt Matthews, of Celeste, Texas, had his remains shipped to Springville and that his body was interred at Pleasant Hill, the family burying ground.

The widowed mother, brothers and sister have our sympathies at the untimely and unfortunate death of the son and brother.

Feb. 14, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Miss Salle **Scisson** was burned to death at Riverside recently, and the house narrowly escaped.

Feb. 14, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Springville, Feb. 5, 1900, Mrs. Allen **Revis**, age 72. The deceased was the wife of Mr. Allen Revis, one of the oldest citizens of the county, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philemon Bradford, pioneer settlers of the county, and a member of the Baptist church, Springville, 55 years.

Feb. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Little son of Pink **Abrom** at Easonville fell into a tub of boiling water while his father was scalding

hogs and died from his injuries.

+Feb. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: John **Dean**, son of Pomp Dean, colored, died Feb. 17.

Mar. 7, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: We regret to report the death of Wm. **England** at Partlow from bone felon of the mouth. The deceased had suffered some time.

Mar. 7, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: One of the most shocking crimes in the history of Talladega was committed on the night of Feb. 28 in the western part of town. Pink **Dobbins**, a citizen of the county, was killed by Elbert Curry, a Negro about 22 years old. Mr. Dobbins had been in town for several days, and last night was enticed to the outskirts of the city by the Negro, and when near Talladega College, was murdered. Dobbins throat was cut from ear to ear, and there were nine other gashes on the body.

The Negro Curry was arrested this morning and acknowledged the crime. He had blood on his clothing, and had in his pocket some notes and accounts belonging to Dobbins.

The crime was committed for the purpose of robbery.

The murdered man was well known throughout this [St. Clair] county, having relatives here, and once, for a number of years, was a resident of the county.

Mar. 7, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: James **Martin**, living near Leesburg, was killed by a falling limb of a tree last Monday.

Mar. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: On the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst, Aunt Martha **Jester**, residing in the



Palmetto settlement, was found dead in her bed.

Mar. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 21, 1900, of pneumonia, Mrs. L. P. **Harrison** of this city. The deceased has been a resident of Ashville for a number of years and leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss, and who have the sympathies of this entire community in their bereavement.

Mar. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Lieut. J. H. Reeves, arrived on the 16<sup>th</sup> from Pueblo, Col., with the remains of his father and sister, the late Col. James A. **Reeves** and Miss May **Reeves**.

Mar. 28, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 26, 1900, at his home in Ashville, L. P. **Harrison**. This is a double bereavement to the family and relatives—the wife and mother having departed this life last Wednesday. A family of little children are left orphans—sad—sad—indeed!

The remains of deceased were interred last Tuesday. The K. of P. Lodge of which deceased was a member here had the charge of the burial.

Apr. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died, March 27, 1900, Mrs. C. C. **Harless**, near Eden.

Apr. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 24, Mrs. Elizabeth **Bice**, of Partlow.

Apr. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died, near Easonville, Luther **Spradley**. Remains interred at Mt. Pisgah, March 25.

Apr. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died last week at Fairview, Jno. **Baswell**. The deceased was buried at Reeve's. Rev. J. S. E. Robinson conducting service.

Apr. 11, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Eden, March 28, Alexander **Dunlap**.

Apr. 11, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: A sad accident occurred in the Shoal Creek settlement on April 6. Last Friday Tatum **Pugh**, age 21, son of J. C. Pugh and a brother of Lem Pugh, was accidentally shot and killed by his young brother.

Apr. 18, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Glenn Addie, Ashville annex, on April 11, Uncle Sammy **McBrayer**, an old pioneer citizen of the county, age 88. He was much respected by a host of neighbors and friends throughout the county. The deceased had been in feeble health for some time. He leaves two sons here, David and Henry, besides other children who have the sympathies of those who knew the deceased.

Apr. 18, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: We learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Arbella **King** of Jack—, Tennessee, leaving a husband and 2 daughters. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. J. A. Glenn, of Glenn Addie.

Apr. 25, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: There have been about 40 new cases of measles at New London. Owen **Lee** died on the 12<sup>th</sup> from a relapse of the disease, and the 8-year-old son of Mrs. Walter **Pike**, Lunny, died of pneumonia on the same day.

Apr. 25, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. W. A. **Garner** died on last

Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. at Eden. She was a Christian lady and a member of the Baptist church.

May 9, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died April 29, 1900, little **daughter** of Jas. **Terry** near Cornelia.

May 9, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1900, Mrs. Cassie **Allison** of Helms.

May 9, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Wesley **Giffy**, son of John Giffy, age 21, at Hoods.

May 16, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: SHOOTING NEAR PINKVIEW. On May 12, 1900, afternoon, John Ferguson shot and killed Wm. J. **Andrews**—both men living west of Ashville in St. Clair county. They had had a quarrel several days ago about Andrews hair. John Ferguson joking the former about it. A fight ensued in which Andrews cut Ferguson in three places, but not seriously. The wounds had about healed and the neighbors thought the matter had ended. Not so, however, on the fatal day Andrews and his mother were walking past the house of Ferguson, when the latter came out with a double barrel shotgun and did the killing.

May 30, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died, Idavarena **Philips**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Philips, aged 3 years. Ida was dear to the home of her parents as an only daughter, the delight of the family and the sweet companion of many young friends, but she was laid to rest by loved ones left behind to think of her in sorrow.

+Jun. 6, 1900, *Southern Aegis*:

# FAN HAMMOND KILLED BY MACK MARTIN IN EAST END.

On last Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, after dark, several pistol shots were heard in the East end of the city. When the smoke cleared away, it was found that Fan **Hammond** had been perforated by a bullet at the hands of Mack Martin of Greensport, both colored. The trouble grew out of a former fuss at Ragland. The dead negro had been following Martin up all day for fight and the latter could not keep out of his way, reports say. Martin is believed to have been justified in the shooting.

Jun. 6, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: In less than 3 minutes after being baptized in the river at Memphis, Tenn., June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim **Philips** was drowned in the same river by falling into it in a religious fervor.

Jun. 6, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Amos **Hare**.

Jun. 27, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Cropwell last week Mrs. W. P. **Knapp**, of measles. A husband and three children mourn for her.

Jun. 27, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Mack Falls, Ala., while on a visit to her daughter, on June 14, 1900, Mrs. Lovina **Laney**, buried at Eden on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jun. 27, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died June 18<sup>th</sup> at Alverson, **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. **Alverson**.

Jun. 27, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Coal City on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1900, Vida Gertrude **Savage**, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Savage.

Jun. 27, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died June 23, 1900, at Ashville, William Redden **Philips**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Philips. This child had been afflicted with whooping cough for which there was no relief, yet it lingered long between hope and dread until its strength wasted away and it could struggle no longer. The bereaved parents were comforted in their sorrow by numerous friends.

Jun. 27, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 23, 1900, Slate community, Mrs. Louis **Staten**, aged 63.

Jul. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 25, 1900, the **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. **Moore** of Oldtown, aged 6 m.

Jul. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died June 22, 1900, Balis **Lovell** of near Pine Forest, aged 70. For 50 years he was a member of the Baptist church. His remains were interred at Liberty on June 26.

+Jul. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Mary **Hall**, a colored woman visiting Jim Beason, died June 30, 1900.

Jul. 4, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: SHOOTING AFFRAY. At Coal City On Jun. 28. One Man Killed. Last Thursday a shooting took place at Coal City in which John **Baptiste** was killed by J. S. Simpson, aided by his son Everette, and the elder Simpson was shot in the arm and hip. Baptiste boarded with the Simpsons, and recently was driven off by them.

The whole lay-out located at Coal City from Coalburg where after

the quarrel the latter returned. On last Thursday the father returned to Coal city and going to where Baptiste was then boarding went to the door where he opened fire on Baptiste while the son Everett shot into the room. Baptiste at first tried to defend himself with a chair, but got a shotgun and blazed away, when the battle was over it was found that Baptiste was dead having been shot twice near the heart and once in the hand.

There are various rumors about the tragedy we refrain from publishing. The Simpsons are under arrest and the matter will be sifted in the courts. [See also Aug. 22 below.]

Aug. 15, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on August 8<sup>th</sup> at his home in Odenville, Frank **Robertson**, aged 30 years.

Aug. 22, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: JAILOR LOCKED UP WHILE PRISONERS ESCAPED. On the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>, about 7 o'clock, when Jailer Cooley entered the jail to see to the safety of his charge, he passed to the Simpson cell. The old man Simpson had been feigning sick, but rose from behind a door, ordered Cooley into his cell, covering him with a pistol. On the outside, the doors were fastened with a bolt. Cooley, Mrs. Simpson and the younger Simpson were fastened in the cell.

A Negro prisoner, Ham McClasken, in jail on a charge of assault with intent to murder, was on service outside. He was given orders by the elder Simpson to turn the young Simpson out. Mrs. Simpson remaining confined in the cell.

Simpson, his son and the Negro

then scaled the plank wall surrounding the jail yard by means of a rope made from a quilt torn into strings and well plated for its purpose. The whole scheme of escape had been well planned and matured before operated.

Mrs. Simpson had been here several days putting up at the Ashville Hotel and had got permission from the authorities to visit her husband when she wished. She had undoubtedly furnished him the revolver and assisted in the plan of escape.

She remained in the cell with Cooley to hold him down until the outside walls had been scaled, and when he latter began to call for help, she sang as loud as she could to divert attention from the jailer's call. Bloodhounds and dogs were procured, but failed to track up the escapes.

It is believed here that the Simpsons went out to Whitney and flagged down the Cannon Ball at 8:30 that evening, as Mrs. Simpson had been inquiring that day as to what time it passed. By a prearranged plan, the Simpson probably got off No. 1 at some point before it reached Birmingham, taking to the Wood. The Simpsons were in jail on charge of murder of one John **Baptiste** at Coal City recently.

Aug. 22, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Tolbert **Hammock** residing about 4 miles east of Springville, on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, while out gathering apples under a tree, was struck and killed by lightning, aged about 65 years. The tree was not struck, and it appears that Hammock received the bolt in his head.

Aug. 22, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died Aug. 19-20, the two **children** of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. **Crump**. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Mt. Zion Monday. Elmer **Crump** died the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., his remains will be interred in the cemetery at Mt. Zion Tuesday 10 a.m.

Sep. 12, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Ragland recently, Almer, the daughter of N. C. **Vann**, aged 16 years.

Sep. 26, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 19, 1900, Mable **Byers**, daughter of Mrs. Ada V. Byers, aged 5 years. Mable was laid to rest on the 20<sup>th</sup> in Ashville's cemetery.

Sep. 26, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Oldtown, on Sept 23, **infant** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. **Glidewell**.

Sep. 26, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Thornton **Mize** of Beaver Valley, aged 24.

+Oct. 3, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died, on Sept. 24, 1900, Whitney settlement, Lindy **Hall**, a colored woman much respected by her friends.

Oct. 3, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept 23, 1900, **infant** child of Peyton **Montgomery**, Newton settlement.

Oct. 3, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Thursday, Sept. 27, 1900, 12:30 a.m. W. J. **Hill**. The deceased had been quite sick for several weeks, yet his death was sudden. The remains will be interred at this

place. The bereaved relatives have the sympathies of the entire community in their severe trial.

Oct. 3, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1900, near Old Town, Mr. John **Glidewell**, Sr., aged 60 years. Interred at Friendship.

Oct. 10, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died Sept. 30, 1900, Lola **Knox**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knox, Beaver Creek settlement, aged 9 years. Died suddenly with congestive chills.

Oct. 10, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died Sept. 27, 1900, Wm. **Williamson**, of Kelley's Creek.

Oct. 17, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Bethany Oct. 14, 1900, **infant** child of Emma **Farly**.

Oct. 17, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Newton, Oct. 9, 1900, Mrs. Matilda **Glidewell**, aged 60 years.

Oct. 17, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on October 16, 1900, at Ashville, little Corine **Nunnelly**, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Nunnelly, aged 9 years. Corine was an interesting girl, affectionate and of a most lovable disposition, a great favorite with the old and young of this community. Her death was a surprise not only to all her friends but to the family. The little girl had not been sick long, was taken with a chill three days before and not suspected to be so near death until its icy clasp was laid on her. There is deep sympathy felt by all for the distressed family of the beloved departed, who must find their better consolation in Him who said, Suffer little children to come unto me, for

of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Oct. 17, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Partlow. Miss Dana **Jones** died Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock. We extend our sympathies to the parents. She was the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Jones and her death was a great shock to her many friends. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and had been for two years. She leaves a large number of friends to mourn her death, while we know it is a loss to us it is a gain to Heaven. Her father was at the bedside of his father in Georgia and arrived home in time to find his only daughter and youngest child passed from Earth to Heaven. Dear parents and Brothers we know it is hard to give our dear ones up and grieving is not forbidden. But you should be content with the thought that she is at rest with Jesus. She will have no more sickness and no more trouble; she is at rest forever and this should only make us walk right and our work on earth will soon be finished and then we will have to go. The path is straight and narrow and few walk therein. Now dear bereaved ones comfort your hearts with the fact that she is at rest with Jesus. O. T. N.

+Oct. 24, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Tom **Jordine**, a negro, was found dead in an alley home. He was known to have money, and had been dead three days. No report made within that time. Suspicious.

Oct. 31, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 21, 1900, Mrs. T. E. **Haygood** of Brompton.

Oct. 31, 1900, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on Oct. 23, 1900, 7 year old **son** of Wright **McLaughlin** of Odenville.

Oct. 31, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. \_\_\_\_, 1900, Miss **Holms**, daughter of J. B. Holmes of Beaver Valley. Interred at Friendship.

Nov. 7, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Alfred **Wicks**, aged 85, on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> was struck by a train on A. G. S. near Powderly and killed.

Nov. 14, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 3, 1900, Mrs. Dona **Hooper**. The deceased had been ill for some time. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sunday, regular service. She was a good member and consistent member of the M. E. church. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved.

Nov. 14, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died Nov. 11, 1900, Rev. W. A. **Dorsett**, aged 24. Deceased was well known here as one of the promising young men of our county. He had quite recently been ordained as a minister in the Baptist church.

Nov. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 8, 1900, near Caldwell, Mrs. B. A. **Cleary**, age 27 years. Her remains were interred in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. Rev. P. S. Montgomery officiating. The deceased leaves three children to mourn their loss. She was a sister of our townsman Thos. L. Nunnally.

Nov. 21, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 17, 1900, at Pell City, **infant** of Mr. and Mrs. **Davis**.

Dec. 5, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died at this place Nov. 22, 1900, Miss Mattie **Meads**.

Dec. 19, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: The little **daughter** of Berry **Tucker**, of Coal City, reported two weeks ago as badly burned, has died since. The parents have our sympathy.

Dec. 19, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Dec. 17, 1900, John Hodges **Philips**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. F. Philips, of Ashville, age 14 years. The funeral services took place Tuesday morning last. services conducted by Rev. N. H. Olmstead.

Dec. 19, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died Dec. 6, 1900, at Beaver Valley, Jonas **Bradshaw**, aged 85 years. He came to this county in 1852, and was a good citizen and prominent in the church and a consistent Christian.

Dec. 19, 1900, *Southern Aegis*: Died recently at Steeles, Boyd **Blain** [or **Blair**], the oldest son of B. F. Blain [or Blair], and one worthy as a model for the youth of his settlement. His death was a sad affliction, both on the household and the community.

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### *Springville News, 1900*

Springville, Alabama

May 3, 1900, *Springville News*: The little **daughter** of Jas. **Terry**, living about 2 miles from Cornelia, died on April 29, of pneumonia.

May 24, 1900, *Springville News*: Steele. The **infant** child of Mr. And Mrs. Lon **Frazier** died at Vance and was buried here Friday afternoon.

+Jun. 7, 1900, *Springville News*: Fan **Hammonds**, colored, was killed here last Saturday evening about 7:30 by Mack Martin of Greensport. Old fuss. Martin is not blamed.

Jun. 7, 1900, *Springville News*: F. H. **Lathrop's little babe** was brought out from B'ham and buried at Seddon Graveyard the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jun. 28, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on June 23, 1900, **infant son** of Mr. And Mrs. B. F. **Philips**, age about 1 year. The parents have the deep sympathy of the community in their distress.

Jul. 5, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on June 26, 1900, **infant** baby of Mr. And Mrs. T. J. **Moore**. The parents have the sympathies of the entire community in their deep distress.

Aug. 9, 1900, *Springville News*: On July 31, 1900, at 4 a.m., Mrs. Lela A. **Smith**, wife of J. A. Smith, died at her home near Springville. Her remains were interred in the Liberty Cemetery near Branchville, Aug. 1, 1900, at 11 a.m. The writer conducted the funeral services. The occasion was an impressive one. There was a large concourse of people who seemed to be in deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives.

It was hard for them to give her up, for she was a good woman, a loving wife, and a darling daughter. She leaves behind a devoted husband, faithful parents, and loving brothers and sisters who will miss her indeed. But they can console themselves with the blessed assurance of meeting her in the

"sweet Bye and Bye," where parting will be no more. —J. B. Stovall

Aug. 16, 1900, *Springville News*: I am sorry to report the death of Mr. Willis **Roberson**. He died at his home at Odenville on last Thursday morning. Will was a good boy in many respects. When their was sickness in the community, he was ready and willing to do all he could for them. Remains were interred in Liberty Cemetery Aug. 10. The bereaved relatives have our heartfelt sympathies.

Aug. 16, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Aug. 11, 1900, **Eunice Lillian**, the 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. **Meeks**. The remains were interred in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. Rev. O. L. Millcan officiating. The bereaved parents have our deepest sympathies.

Aug. 23, 1900, *Springville News*: Died, the little **infant** of Mr. And Mrs. W. C. **Stancil**, on last Friday. The remains were interred in Evergreen Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Aug. 23, 1900, *Springville News*: Died, on Aug. 17, 1900, Otice **Presley**, the 4 year old Daughter of Mr. And Mrs. E. J. Presley. The little girl was taken suddenly with a congestion of the bowels and died in a few hours. Her remains were interred in the Argo cemetery. Rev. S. R. Lester officiating. The parents have the heartfelt sympathies of all in the loss of their little one.

Aug. 23, 1900, *Springville News*: Died, on Aug. 19, 1900, I. L.

**Patterson** age 33. The deceased had been quite sick with fever for 7 weeks, and only a few days before his death he was thought to be improving. He leaves a wife and 4 children besides a loving father and several brothers to mourn their loss. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church at this place. He was laid to rest in the Oneonta Cemetery, Rev. S. R. Lester conducting services. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. The sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved family.

Aug. 30, 1900, *Springville News*: Oldtown. Died, 23<sup>rd</sup>, the **infant** baby of Mr. and Mrs. John **Willman**. The remains were interred at the Moore Cemetery.

Aug. 30, 1900, *Springville News*: Albert **Cates** of Ragland was so badly burned in the mines by the explosion of powder Saturday evening that he died Sunday.

Aug. 30, 1900, *Springville News*: A little **child** of E. **Crump** died Sunday morning and was buried Monday at Mt. Zion. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Sep. 6, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Aug. 31, 1900, at the residence of A. W. Woodall, Miss Jennie **Wilson**, of Birmingham, sister of Mrs. A. W. Woodall. The deceased has been down with typhoid fever for 54 days. Her remains were carried to Birmingham for interment. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved ones.

Sep. 13, 1900, *Springville News*: Mrs. Pate **Harp** of Etowah passed from this stage of action on the 4<sup>th</sup>

inst. We regret very much to lose her, but we hope she is at rest in that beautiful land unknown to us now. We hope some day to strike hands with her on the fair banks of sweet deliverance.

The deceased leaves a husband and 2 small children to mourn their loss. We extend sympathies to the bereaved ones. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Hopewell on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sep. 20, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Sept. 17, 1900, Rosa **Hooper**, the 11 year old daughter of Mrs. Dona Hooper. The deceased had been quite sick for several weeks. Her remains were followed to their final resting place by a large number of friends whose sympathies go out to the bereaved ones in their great affliction.

Sep. 27, 1900, *Springville News*: The pale Angel of Death has once more visited the home of Pate **Harp** and taken his **infant** child, the brightest jewel that had ever made its appearance in his home. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Hopewell.

Sep. 27, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Sept. 19, 1900, **Mabel**, the little daughter of Mrs. Ada V. **Byers**. The child was taken suddenly ill with convulsions while the mother was in Louisville, and rendered the misfortune doubly afflicting to the parent by its death before the latter reached its bedside.

Sep. 27, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Thursday, Sept. 27, 1900, 12:30 a.m., **W. J. Hill**. The deceased had been quite sick for several weeks, yet his death was sudden.

The remains will be interred in the cemetery at this place. The bereaved relatives have the sympathies of the entire community in their severe trial.

Oct. 4, 1900, *Springville News*: Little **Lucille**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. **Frazier**, died Saturday evening and was buried at the cemetery Sunday evening. Rev. R. L. Crump conducted the burial services. The bereaved parents and relatives have our sympathy.

Oct. 4, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Sept. 28, 1900, the 2 year old **child** of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. **Long**. The little child had been quite sick for several weeks, but was thought to be improving just before its death. The remains were interred in the Fuller Grave Yard. Rev. S. R. Lester conducting the services. The bereaved relatives have our deepest sympathies.

Oct. 4, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Sept. 29, 1900, the 4 year old **daughter** of Doc **Chandler**. The little one died with the membranous croup. The remains were interred in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery next day. Rev. S. R. Lester officiating.

Oct. 4, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Oct. 2, 1900, at the home of his father near here, Wm. **Puckett**, age 20. The deceased had been sick for three weeks with typhoid fever. His remains were interred in the cemetery at this place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and followed to their last resting place by a large number of friends. Revs. Lester and Montgomery conducted the funeral services. The bereaved ones have our sympathies.

Oct. 4, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on 23<sup>rd</sup> ult, the **infant** baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. **Glidewell**. The deceased had been quite sick for several weeks. The remains were followed to their final resting place by a large number of friends, whose sympathies go out to the bereaved ones in their great afflictions.

Oct. 18, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1900, at 9 a.m., **Corine**, the 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. **Nunnelley** of Ashville. The little girl was only sick a short time and her death was very sudden. The bereaved parents have the sympathies of all our people in their sad affliction.

Oct. 25, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Oct. 21, 1900, Mrs. T. E. **Haygood** of Brompton.

Oct. 25, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Oct. 23, 1900, the 7 year old **son** of Wright **McLaughlin** of Odenville.

Nov. 1, 1900, *Springville News*: The Death Angel came to the home of J. B. **Holmes** and took his **daughter**. Her remains were interred at Friendship Cemetery.

Nov. 1, 1900, *Springville News*: Died at his home in Springville, Oct. 29, 1900, Thos. W. **Truss**, age 71 years, 5 months, and 25 days. Mr. Truss was born in this county and spent all his life here. He was well known by all the people of this community as one of our best citizens and most devoted Christians. He joined the C. P. [Cumberland Presbyterian] Church at this place in 1872, and has lived a

most devout and Christian life to the time of his death and possessed an untiring zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Christ that few possess. He will be missed from our town and community and his place in his church will be hard to fill, and his fervent prayers will be missed in all the churches.

His first wife, Mrs. Hulda Truss, preceded him about 2 years and 6 mon. ago, and he leaves a wife, a lonely daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hill, 2 brothers, Geo. M. and A. B. Truss, and several grand children, with a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Nov. 1, 1900, *Springville News*: Odenville. Little Oran **McLaughlin** ceased to be on this earth last Tuesday morning and joined with the angels on the other shore. Dear parents and relatives, look for the coming time when all shall meet to part no more. You all have been long together. Through pleasant and cloudy weather, 'tis hard to part when friends are dear. Oh, it has cost sighs and tears. But say not good bye, for in some brighter clime we will say good morning.

Nov. 8, 1900, *Springville News*: Died on Nov. 3, 1900, Mrs. Dona **Hooper**. The deceased had been quite ill for some time. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday, regular service. She was a good woman, and a consistent member of the M. E. Church. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved.

Nov. 22, 1900, *Springville News*: On Nov. 10, 1900, at her home, Branchville, St. Clair Co., Ala., Mrs. Preshey [**Vandegrift**], the devoted wife of J. H. Vandegrift,

went to her eternal reward. Her death was quite sudden, bringing grief and sorrow to her loved ones and many friends.

Her remains were interred at her home, in the yard, Monday eve, Nov. 12. The burial service was conducted by the writer. The occasion was an impressive one. The music, conducted by Mrs. Eugene Vandegrift, was animating and appropriate. It was hard for the grief stricken family to give up their best friend. She leaves behind a faithful husband, 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, and a host of grand children.

She was a good woman, a loving wife, a devoted mother, a true and loyal neighbor and a consecrated Christian. She lived to see the ripe age of "three score and ten years." She was a loyal member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 57 years. She died in the triumph of a living faith and passed to her happy reward in a "better land."

Nov. 29, 1900, *Springville News*: Branchville. Died at her home near here, on Nov. 22, Miss Mattie **Meads**. She had been sick for some time with fever. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1901***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 2, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Dec. 28, 1900, Alfred **Hodges** at Union Grove, aged 58 years. The deceased was one of our most highly respected citizens, prominent in his community and his church. A man of great piety, esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were interred in the cemetery on Monday, and the

funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Glenn.

Jan. 30, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died at his home in Glenn Addie, surrounded by his family, at 10 o'clock, a.m., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1901, Hon. Albert G. **Watson**, age 58 years and 8 months. Present at his bedside, besides his tender wife and younger children, Mrs. Abbott (an only sister, with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Knighton), Mr. Arthur V. Abbott, nephew, W. T. Nall, son-in-law and family, and Cliff L. Watson, son, all of Birmingham; and Mr. LeRoy W. Watson—a son—and wife and Lonnie C. Watson, son, of Gadsden.

The deceased has been a conspicuous man in St. Clair county for years where he raised a large and interesting family of boys and girls to honor his memory; all of those at the age of maturity are doing well in various parts of the state.

He held the public position of tax collector of this county for eight years in succession, and quite recently was elected to the office of probate judge; his official career closed at the expiration of his term as probate judge, when he bought the McDonald farm where he resided at the time of his death.

He was a member of the M. E. church south, and was always honored by his brethren with important positions in the offices of the church. His death leaves a vacant place in his church which will be difficult to fill.

Prominent among his virtues as a man, citizen, and the head of a family was his liberality to his church and other causes of merit. He was endowed with a strong will, and

noted for his irrepressible push and activity in all he undertook, and doubtless his death was hastened in this way. He suffered frequently from acute neuralgia, which attacked him while lying low with pneumonia complicated with Catarrh, to which he finally succumbed.

His funeral took place at the M. E. church house, on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., at 2 o'clock p.m., and was largely attended by citizens from far and wide. The services were conducted by Rev. N. H. Olmstead, pastor, and concluded at the grave. The family has the deep sympathies of this entire community in its sad bereavement.

Feb. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: On last Wednesday night, Jan. 23, 1901, Mrs. E. M. **Eastis**, of Avondale, formerly of this place, passed from this world into the great beyond.

Feb. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901, Mrs. Mary I. **Hood**, wife of Rev. Noah H. Hood, of this city, aged 52 years. The deceased was a Christian mother, true and tried, for about thirty-five years a devout and consistent member of the Baptist church. Attending her bedside were Prof. W. R. Hood, of Howard College; Col. Oliver Hood, of Gadsden; O. H. Hood, of Hoods, sons; Mrs. Nannie Morris, of Morrisville, daughter accompanied by Mr. Morris and a number of young children at the home. J. R. Cooper, and only brother, was present.

The deceased was an amiable, kind neighbor, and will be missed by her friends. All who knew her loved her for her bright womanly

qualities of mind and heart. Her children do her memory honor and bear testimony to her motherly care. There is the deepest sympathy felt in this community for the bereaved husband and family.

The funeral was attended by a large number of citizens—many from other neighborhoods—and took place at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon; services conducted by Rev. E. \_\_\_ Moore, of Steeles.

Feb. 16, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: A. **Cain**, an old and respected citizen, died on last Sunday night very suddenly.

Feb. 20, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: At Woodall Spur on the 2d inst., the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. **Sharpton** died.

+Feb. 27, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Old Uncle Sam **Byers** died here Feb. 26, 1901. He was nearly a centenarian, an ante-bellum slave well-known to whites and blacks of this community. He leaves a wife and a number of children, the latter born to freedom.

Mar. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died near Springville on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1901, Jas. **Shurbet** aged 71. The deceased left a wife and 11 children.

Mar. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died March 4, Luther **Haithcox**, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Haithcox.

Mar. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Steele. On Tuesday morning Feb. 26, death came to the relief of little Ralph **Moore** after two weeks illness. The parents have our sincere

sympathies in their bereavement.

Mar. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: JOEL STARNES TRIBUTE. A good man has passed away. Mr. Joel **Starns** was born Sept. 4, 1844, and died Jan. 18, 1901. He was laid to rest on Jan. 21, 1901, at Harkey's Chapel. In early life joined the Methodist Episcopal church and my acquaintance with Brother Starns covered several of the latter years of his life, he has proved to be a faithful man, liberal in church support. He was an intelligent and appreciative hearer of the gospel and was gifted to some extent in prayer. Mr. Starns suffered a great deal in his old days, but bore his sickness in a remarkable degree. He was a good neighbor and true to every one. Seldom do we meet such paternal love as existed in this father. He spent his last years in Alabama, St. Clair Co. He was married three times, first to Miss Elizabeth Barber, next to Mrs. Fannie J. Monroe and afterwards to Miss Jane Cochran. Several children of the first wife survive him while several children and last wife still live to mourn his death. I could write much of his character and worth but refrain. He died honored, respected and beloved and doubtless has entered upon his reward as a faithful servant. A brother, J. M. Payne, Coal City, Ala.

Mar. 6, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 5, 1901, Alfred **Dean**, aged 51. The deceased was engaged in business at Attalla but was well known in St. Clair where he was born and raised. His remains were taken to Calhoun county for interment.

Mar. 13, 1901, *Southern Aegis*:



Died on Feb. 28, 1901, Mrs. Cathrine **Riddle**, aged 47 years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church. Her remains were interred at Low Gap cemetery on Black Creek.

Mar. 13, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Cross Roads. The **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. James **Simmons** died on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. The remains were interred at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mar. 20, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Mr. Arch **Hambright**, aged 79, was laid to rest at Bethel Church last Friday.

Mar. 27, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 23, 1901, at her residence in Beaver Valley, Mrs. Martin **Coker**, aged 68 years, and was interred at Evergreen on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Rev. N. H. Olmstead conducting the services. There was a large attendance at the grave. The deceased was a consistent member of the M. E. church, South, had been afflicted for some time; but recently had a severe attack of the LaGrippe, which ended her life.

Mar. 27, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died last week near Taylor'sburg, Mrs. G. B. **Jones**, aged about 38 years. Leaves a husband and seven children.

Apr. 3, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 25, 1901, at St. Clair Springs, M. B. **Lovett**. He was one of the oldest citizens. He resided at Ashville years ago where he was principal of the school. He leaves a wife and 5 children to mourn their loss. The remains were interred in the Springville cemetery on Wednesday.

Apr. 3, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Pine Forest. Died at her home near here, Mrs. Martha **Coker**, aged 68 years. The deceased was a good Christian woman, beloved by all who knew her. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Apr. 10, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: W. A. J. **Reed** of Trussville, aged 72 years, died on Monday. He was one of the best and most widely known farmers of that county.

Apr. 24, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Rev. Henry **Young**, one of St. Clair's oldest and most respected citizens, passed away at Canterbury, Tuesday morning, about sun rise. He had for many years been a Methodist preacher. His health had been bad for several years. Some weeks ago, he moved to his daughter's, Mrs. J. D. Harris, and had been getting weaker with an unknown disease until Tuesday morning when he passed to the everlasting home.

May 1, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the **infant** child of J. B. **Knox**. The remains were interred at the Pine Forest cemetery.

May 15, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Steeles Depot recently, Dr. J. W. **Crump**, one of the leading citizens of that town, and, in fact, one of the best citizens of the county. The doctor was well known throughout the county as a citizen above reproach. He was a zealous member of the church, faithful and true to every good cause.

May 22, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: There has been a sad gloom cast over our community by the death of Mrs. Mariah **Jordan**, wife of L. M.

Jordan, which occurred at her home in Shoal Creek Valley on May 16, 1901. Mrs. Jordan was 62 years of age, and has for many years been a consistent member of the Methodist church. She has lived a devoted Christian, was an affectionate wife, a good neighbor, and was much loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and a host of relatives to mourn her departure. They have our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement. Leander T. Smith.

May 22, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 11 at her home near here, Mrs. **McClendon**. The remains were interred at Pine Forest Cemetery Sunday.

May 29, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Bide **Battles** of near Whitney, which occurred last Friday. Her remains were interred in the Reeves Cemetery.

May 29, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 16, 1901, John **Rodgers**, age about 88 years, near the Friendship church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson, his pastor. He was a good, honest, hardworking citizen and liked by all who knew him. He had been a citizen of St. Clair County for 39 years. The deceased left a wife and 9 children to mourn their great loss.

Jun. 5, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 1, 1901, little **son** of Jim **Simmons** of this place. Remains were interred at the Evergreen Cemetery. Parents have the communities sympathy.

Jun. 12, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Bethany. Mrs. **Turner**, an aged lady, died Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at Mr. John Griffin's after a lingering illness of several days. She was the mother of Mrs. John Griffin and was a good Christian hearted lady. Her remains were interred at Friendship cemetery.

Jun. 19, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died at his home near Cornelia, June 12th, 1901, G. A. **Simmons**, aged about 65. The deceased had been a member of the Baptist church about 40 years, and was a consistent Christian gentleman. He was an honored and respected citizen, a good man and kind neighbor. His funeral took place June 13th at Friendship and the service was conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson. [See also June 26 notice.]

Jun. 19, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Caldwell. A sad accident on last Thursday morning about 6:15 o'clock 4 miles north of here at the Coker and Hardin sawmill. The engine was blown up, blowing the fireman Charlie **Hardin** about 60 yards, killing him instantly. The grief stricken family has the community's sympathy.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1901, at her home near Ashville, Mrs. D. A. **Treece**, wife of ex-Sheriff Treece, aged 61. The deceased had suffered afflictions for some time, but the immediate cause of her death was physical prostration from a ten days attack of the nervous system. She was a consistent member of the Cool Springs Baptist church, and a Christian mother. Her remains were interred at the city cemetery, last

Sunday afternoon. Rev. P. S. Montgomery of Springville conducting the services.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1901, Rev. T. S. **Logan**, at the home of his son-in-law T. J. Crawford, near Whitney. The deceased was about 87 years old and one of the county's most respected citizens. Before the war he had held the office of tax collector and assessor for eight years. There was no citizen of the county more popular than he when in the prime of life. He was in the ministerial harness for many years, and everybody knew him to be faithful. Bro. Logan's death has taken away another of the old land marks of the county, and there are many citizens besides his own relatives who will shed a tear of sympathy over his departure.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Gadsden has lost a good citizen in the death of Capt. J. M. **Bellenger**. He had the welfare of his city at heart and was ever ready to contribute to every worthy cause and to aid the poor and needy. Gadsden can ill afford to lose such men.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Partlow. Died on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. **Jordan**.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Cross Roads. Died at her home at this place Sunday June 9, 1901, Mrs. H. M. **Morgan**. The remains were laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery. The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of the community.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Cross Roads. Died near here on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1901, Mr. George **Simmons**. The remains were laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery. The grief stricken family has our sympathies.

Jun. 26, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Bethany. Died on June 16<sup>th</sup>, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. **Machen**.

Jul. 3, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died, at Birmingham, under surgical and medical treatment, June 27, 1901, Ethel **Greene**, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Jas. T. Greene, aged 14 years. ...Her body was brought to Ashville for burial and was interred at the city cemetery last Friday. Rev. J. A. Van Hoose, of Birmingham, conducting the service which was held at the M. E. church. There was sorrow in the hearts of the large concourse of young people who followed the remains of their little friend to the tomb.

Jul. 3, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. **Philips**, of Alverson, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> was killed by lightning. He was just returning from the field when he was struck and his horse was also killed.

Jul. 10, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died on Monday, July 1, 1901, at the Tally and Chapman Infirmary, Birmingham, Ala., Mr. John S. **Potts**, age about 50 years. The deceased had been quite sick here for several weeks, and was carried to the infirmary last week. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge here, and his remains were laid to rest by that order in the Pleasant Hill cemetery on Monday evening.

Sep. 18, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 12th, 1901, at the home of her venerable parents, of Springville, Rev. P. S. and Mrs. Esther Montgomery, Mrs. Lizzie **Robinson**. The deceased was born Feb. 23, 1869, near Ashville, joined the Baptist church here in 1884. Her life was one of devotion to the cause of religion, and her gentle disposition was a bright and marked feature of her character. She had implicit faith in her parents and was one of the most obedient of children. In a long suffering of two years, she bore up heroically and patiently, her thoughts being more for the living than for her self, and she left behind her comforting words for the cheer and consolation of the bereaved.

Her ways were such as to win her in life many loving friends who were present to shed the parting tear over her remains, stilled by death. She died as she had lived with a clear consciousness of her passing away and full of faith in the immortal joy beyond this veil of sorrow. The parents and relatives received all the sympathy and consolation it was possible for mortal minds to bestow at such an hour. The remains were brought here from Springville to be interred. Rev. N. A. Hood officiating.

+Sep. 25, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: THE HANGING OF JIM **BROWN**. By Bays D. Cather, Just as it Occurred, From Beginning to End.

It would, in our opinion, be superfluous to again go into details about the crime committed by the brute who paid the death penalty on the gallows in the St. Clair jail yard last Friday at eight minutes after twelve o'clock M. Every reader of the *Southern Aegis* is already

familiar with the awful deed and with all the details following it on up to the day of the execution.

Last Friday, Sept. 20, 1901, was a beautiful day at Ashville. Not a cloud was seen, no sign in the elements of an atmospheric disturbance; all was peaceful and quiet and even beautiful. The air was cool and bracing; every person we met was as calm as the weather.

At seven o'clock a few people began arriving from along the county roads to witness the last scene in the criminal career of what might be termed a lower animal in human form—a brute of a man whose soul was so dead to things about him that awakening was impossible.

Before eight o'clock many country boys were seen peeping through the cracks in the jail yard fence at the gallows, which was twenty feet high—eight feet higher than the fence. It was an impressive and interesting sight to the boys. Some of them even doubted yet that a man was really to be hung on that gallows in a few hours.

The colored people of the community turned out, bringing their children along to witness what they termed "the solemn occasion," explaining to them the awful crime for which the man must suffer the agony of dying, suspended in the air, hanging by a rope tied about the neck, which would strangle him to death.

There were not as many people present as on that memorable day of the trial, Thursday Aug. 23, when the streets of Ashville were packed with humanity, as they had not been before in the history of the town. But there was a good, respectable crowd, whom we believe had good intentions and came out for the sole

purpose of witnessing the solemn execution of the law. We saw one man, only one, come in town with a gun, and were gratified to learn, upon inquiry, that he was a hunter and was in the habit of carrying his weapon at all times.

The special train containing the prisoner and one hundred soldiers, of the Third Regiment, under command of Col. E. L. Higdon, left Birmingham at 7:30, arrived at Whitney at 9 o'clock. There were also three newspaper reporters, Jefferson county's chief deputy sheriff, Albert Stradford, and Chief Deputy Sheriff Abner Crow, of St. Clair.

Deputy Sheriff Crow was in the lead and coolly unlocked the door of the jail yard, at the same time the company formed a line in front, marching at a slow and steady gait, halting when they had covered the north end of the jail yard wall. The crowd gave them all the room they wanted. One man said they "reminded him of the war," and another one that "it was quite an honorable escort," and still another "they are a jolly, good looking set of boys," to which some one replied "No handsomer than our own plow-boys, but watch the girl's fall in love with brass buttons, cow-boy hats and buck-skin leggins!" and this last speech seemed a pretty true prophecy.

The negro, having been carried to a cell to remain until a few minutes before execution, a few of the guard inside the yard were temporarily released. Col. Higdon had commanded to loose bayonets and to unload. This was well and wise on the part of the colonel, as it proved that the militia was not sent for the purpose of over-awing the

peaceful citizens of our beloved county, but simply to be convenient in case of trouble, and we all felt the easier that they were here. Many who had at first objected, were heard to say that the peace of the county would not have been disturbed, had the militia been here the day of the trial. At any rate, their presence was a relief to the responsible citizens of the county, and especially of Ashville.

The boys who had gotten a short leave of absence were not long in getting into company with some of the lovely girls and the general opinion is that these young ladies were as much to blame as the soldiers for the extra-ordinary flirtations carried on. Throwing kisses and exchanging smiles played a wonderful part in the performances of last Friday.

It is thought that some of those girls had never seen any soldiers before and that accounted for their almost being carried away with the inspiring sight of last Friday, which, perhaps, reminded them of the chivalrous knights of old, we read of in prose and poetry, much of which is only fiction.

Your *Aegis* man went into the cell and interviewed the prisoner but only succeeded in getting an answer to one question.

"Jim, do you want the county paper to say anything for you as a warning to other negroes or in any way?"

The culprit looked up as the reporter struck a match in the dark cell, answering in his sulky manner: "No Sir."

This was all we heard him say at the time—as much as he said to anyone except Rev. N. H. Olmstead, pastor of M. E. church at this place,

who was alone with the negro in prayer and earnest counsel for about a half hour.

He plead with Brown to confess, even putting his hand on the latter's shoulder, urging him that the time was short and the moments were slipping by, one by one. "Jim," said Bro. Olmstead, "you are going to be hanged, and in a very few minutes. It will then be too late for you to make a confession, and your soul is doomed to eternal death, if you die with the falsehood on your lips. It is not yet too late to make a clean breast of the whole affair, and be pardoned by God for Jesus' sake.

The same slow, unfaltering and unchangeable answer came: "I aint done anything to confess about."

"You have had all that humanity can give you. You have had a fair trial; you were fairly found guilty, convicted and sentenced to be hanged, and, be you guilty or innocent, you cannot now escape the penalty. If you are not guilty, don't say you are, but I believe you are guilty, and in a few minutes you will be dead. Will you not confess and make peace with God?"

"I aint had no fair trial. My witnesses were not there. I haven't anything else to say."

Deputy Crow entered the jail shortly afterwards with the death warrant. The reading of the document made no visible impression on Brown, whatever. The prisoner walked to the gallows and mounted the steps without so much as a quiver in the knees. He stood as still and motionless before the final act, as the Indians our historians and story tellers write about.

He mounted the scaffold in company with Deputies Stradford, of Jefferson, Crow of this county. The

newspaper men present were invited on the scaffold and all went up, excepting the *Aegis* man, who had seen enough of Jim **Brown** in the cell to know that nothing definite could be drawn out of him. Mr. Garret, the father of the young lady so brutally assaulted by the fiend, was present and mounted the scaffold shortly after the newspaper men and Col. Higdon.

Brown requested another prayer and Rev. Olmstead was asked to come on the scaffold, which he did, after a few more plain, but earnest words to the doomed man, he said, as he bared his head and slowly waved his right hand to the lookers-on: "Let us all pray." Many followed the minister's example by removing their hats and nearly every head was bowed; all those on the scaffold, including Brown, knelt. The prayer was a beautiful and most appropriate one for the occasion. It was first an acknowledgment that only God knows the hearts and minds of men; it was, second that He might, at this last moment, have mercy on the soul of the poor sinner. The people were impressed by the prayer--not a murmur was heard in the crowd.

Jim said his name was not Jim Brown, but John **Wilson**, and that his home was in South Carolina. All left the scaffold except the prisoner, Col Higdon and Deputy Crow. The latter tied the rope about the negro's neck and Col. Higdon arranged the black cap; then Brown stepped firmly on the trap. The scaffold is twenty feet high and the fence around the jail only twelve, so that those on the outside, who wished to do so, could witness all the proceedings of the hanging. The drop was seven feet.

When Deputy Abner Crow gave the signal, some one said, "Hold on. You haven't tied his feet.?"

"Go a-head," repeated Mr. Crow.

"But you had better tie his feet," said the fellow the second time.

"The law don't say anything about that, go ahead."

Deputy Walter Crow, son of A. Crow, jerked the trigger at 8 minutes past 12 o'clock. Immediately after the drop fell, the crowd on the outside were allowed to come in and the yard was filled with people. Drs. Jno. B. Bass and W. A. Beason, of Ashville, and Dr. Hawkins, of Birmingham, proceeded alternately, to examine the body to pronounce death. The announcement came at 26 minutes past 12, or 18 minutes after the drop. He died from strangulation.

After the announcement of death, Col. Higdon asked those who had been allowed to come in without passes to step back on the outside. The request was obeyed without a murmur.

The body was buried on Judge Inzer's land back of the city cemetery.

The soldiers and the Birmingham newspaper reporters left the city at 4 o'clock. p.m., the former giving the citizens a drill exhibition on the public square, before leaving. Many of them complimented Ashville and St. Clair county very highly.

Oct. 2, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Two sad deaths occurred near Branchville this week. Mrs. Jno. C. **Ash**, and a **son** of Mr. **Mize**. Both were interred at the graveyard at Liberty Wednesday.

Oct. 9, 1901, *Southern Aegis*:

Died at her home near Alabama City last Friday, Mrs. S. A. **Trotter**, sister of Mrs. J. A. Glenn, of Glenn Addie. The deceased was 78 years of age and had been a sufferer 20 years, had lived in or near Gadsden 45 years, and had long been a professor of religion.

Oct. 16, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 15, 1901, Robert Lee **Freeman**, age 33 years and 9 months. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Freeman, formerly old and highly respected citizen of St. Clair, recently of Arkansas and son-in-law of Hon. J. W. Inzer, of this town, at whose residence he died. A coincident of his death is the fact that the deceased was born on Tuesday, married, and died on the same day of the week in each instance at night.

Robert L. was the proprietor of a good newspaper and printing business at Sylacauga, Ala., at the time he was taken sick. His health had been declining for several months until recently the prospect of his recovery grew less and hope passed away. The family in Arkansas had made arrangement to return to St. Clair, was on its way here when the sorrowful news of the son and brother's rapid decline reached them.

The mother was at her son's bedside when the latter died, the father and two brothers, Foster Jr. and ---- [torn paper] came in yesterday. Mrs. Sallie Cu---ngham, a sister of the deceased, of Chattanooga, also is here.

The deceased was a successful newspaper man in the very flower of manhood when cut off in this apparently untimely way. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock a.m.

Wednesday, services conducted at the Baptist church--of which the deceased had been a member for a number of years.

For the parents, wife and one child, sisters and brothers, there is deep sympathy of this entire community and of other parts of the county generally felt for the bereaved in this hour of sad bereavement.

Oct. 23, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 20, 1901, at her home near Palmetto, Mrs. Harmon **Jenkins**, aged about 76. The deceased had been for many years a member of the church. Leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her death. Her remains were interred at Zion Hill, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Oct. 30, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept 8, 1901, Benson, the little **son** of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. **Crain** of near Greensport, this county, aged 5 years. The child was dearly loved by his parents, three brothers and four sisters whom he leaves to mourn his death.

Nov. 13, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 10, 1901, near Oldtown, this county, George **Capehart**, age about 88. He was an old and respected citizen, belonged to no church but was very devout and a great Bible reader. He had implicit faith in his conversion, and died as we understand, full of hope of his better and higher state. He was interred at a private cemetery near his home, Rev. J. S. E. Robinson conducting the service.

+Nov. 27, 1901, *Southern Aegis*: Gadsden. John **Green**, a negro from Greensport, was standing in front of Rube Adams, colored, last

Wednesday evening, when he suddenly fell to the ground. When bystanders reached him he was dead. He was a consumptive and death was caused from failure of the heart.

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### ***The Coosa Valleyan, 1902***

Pell City, Alabama

Feb. 26, 1902, *Coosa Valleyan*: Died, at Coal City, on Feb. 23, Mrs. Geo. **Layton**, deceased was a daughter of Jno. Campbell [sic] of Ragland. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss. The interment took place at Ragland.

Mar. 5, 1902, *Coosa Valleyan*: Died at Coal City on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. **Richards**, wife of David Richards. The deceased had gone out to the cow pen to milk and having been gone some time, her daughter became uneasy and went out to look for her. She was found laying on the ground, stricken with paralysis, and never spoke another word. The remains were interred at the Methodist church cemetery. The *Coosa Valleyan* joins the many friends of the family in its sympathy for the bereaved family.

Jul. 23, 1902, *Coosa Valleyan*: Died. On July 14, 1902, Rev. John Albert **Glenn**, aged 65 years. The deceased was born at Peak's Hill, Calhoun County, Alabama, the 12th of September 1836, and grew up there. He joined the Baptist church when quite young entering the ministry about 37 years ago, in which calling he continued until his health gave way about two years since, when he was compelled to resign all his pastoral work. During his ministerial work, he served in

quite a number of important positions in his church. Though of frail physical constitution, he was a man of indomitable energy and strong will power, it can well be said of him that he was an efficient worker both in and out of season. We never saw him flag when duty called to action. His greatest work was in the pulpit, and though denied the opportunities for an education in his youth, the privilege of which so many enjoy now, nature had endowed him with the gift of eloquence, self poise and great energy, and with these he was a leader in the field of good.

He came to Ashville about 20 years ago and grew to such popularity here by his zeal and perseverance in the ministry, and care of his work, that the people held on to him as a father in Israel.

Four children survive him; two sons and two daughters, the latter are both married. One son resides in Texas, the other the youngest child is at home. His funeral took place here at 4 o'clock Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> conducted at the church where he had labored so long in the Master's cause, by Rev. J. M. McCord the present pastor. The large church was filled to its utmost capacity.

After the services of the church closed, the casket was taken charge of by the masons, who in a body officiated in the obsequies and borne to the grave to be interred according to the ritual of the order of which the lamented deceased was a member. The faithful, loving bereaved wife and mother and children will have the sympathies in their sorrow and affliction, of this community, and throughout the length and breadth of Mr. Glenn's ministerial work. He was a man extensively and widely

known, and one held in high esteem by all who knew him. —*Southern Aegis*.

Jul. 23, 1902, *Coosa Valleyan*: Mrs. Julia A. **Daughdrill** who died at Huntsville was the widow of the late George W. Daughdrill of Coal City. She was born June 20, 1842. She was a member of the Baptist church, leaves several children who are all grown. Her daughter Miss Daisy is a lady of some musical talent and was engaged in music teaching at Huntsville where her mother was visiting her. She was 60 years of age, a noble Christian mother and was most devoted and loved by her daughter.

Oct. 22, 1902, *Coosa Valleyan*: Died at her home, near Eden, on Friday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Lon **Griffith**, wife of Amos L. Griffith. The deceased was a noble Christian mother; she leaves a husband and four children; one son, W. L. Griffith of the *Tribune-Journal*, and a number of relatives in Alabama and Tennessee who mourn her death. Her remains were interred at Eden cemetery.

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### ***Springville Item, 1902***

Springville, Alabama

Fragment, 1902, *Springville Item*: Died on Monday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, at his home near Argo, John **Hanner**, aged 70 years. He was a well-known citizen of St. Clair and leaves a number of friends to mourn his loss. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and lived a Christian life.

Feb. 13 [?], 1902, *Springville Item*: We regret to learn of the death of W.

R. **Johnson** of near Oldtown. He was suffering for some time with a stroke of Paralysis and died on last Friday. His remains were interred at the Cool Springs cemetery.

Feb. 20, 1902, *Springville Item*: Died on Thursday, Feb. 7, 1902, at her home at Jim Presley's, Miss Betsy **Presley**, age 100 years. The deceased was connected with some of our best people. Her remains were interred in the old family graveyard near there. Rev. P. S. Montgomery officiated.

Apr. 27, 1902, *Springville Item*: Died on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1902, at her home at Caldwell, Mrs. Susan **Matthews**. The deceased has been sick for some time, but was thought to have been improving just before her death. She leaves a number of children and relatives to mourn her death.

Mar. 6, 1902, *Springville Item*: Partlow. Died Mr. Isah **Haithcock** last Friday night. He fought in the Indian Wars and for his services drew a pension of \$96 yearly. He was over ninety years old.

Mar. 6, 1902, *Springville Item*: Mr. A. W. **Cox**, one of the best citizens of St. Clair Co., died at his home near Ashville last week. He had many friends all over the county who will regret to learn of his death.

Mar. 6, 1902, *Springville Item*: Died on Monday March 3, 1902, at his home in Springville, Mr. John **Newton**, aged about 42 years. The deceased had been quite ill for a long time and while his death was not unexpected it was a sad blow to his family. He leaves a wife and

several children to mourn his loss. His remains were interred at the cemetery here on Tuesday.

Mar. 13, 1902, *Springville Item*: Died on March 10, 1902, at her home in Odenville, Ala., Mrs. Emily C. **Newton**, aged 75 years. The deceased had been sick only a few days with grip and pneumonia. She was a Christian woman and left a number of relations to mourn her death.

Mar. 13, 1902, *Springville Item*: Ben **Pearson**, once a citizen of this community, was foully murdered in Beaumont, Texas, last week. No particulars could be learned but was supposed to have been the victim of robbers. He has a number of relatives and friends in this county who will regret to learn of his sad fate.

Mar. 20, 1902, *Springville Item*: OBITUARY. Harmon **Burtram** was born June 17, 1818. Married Miss Sarah L. Burtram in the year of 1835. Had seven children by her, four having preceded him to the other shore. He professed religion at Baskien Camp Ground, Carrol Co., Ga., and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. Wm Parker in which he lived acceptable until he was transferred to the Church triumphant which took place Mar. 6, 1902. His first wife died on the 11th day of March 1875. He married for his second wife Mrs. Sarah J. Doomas [Dumas] on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1878. As the result of this marriage he raised three children, all still living to mourn his death. The above facts were given by himself, and at the same time said for the benefit of his wife, children and friends, his

faith in God was strong, and hope in the resurrection was bright, and felt that his trust in God was so strong that he could say with Job, though he slay me, yet will I trust Him. So while we miss his company here, we rejoice in the thought that we will meet again. And may we his friends and brothers cherish his memory and try to emulate his good deeds and remember while we meet in the Church and Lodge on earth that he has joined the church triumphant. And while he cannot meet with us any more in the lodge here, that he loved so well, remember that he is in the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Burtram was buried at Pleasant Hill, Rev. J. K. Ensey conducting the church service and E. M. McClendon Worshipful Master concluded the services for the Masonic Fraternity. So Brother we bid you goodbye, but expect to meet again.

Apr. 3, 1902, *Springville Item*: Mrs. S. B. **McBrayer** was born Dec. 21, 1826, near Athen, Tenn., McMinn Co., died near Cornelia, Ala., at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ella Self, March 2, 1902. She and S. B. McBrayer were united by the holy bonds of matrimony Dec. 31, 1843. She was the mother of twelve children, seven of which had preceded her to realms of glory. She was an affectionate wife, mother and friend, and leaves quite a numberless host of friends and relations to mourn her death.

+Apr. 3, 1902, *Springville Item*: C. C. **Pollard**, a former colored citizen of this place, died in B'ham this week. His remains were interred in the colored cemetery at this place by the U. O. F. order of which he

was a member.

May 15, 1902, *Springville Item*:

Mrs. John **Huggins** on Canoe Creek living a mile or two north of Ashville, died on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., was buried here Sunday.

Jun. 5, 1902, *Springville Item*:

Died at East Lake May 31, 1902, Mrs. Jennie **Taylor**. The deceased was the wife of R. L. Taylor a former citizen of this place. She was the daughter of Green Huddleston, a well-known citizen of Jefferson county. She leaves a husband and a large number of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Her remains were interred at Clay Sunday.

Jun. 12, 1902, *Springville Item*:

Died on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1902, Hubert **Osborn**, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Osborn of our town. The little fellow had only been sick but a few days with the flux when the angel of death came to take its soul home to the one who gave it. The young father and mother have the sympathies of our entire community in this the saddest hour of their lives.

>Jun. 12, 1902, *Springville Item*:

Died at his home near Springville, Ala., on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1902, James M. **Pearson**, aged 64 years. Mr. Pearson was one of our oldest and most respected citizens. He served four years in the war between the states, and was one among the truest and bravest of soldiers. He was an honest and upright Christian gentleman. At home he was a good husband, and kind father. He had been afflicted for years, but had borne it with much patience. He was born in this community and had lived here all his life. His remains

were interred in the cemetery here last Sunday. The funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. C. McClung and others. The deceased leaves behind him a wife, three sons and two daughters, with many friends and relatives to mourn their loss. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathies of our entire community.

Jul. 3, 1902, *Springville Item*:

Died near Oak, Texas, on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1902, Mrs. H. K. **McBrayer** aged 28 years. The deceased has a large number of friends and relatives in this county who will read of her death with sorrow. The husband has our sincere sympathies.

Jul. 10, 1902, *Springville Item*:

The following articles are reprinted [by the *Item*] from the *Circuit Rider* of Rock Hill, S. C. and will be read with interest by some of our readers. Mrs. Mary Dorsey was the sister of Peter Harden of Odenville and leaves numerous relatives in our county who will regret to hear of her death.

On May 19, 1902, Aunt Mary Ann **Dorsey** quietly passed from earth for her long sought home in glory. She was the second oldest person in this charge. She was born October 11, 1812, and lived only a few months being 90 years old. She joined the church when quite young, and during these long years she was regarded as among the best in her church and she died as she lived, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. The large congregation that attended her burial told of the high regard this people had for her. It would take a book of no small size to contain her history. It was a real treat to sit at her feet and listen at her tell of the

old pastors who have traveled this charge, the oldtime camp meetings when people were converted and shouted and praised God aloud and when "Amens" were heard all over the congregation. She loved and enjoyed "the oldtime religion." It was her theme. I visited her several times before she died. She was ready at any time. It was a source of pleasure to look once more on her brother. Uncle Neely Hardin is now 94 years old--blind and deaf, but he stood the trip well and said I wanted to see sister Ann once more and I am glad I went. Aunt Ann leaves three children to mourn [pattern] their life, who are living, after their mother's life. G. M. B. Chester Circuit May 17.

Good old Sister Ann **Dorsey** of the Chester circuit who died May 10 was one of the oldest members of that charge. Born 1812 she would have been 90 years old next October. Her pastor Rev. Geo Boyd writes of her character and faith in this issue. Uncle Neely Hardin her brother is the oldest man in the circuit born Aug. 11, 1807. It must have been a touching scene when Uncle Neely 94, blind and deaf, visited, just before she passed away, the couch of his dying sister. Ere long he must leave too and join her in the happy realms where Jesus dwells. The thought, the glorious anticipation causes his heart no doubt to palpitate with joy. Aunt Elizabeth Hardin living in the same community is another faithful soul. She was born Nov. 4, 1824. These dear old folks are dying as they lived, bequeathing to their church and to their children the rich legacy of a character untarnished and lives of consecration to God.



Jul. 10, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on July 6, 1902, Johnny  
ReMele **Newton**, the youngest  
daughter of Mrs. J. M. Newton of  
our city. The little girl had been sick  
for some time. The funeral services  
were conducted Monday by Rev. S.  
R. Emerson.

Jul. 24, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died July 16, 1902, Mrs. Lucinda  
**Roberson**. The deceased was a good  
Christian woman and leaves a  
number of Children to mourn their  
loss. Her remains were interred at  
Hanover Church in Blount County.

Jul. 24, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Capital Notes [Ashville]. Mrs.  
**Montgomery**, wife of Rev. P. S.  
Montgomery of your town  
[Springville], brought here hoping  
the change would help her, died July  
18<sup>th</sup>, and her remains were interred  
last Saturday in the cemetery. Mssrs.  
J. P. and Will Montgomery of  
Birmingham, sons, were present at  
her bedside, also other relatives. Her  
funeral was largely attended by  
friends and relatives. The service  
was conducted by Rev. J. S. E.  
Robinson. The deceased was a  
highly esteemed Christian woman.  
[See also next entry.]

Jul. 24, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Ashville. Died on July 18, 1902, at  
the home of her daughter Mrs. R. T.  
Nunnally at Ashville, Mrs. P. S.  
**Montgomery**, the venerable wife of  
our townsman, Rev. P. S.  
Montgomery. The deceased had  
been suffering for years, but some  
week ago she seemed to improve  
slowly, and had left her home here to  
spend a few weeks with her children  
for a change. Uncle Paton, the  
bereaved husband, is one of the

county's oldest and most loved men  
and the sympathies of the whole  
county go out to him in his sad  
affliction.

Aug. 7, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on Aug. 1, 1902, at his home  
near Cornelia, J. C. **Anderson**. The  
deceased was one of the best and  
oldest of St. Clair. He was a man  
that to know him was to love him.  
His death will be read with sorrow  
not only by his friends here, but also  
by his numerous friends and  
relatives in Texas.

Aug. 7, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1902,  
Raymond **Pearson** aged 16 years.  
The deceased was the oldest son of  
our esteemed county man S. P.  
Pearson. He had been sick 6 weeks  
with Sintivitus and on Tuesday  
morning Drs. McLaughlin Martin  
and Davis amputated his leg just  
below the hip, and the young man  
could not withstand the operation.  
The remains were interred in the  
cemetery at this place on  
Wednesday.

+Aug. 7, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on August 1, 1902, Caroline  
**Jones**, col., aged 72 years. The  
deceased was an old and respected  
citizen of our community and had  
been suffering for some time but his  
[sic] sudden death came as a  
surprise to all.

Aug. 21, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died August 18, 1902, at his home  
in Beaver Valley, Hubbard **Strange**,  
aged 88 years 9 months and 29 days.  
The deceased was one of the oldest  
and most respected citizens of our  
County. He was here during the time  
of the Indians, wolves, panthers, etc.

He leaves a number of children and  
grand children as well as many old  
and warm friends to mourn his  
death. One by one these old  
landmarks are passing away. It can  
be said of Mr. Strange he had the  
best recollections of any man in the  
county. The *Item* extends its  
sympathies to the entire family.

Aug. 28, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
On next Sunday at Low Gap church,  
Rev. J. W. Lawly will preach the  
funeral sermon of Bagliss **Lovell**. A  
large attendance is expected.

Aug. 28, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on Aug. 20, 1902, at her home  
in Beaver Valley, Mrs. Martha **Dean**  
aged 89 years. She was one of our  
good old mothers. Her remains were  
interred at Friendship Cemetery. She  
leaves a son and daughter and a  
number of grandchildren besides a  
host of friends to mourn her loss.

Sep. 4, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Steeles Depot. Little Homer  
**Thompson**, infant son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Ed Thompson, died at their  
home in Boaz and was buried in the  
cemetery here last Saturday week.

Dec. 4, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. A. A. **Hodges**  
and her son **Charley**, the latter  
about 22 years of age. The remains  
of mother and son were interred at  
the city cemetery the following day.  
Rev. S. J. Hare conducting the  
service. There was a large  
attendance at the funeral as the  
deceased had many relatives and  
friends in this community. Two  
other children of the same family are  
quite low, but it is hoped that they  
will soon recover.

Dec. 11, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Died on Dec. 6, 1902, Mrs. V. C. **Montgomery**, the deceased had been suffering for some time with heart failure. The bereaved relatives have our deepest sympathy.

Dec. 18, 1902, *Springville Item*:  
Julien. Urols [?] Sammy **McBrayer's** funeral will be preached at Evergreen the third Sunday in this month.

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### ***Springville Item, 1903*** Springville, Alabama

Jan. 1, 1903, *Springville Item*: A SAD DEATH. Prof. Jacob **Forney**. The sad accident on Dec. 24 resulting in the sudden death of Prof Jacob Forney cast a deep gloom over this community. Prof Forney with his family was spending the holiday vacation at his home in Springville. With his bird rifle 22 calibre he had been out in the garden shooting sparrows as was his habit and in quitting the sport entered an out house where it is supposed in lowering his gun it was discharged inflicting the terrible wound which resulted in his almost instant death. The bullet entered his nose penetrating an eye ploughing its way to the back of the forehead and lodging near the skull. He was conveyed to the house but nothing could be done for him, all efforts and attention proving futile to restore him.

The deceased leaves a wife, the daughter of Dr. McLaughlin, and two children. He was only 35 years of age and a young man of great promise. At the time of his death he was professor of Pedagogy in the University of Alabama. At one time he had been principal of the

Anniston High School but entered on his educational work at Jacksonville where he was born. His father >Gen. John H. Forney served in the Confederate army as a major general and all his relatives are people of distinction in the state or have made a record of honor connected with the history of Alabama. His funeral took place here on the 26<sup>th</sup>, a large concourse of citizens at home and many from other places attending. His remains were interred in the cemetery here and the services were conducted by the Episcopal rector of Tuscaloosa.

Jan. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: Beaver Valley. Sorry to report the death of Aunt Josie **Turner** near Coal City. Her remains were brought and interred at Liberty cemetery.

Jan. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died at Taylor, Texas, on Jan 12, 1903, Jon. C. **Patterson**. He was the son of our esteemed countyman C. J. Patterson and had left here only a week or ten days ago for Texas to recuperate his health, when he was suddenly taken worse which resulted in his death. His remains arrived here on Thursday and were interred at this place. John was well thought of by all who knew him, having been prominently connected with the Q & C and M & O railroads. The *Item* extends sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Jan. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died near Birmingham on Jan 11th, 1903, Wm **Strange**. Mr. Strange was formerly a citizen of this county and was son of the late H. H. Strange of Beaver Valley. His remains were interred in the Evergreen cemetery on Monday.

Feb. 12, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died at her home near Whitney on Feb. 11th, 1903, Mrs. A. W. **Montgomery**, aged 42 years. The deceased had been in bad health for several years and her death was not unexpected. She was a Christian woman, a member of the Baptist church and leaves 8 children, 5 sons and 3 daughters, to mourn their loss. Her husband having preceded her by about one year. the *Item* extends its heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved ones.

Feb. 12, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died on Feb. 11th, 1903, near Ashville, Ollie Lou **Jones**, the 6 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones. The little one had not been sick but a short time when it was called to its Maker, and the remains were interred in the Ashville cemetery on the 12th.

Mar. 5, 1903, *Springville Item*: On the morning of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1903, while the sun was shedding its glorious rays over the face of the earth and flooding the world with light, the grim monster death unannounced, entered the quiet and peaceful home of O. L. **Mize** and claimed for its victim their beloved son, H. N., or Dock, as he was called by those who knew him, cut down in the prime of life, being 16 years and 5 months of age. As a son he was ever obedient, as brother he was loving and kind, he was agreeable with his schoolmates and friends.

Mar. 5, 1903, *Springville Item*: Mr. Wm. **Spearman**, an aged citizen of St. Clair co., died Feb. 27, 1903, aged 72 years and 3 months. He was an honest upright

gentleman; he was a faithful follower of the Lord. He was honest in all his dealings and beloved by all who knew him and was fully prepared to meet his Savior as the summons came to him and his soul entered that Haven of Rest. It is sweet to imagine the angels greeted him with those sweet words "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the kingdom of God." The widow's heart is breaking while her gentle husband sleeps the sleep that knows no waking, and with her His children weep, for the weary watch is over and the Christian's spirit flown, called to heaven to his Maker Full of Honor to the throne.

Apr. 2, 1903, *Springville Item*: Oak, Texas. We are sorry to report the deaths of Mr. Newton **McBrayer's** two loving young **daughters**.

Apr. 9, 1903, *Springville Item*: Mrs. Matilda **Spruiell**, doubtless the oldest person in this place, died at her home, Saturday evening last, aged 86 years 7 months and 5 days. Mrs. Spruiell, while aged in years, had a young heart, was loving and loved on account of her gentle spirit and kind words both of which she had a full storehouse. She was patient, she was kind, she was gentle, but best of all she was a true friend, a good neighbor, a devoted mother, a sincere Christian. The writer of this lived by her for several years, and as far back as memory permits, remembers her as one who fully possessed, strong characteristics and exceptional traits which combined caused her to have an unfailing friendship for her friends and all things which were for good. A good tribute to her memory

was in the large concourse of friends young and old who attended the funeral ceremonies at the old home place, which were conducted by Rev. J. B. Stovall. A memory will be a matter of sweetness, her kindness of heart and life will be remembered by all who knew her.

Apr. 30, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died on Monday evening Apr. 27, 1903, at his home in Springville, Anderson **Nunnelley**, aged 74 yrs. The deceased was one of St. Clair's oldest and most respected citizens. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and a devoted Christian. He leaves a number of children and a host of grandchildren to mourn his departure. His remains were taken to Ashville on No. 2 Tuesday morning and laid to rest in the Ashville cemetery. He also leaves an aged wife who with all the relatives have the deepest sympathies of our people.

Another entry, same edition: A. R. Nunnelley and wife were up last week to attend the funeral of their Uncle Anderson Nunnelley.

Apr. 30, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died on April 25, 1903, at her home near St. Clair Springs, Mrs. Amanda M. **Galbreath** aged 71 years and 11 days. The deceased professed religion and joined the Baptist church at Cool Springs at the age of 15 years and was a devoted Christian all her life. She leaves to mourn her departure an aged husband one son and two daughters besides a host of grandchildren. We extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved ones. Her remains were interred at Free Chapel on the 26<sup>th</sup>. A large concourse of relatives and friends present.

May 14, 1903, *Springville Item*:

In Memory of Louis **Chapman** who departed this life Sunday a.m., May 10, 1903, at his home near Alverson, Ala., at the age of 69 years. The deceased was born in S.C. in 1834, and later he moved to this country, settling at Wylam, Ala., Jefferson Co., where he had resided for a number of years, and in the later part of 1902 he purchased a farm near this place and moved to it. He had scarcely settled down for a peaceful old age when a sudden illness of two days ended his grand and useful life. He joined the M. E. church South in 1844, being quite young, and throughout had exemplified the life of a Christian, raising a large family all of whom are members of the church and doing well. No one ever exhibited stronger faith in his religious professions, none ever stood more steadfast to what he believed to be right, and I think I can say none ever experienced richer rewards of Christian church in the exercises of religious worship than he did. He has departed, leaving behind to his wife and children, and all who knew him a royal example of a Christian life. His funeral took place at the Union Church cemetery May 11th and was attended by a large number of people, Rev. Robertson conducted the burial services and spoke feelingly and impressively of the life of the deceased. The writer extends his sympathy to the bereaved family. L. Q. B.

May 21, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Died at Easonville May 8, 1903, Annie B. **Conkle**, age 3 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conkle, of this place. The cause of the child's death was brain fever and

spinal disease. The *Coosa Valley* extends its sympathies to the parents and relatives in their sad loss.

May 28, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Died on Friday May 22, 1903, **W. R. King**. The deceased had been in bad health for several years and his death was looked for any time. Mr. King was a good man and no one has any fears as to his reward. He was a good citizen, kind and loving husband and father. He leaves a widow and two little children to mourn his departure. The remains were interred in the family cemetery at Argo on Saturday and were followed to their last resting place by a large number of friends and relatives.

May 28, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Ida **McBrayer**, daughter of N. M. and Caroline McBrayer, was born in Alabama June 5, 1877; professed religion and joined the Methodist church August, 1893, died March 23, 1903. We laid her to rest in Mt. Peak Cemetery beside her twin sister, who preceded her to rest just seven weeks. Ida was a Christian girl, dutiful to her parents, devoted to her brothers and sisters, and especially to her twin sister. She suffered intensely during her long sickness, and often, after her sister's death, expressed a desire to depart and join her in heaven. Several weeks before she died, she sent for the writer of this sketch to talk of the end--not because she had any doubts or fears, but to give directions concerning her funeral. She asked that we sing "Death is only a dream." She said, "Oh, isn't that a precious thought?" Weeping ones, dry your tears and look up, for your loved one is only gone before. God

grant that the entire family may follow her as she followed Christ. W. C. Wallis.

Jun. 4, 1903, *Springville Item*:

**HIS THROAT CUT FROM EAR TO EAR**. Newton **Bullock** gets his just reward. On last Saturday, on Black Creek, 4 or 5 miles from Springville, a fellow by the name of Newton Bullock went to the home of Norton Horsley during the absence of Mr. Horsley and attempted to commit one of the most heinous crimes known to man. While attempting his damnable purpose, Mrs. Horsley, who had the presence of mind to think of a razor in the next room, suggested that they go into this room where they started, Bullock continuing to hold on to her person, while going into the room. She reached out and secured a razor with her right hand slipping off the case and opening razor, waited for an opportunity to use it with effect. The scoundrel succeeded in getting to a chair, and in his effort to draw her to his lap, gave her the chance to use her razor, which she done. Making a swipe at his throat, she was so successful that she almost severed his head from his body, cutting the jugular vein, and killing him almost instantly. This is the only instance where a woman has acted so wisely and showing such courageous action at the proper moment. This should be a lesson and a warning to all. Mrs. Horsley, after the deed was committed and not until then showed any nervousness, but she is getting along nicely and went immediately to her father's James Cates home where she will remain a few days.

Jun. 4, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Died on May 30, 1903, Willie **Irvin**, the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irvin, of near Oldtown. The remains were interred at the Ashville cemetery on Sunday. The bereaved relatives have the deep sympathy of all.

Jul. 9, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Capital Notes [Ashville]. Died July 5<sup>th</sup> about 5 o'clock a.m. John P.

**Philips**, a leading merchant and financier of our town, after a short illness of bowel trouble. The sudden death produced a shock in this community. Mr. Philips was known throughout the county as a thorough business man. He leaves a devoted wife and four children. His funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. I. N. Currier of the C. P. church; and citizens from all around for miles were in attendance. We noticed the following relatives from other places present: Mrs. W. R. Newton, (sister) of Birmingham, Mr. W. R. Philips (brother), Ross Cooper and Oliver Hood of Gadsden.

Jul. 9, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Died on July 6, 1903, at St. Vincent's hospital, of typhoid fever, Edgar R. **Compton**, aged about 20 years. The deceased had been sick about 5 weeks. He was the only brother of our townsman, H. C. Compton, and was a young man of excellent qualities. His remains were brought to Springville and interred in the Springville cemetery on Tuesday evening, Rev. C. M. Hensley conducting the ceremony. The *Item* extends its sympathies to the bereaved.

Jul. 23, 1903, *Springville Item*:

Capital Notes [Ashville]. Mrs.

Fannie **Bowlin**, near Whitney, who had been sick for some time, died last Wednesday at her home and her remains were interred at the cemetery Thursday.

Jul. 30, 1903, *Springville Item*: Mrs. Lavia **Hobbs** died at this place July 28, 1903, after a long and lingering illness. She was 63 years old. She was the wife of Dr. Hobbs of Arcadia, Kansas, Dr. Hobbs having died 6 yrs ago. She leaves two children Mr. Charlie and Miss Kate Hobbs. She was carried back to her old home Arcadia, Kansas, to be buried by her husband's side. They moved to Springville in May 1903 from Pommona, Mo.

Jul. 30, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died on July 24, 1903, at his home in springville, R. C. **McClendon**. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McClendon and was an honest, upright and good boy. The funeral services were conducted on Saturday by Rev. J. B. Stovall and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery. \*NOTE. The deceased's name was listed as C. F. McClendon in the August 13 issue.

Aug. 6, 1903, *Springville Item*: Thomas **Rickle**, son of Jas. A. Rickles, was born May 16, 1884, and on July 27, 1903, in Alverson, Ala., amidst his loved ones, he passed peacefully the dark river into the abode of the blessed, being at the early age of 19 yrs 2 months and 11 days.

He had professed religion a few years ago and had joined the M. E. church North and had exemplified the life of a Christian ever since and when the Bridegroom came he was found in full enjoyment of religion,

watching and ready with his lamp trimmed and burning.

He had suffered about four weeks with slow fever when the death angel came and carried him to meet his dear mother who on July 4<sup>th</sup> had preceded him to that eternal home. His remains were laid to rest in the Union Cemetery on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Berry Thomas conducted the burial services and spoke very feelingly of the deceased and quite a large congregation followed his remains to the tomb.

Aug. 13, 1903, *Springville Item*: St. Clair Springs. We are sorry to report the sad death of Ben **Jones** who died at his home at Clintod, Ala., on the 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1903. His remains were brought to this place and was carried to Evergreen cemetery.

Aug. 20, 1903, *Springville Item*: Mrs. **Black**, aged about 70 years, living near here with her son G. W. Burroughs, died on Aug. 15, 1903. She had been a member of the Baptist church for about 47 yrs and was a devoted Christian. She leaves a large number of friends and relatives to mourn her departure. Her remains were interred in the New Lebanon Cemetery near this place on Sunday. Rev. J. W. Lawley officiating. The *Item* extends sympathies to the bereaved ones.

Aug. 20, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died on Aug. 18, 1903, at her home in Springville, Mrs. J. W. **Ash**. The deceased was the widow of Dr. J. W. Ash, dec'd, who had preceded her to the grave by about 12 months. She was the daughter of Mrs. A. W. Byers of Beaver Valley and has a large number of kindred to mourn

her departure. Mrs. Ash had been in bad health for a number of years and her death was not unexpected. She leaves three sons Geo. W., Claude N., and Virgil, besides a host of relatives and friends who will miss her. The funeral was conducted from the M. E. Church by Rev. C. M. Hensley and the remains were interred in the cemetery on Wednesday. The sympathies of our entire people go out to the bereaved ones and especially to the orphan children.

Oct. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: Steeles Depot. Mr. Geo. **Payne**, an old and respected citizen of this community, died last Saturday of injuries received by being caught in the lever of a sorghum mill. He leaves a number of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Oct. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: Mrs. Mollie **Little**, wife of Mr. Robt. E. Little, died Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., and was buried the following Monday. Mrs. Little was a noble Christian lady and leaves a husband and many relatives and friends.

Oct. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: The remains of Mrs. J. D. **Lankford** of Birmingham, who died on Monday, were brought to Caldwell and interred in the Pleasant Hill cemetery Wednesday. She had been sick quite a while with consumption. The relatives have the sympathies of all our people.

Oct. 15, 1903, *Springville Item*: M. P. **Cain**, aged about 23 years, died on last Monday evening at 4:30. His remains were interred at the cemetery at Hullett's Chapel on Tuesday, Rev. C. M. Hensley,

officiating. The deceased was an excellent young man and will be missed by his associates and relatives.

Oct. 29, 1903, *Springville Item*: Red Hill Items. The **infant** child of Mr. **Cason** of St. Clair Switch was buried here last Tuesday.

Oct. 29, 1903, *Springville Item*: On last Sunday morning the death angel visited the home of D. A. Aderholt and took his only son, Charlie **Aderholt**, to his last resting place. The deceased was a good boy, kind friend and a dutiful son. The grief stricken parents and relatives have the sympathies of our entire people in their severe loss. The funeral services were conducted at the C. P. Church. Rev. Weir of Ensley conducting the services assisted by Rev. J. C. McClung of this place.

Nov. 5, 1903, *Springville Item*: The little 10 month old **child** of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. **Osborn** died on last Sunday and was interred in the cemetery here on Monday. Rev. C. M. Hensley officiating. The bereaved family have the sympathies of all.

Dec. 31, 1903, *Springville Item*: Died on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1903, at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Presley, Springville, Ala., Mrs. Wm H. **Cather**. The deceased had been in bad health for several months and while her death was sudden it was not unexpected as her health had been declining for sometime. She was at the time of her death a consistent member of the M. E. Church South and a Christian woman, devoted wife and daughter.

She bore her affliction heroically

and was perfectly resigned to the call at the time of her death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Hensley at the residence of her parents at 10 a.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The remains were interred at the family grave yard one mile below Springville. The services and interment were attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives of the family who felt a deep sympathy for the bereaved husband and parents.

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### ***Coosa Valleyan, 1903***

Pell City, Alabama

Jan. 7, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Little Julia **Alverson**, daughter of Mr. Henry Alverson, died Friday night Jan. 1, and was interred Sunday.

Feb. 4, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Dr. Mitchell Hillard **Zellner** was born in Monroe County, Georgia, in 1825, and died at Eden, St. Clair County, Alabama, Jan. 28, 1903, age 77 years, 1 month and 10 days. He was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, one quarter of a mile north of Eden, within one quarter of a mile of where he settled more than 50 years ago.

Dr. Zellner is well known over the state and especially in St. Clair County. He once ran a blacksmith shop at Ashville, was a cotton raiser of wide reputation and wrote a great deal for the *Ashville Southern Cultivator*.

Feb. 4, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Fountain Run. Last week the Death Angel swept over our community and left its shadow in the hearts and home of one of our most esteemed families, that of Mr. Sam **Fulmer**

and wife.

On the 29 ult. Their youngest son, **Ben**, after a lingering illness of several weeks, surrendered his spirit to the God who gave it. All that medicine and skill and tender nursery and watching could do was done, but alas! How powerless.

The flowers have their time to bloom and fall, the seasons to come and go, but all seasons are thine O! Death. The great reaper in swinging his scythe round cut off in his youth one full of promise and who was a solace and comfort to his parents, brothers and sisters.

He was laid to rest at Pisgah cemetery by his neighbors and friends. Friends and neighbors join in tender sympathy with the grief-stricken family and with them weep bitter tears for the loss of their dear boy. A Friend.

Feb. 18, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

Bucks Valley. Died, on Feb. 13, 1903, the little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie **Green** in Beaver Valley. The remains were interred in the Evergreen cemetery.

Feb. 25, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

Fatally Injured. Birmingham, Feb. 22, '03. — Mrs. **Nangle**, of Chicago, who is visiting her nephew, John W. O'Neal of Birmingham, Ala., was fatally injured, receiving a compound fracture of the left hip, and her left limb, just above the knee was broken, by being thrown from a carriage while out driving with Mr. W. P. Kennedy of Pell City. Mr. J. N. Keller of Pell City was also slightly injured and Miss Clara O'Neil, of Birmingham, a niece of Mrs. Nangle, was slightly injured.

Miss O'Neil is our beautiful

Birmingham friend who attracted such wide-spread admiration at the ball last Friday evening.

The accident occurred at West End, Birmingham, by the clasp dropping off of the poll causing the poll to fall on the horses heels, which frightened the horses and caused them to become unmanageable. They ran for about 50 yards and dashed into a telegraph pole throwing all occupants out. Mr. Kennedy received a scalp wound and lay unconscious for about twenty minutes. Mrs. Nangle was taken to the St. Vincent Hospital where she is now in the care of Dr. Riggs. [sic.]

>Feb. 25, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Death of Dr. Curry. The death of Hon. J. M. **Curry**, L.L.D., which occurred in Ashville last night will be a source of deep regret to a large number of Alabamians by whom he was personally known and greatly beloved. He was for many years a native of this state, was a member of the Alabama Legislature for three terms, served in Congress from this State and was an officer of the fifth Alabama Cavalry in the Confederate States Army. He was for several years president of Howard College when that institution was located in Marion.

Dr. Curry was devoted to the interests of Alabama, and especially to the cause of education in this state. After he became trustee of the Peabody Educational Fund, he never lost sight of Alabama.

While his work extended over a much broader field than the confines of any one state, he frequently came to Alabama to deliver addresses on educational subjects, and never failed to manifest a marked interest

in his adopted State. He did a great work for the improvement of the young minds in the South, through his influence as a teacher, a public speaker and a writer, in all of which he excelled.

As a statesman, Dr. Curry was broad and patriotic. Few representatives of this county in the foreign diplomatic service served with more distinction, and few established higher records for loyalty, truth, and justice. Above all, Dr. Curry was an earnest, high-toned Christian gentleman, and the impress of his work will long be felt in the South, which he loved so well and to which he was ever loyal.

*Birmingham News*.

May 13, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

Died, at Easonville, May 8, 1903, Annie B. **Conkle**, age 3 years, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conkle of this place. The cause of the child's death was brain fever and a spinal disease. *The Coosa Valleyan* extends its sympathies to the parents and relatives in their sad loss.

May 20, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

Easonville. Mr. **Ira Harmon** one of our oldest citizens was buried here on last Monday. He had been confined to his room for twelve months before he died. He leaves many friends. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife and children.

+May 27, 1903, *The Coosa*

*Valleyan*: A Negro named Bishop **Freeze** was arrested in Pell City last week by G. S. Miller for shooting a Negro woman at Riverside last Thursday. He is now in the county jail. The woman died Friday evening

3 o'clock.

May 27, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

Died on May 19, 1903, Rev. P. S. **Montgomery**, aged 70 years. The deceased joined the Missionary church when very young, and was a land mark in his church. A pilgrim in the cause of his Master for many years, carrying in his life the livery of heaven. He was preaching the message of Christ's kingdom when the writer of this brief note of his death came to Ashville 30 years ago. He was always ready at the call of his church and it may be said that he literally wore himself out in the harness of his Lord.

Bro. Montgomery was a gospel light set on a hill, strong in faith and valiant in the cause of truth and was loved by the people of God of all denominations. He was no sectarian, although strongly attached to his own church. His kindness and liberality were manifest in every act of his life. He loved the association of the brethren of all denominations, and was always ready to lend a helping hand. As a man exemplifying a Christian life, he was indeed a remarkable figure. As a Bible scholar he was profoundly read. We believe that there were nine children, five of whom survive him, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are present for his funeral which will take place this afternoon at the cemetery.

Jun. 3, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

On last Saturday, May 30, Fanny Horsely who lives six miles north of Moody, murdered Newt **Bullock** by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. The cause was an attempt to rape on the part of Bullock.

Jun. 10, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Eden. We are sorry to hear of the death of Master Talmage **Blair** who died at Kelleton and was interred here at Eden cemetery. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved relatives and friends.

Jun. 24, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Dr. W. R. F. **Alverson**, who was in Memphis for treatment, died Monday. His remains arrived at Pell City yesterday morning on Southern train 38, and were transferred to the E. & W. to go to Coal City, the doctor's home.

Dr. Alverson was one of the best informed physicians in St. Clair County, and the news of his death will create great sorrow in a large radius about Coal City especially.

Dr. Alverson is a son of Mr. John Alverson who lives at Alverson Post Office, several miles above Ashville, north-west.

*The Coosa Valleyan* joins his many friends in extending its sympathies to his bereaved and loved ones.

Jun. 24, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Died on last Saturday evening, Dora Pratt **Chapman**, infant daughter of W. T. Chapman. Cause, cholera infantum. The remains of the child were interred at Eden cemetery Sunday. This was one of the twins which first saw the light five months ago. *The Coosa Valleyan* joins with Mr. Chapman's friends in offering sympathy.

Jul. 8, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
In the death of John P. **Philips** at Ashville, on last Sunday morning, St. Clair Co., lost not only one of her wealthiest citizens, but one of her most useful as well as successful

business men. Mr. Philips, known in the financial world as J. P. Philips and at home as John Philips, was a great benefit to his county, both commercially and agriculturally. He will be greatly missed, especially by the people of his own community around Ashville in whose business movements he was deeply interested.

Jul. 8, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Talladega. July 6.— Hon. Joseph B. **Graham** and Miss Jeanette **Joiner**, a popular young lady here, were killed by a Southern railway train at the passenger station at 9 o'clock tonight.

Both of them were horribly mangled, but lived for nearly two hours. Mr. Graham was conscious during his intense suffering and dictated his will just before he died.

Mr. Graham had gone to the station preparatory to leaving the city and was standing on one of the tracks when Miss Bridges, his stenographer, accompanied by Miss Joiner, came to consult him about some business matter that needed his immediate attention.

The three were standing on a side track adjoining the station and some distance from them on the same track was a long string of freight cars. The incoming passenger train struck these cars and they were knocked against Mr. Graham and Miss Joiner. Miss Bridges being pulled out of the way by a gentleman standing nearby. The cars passed over Mr. Graham and Miss Joiner.

Mr. Graham was conscious until 10:30 o'clock when he began to sink rapidly. He died in a few minutes thereafter. Miss Joiner died at 11 o'clock.

Jul. 15, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Ragland. Child Killed. Thrown from a Mule; receiving Fatal Injuries. Little Hugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. **Buckner**, was thrown from a mule and received injuries which necessitated his being carried to the Infirmary of Copeland and Berry where he lingered a few days in intense suffering and died Tuesday night. He was brought here for burial.

Jul. 29, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Seddon. On last Wednesday, Mr. Jake **Biddy** died at his home at Ferryville. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

Aug. 26, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Cropwell. Our community was shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Bob **Roberts** of Decatur last Friday, and extend our sympathies to the bereaved relatives. Bob was one of Cropwell's boys a few years ago and had many friends among us.

Sep. 2, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Prof. J. Archie **Bowman** died at his father's home near Eden, Monday, August 31, at 9 o'clock a.m. The deceased was 26 years of age, a member of the Church of Christ, and a bright specimen of young manhood. Archie was a Christian gentleman and was loved by all who knew him. He was educated at Jacksonville, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn., and had a bright future before him. He leaves a large host of friends and many relatives who mourn his death.

Oct. 15, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:  
Died, at Hot Springs, Ark., on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. and Mrs. Jabe



M. **Kilgroe**. Mr. Kilgroe was a brother of our townsmen T. J. and S. D. Kilgroe. He was raised in St. Clair County, but moved to Arkansas several years ago.

+Nov. 5, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Easonville. On last Saturday morning while driving his team home from the gin, Mr. J. H. Cospier was attacked from behind by a **Negro tenant** and thrown down in the wagon; but Mr. Cospier managed to get his pistol and shot the Negro twice. The Negro died at an early hour Sunday morning.

The Negro was of a bad character and has had many difficulties, but he lost at last. We are sorry for such things to happen in our community. But when it comes to fighting for life we are glad to see the peaceful citizen protected.

Nov. 12, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*:

At Ragland Monday morning a man named **Matthew**, while attempting to board a moving freight car, he slipped and fell under the car. The wheels passed over his neck, crushing his head horrible and mangling the body. It was fully 15 minutes before he was discovered and taken to a house. Mr. Matthews was a flagman on the Seaboard.

Dec. 3, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Died, on Dec. [sic] 28, near Coal City, Mr. O. D. **Edge**, age 35 years. He leaves a wife and five children.

Dec. 3, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Mrs. Benjamin **Gerow**, now of Gadsden, nee Miss Lou Griffith of Pell City, died at her home in Gadsden on Nov. 30. Her large host of friends in St. Clair County are grieved to learn of her death, and

*The Coosa Valleyan* joins them in extending its heartfelt sympathies.

Dec. 3, 1903, *The Coosa Valleyan*: Cropwell. We are grieved to learn of the recent death of teacher Miss Ida **Isaacs** and extend our sympathy to the stricken family and many friends of the deceased. Few young ladies possess such sterling Christian characteristics as Miss Ida and we feel that our community has lost a great deal in her death.

### ***Coosa Valleyan, 1904***

Pell City, Alabama

Apr. 14, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Riverside. We were shocked to learn of the sad death of D. W. **Waite**, one of Coosa Valley's most highly esteemed citizens. We extend our most heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

Apr. 14, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: SHOT DOWN. A serious shooting scrape took place at the tunnel on the new Seaboard grade in which a man named Alston shot and killed an **Abercrombie**. As best we can learn the particulars were thus: The affair started in a friendly joke between the two men, when, after a few words had passed between them, Abercrombie began abusing Alston. He then said to Alston, "If you don't shoot me, I'll shoot you." Abercrombie it is said, then reached for his pistol, whereupon Alston shot at him with a pistol several times, one shot taking effect and killing Abercrombie instantly.

Alston gave himself up to Constable Ginn on the same night of the killing, and was brought to town Thursday morning and lodged in jail on a charge of murder. The

preliminary trial is set for Monday before Judge Beavers. Alston has retained M. M. Smith as his attorney.

Apr. 28, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Mill News. **Infant** of J. M. **Lister** and wife was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. The child was thought to have been all right when they retired that night and at 2 a.m. Mrs. Lister awoke and found the child was dead. It was about 5 weeks old.

May 12, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Julius **Madnick**, a Jew and a peddler, was murdered near Inman yesterday morning, and robbed. He was shot from ambush, the bullet entering the left eye and passing through the brain causing instant death. \_\_\_\_\_ Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock at a farmhouse near Inman, \_\_\_\_\_, and then, with his pack of goods on his back, he started down the road towards Coal City. When about a hundred yards from the place, a shot was heard by the women of the house and Madnick was found lying face down. His pack was not touched, but what money he had, about \$40 or more was gone. Madnick's remains were brought to Pell City and from here carried to Birmingham, his place of residence.

+May 12, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Julien **Reed**, a negro, fell from a house near the MacAffee tunnel yesterday and died from the fall.

May 19, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Riverside. Mrs. E. C. **Renfro** died at her home in B'ham Monday morning. She was brought here for interment. We extend our

sympathies to the bereaved family. The funeral services will be at the Blue Church.

Jun. 9, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Mill News. Mr. Estee **Sanders** died on Friday of last week and was carried to Eden where the funeral services were conducted by Elder J. T. Buckner and was then conveyed to the tomb.

Jun. 16, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: J. L. **Masters**...met with the sad misfortune of losing his **wife**, who died on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Then his father-in-law, Mr. R. W. **Cook**, died on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cook was 71 years old, came to St. Clair when a child. A good citizen and respected by all who knew him. A member of Mt. Pleasant Church—the first member of this church. Mrs. Masters, Mr. Cooke's daughter, was also a member of this church; a dutiful, obedient daughter and a loving, painstaking wife. She leaves a husband and six children.

Aug. 4, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: At Ragland at 12:8 noon, last Saturday, July 30, Mrs. J. H. **Walker** died. She leaves a husband and infant son. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Shoemaker of the Ragland Methodist church. The deceased was a member of the Pell City Methodist church; was 25 years of age and was a daughter of Dr. Jones of Ragland.

Aug. 25, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Uncle Perry **Wyatt** of near Coal City died at his home very suddenly last Sunday night at 7 o'clock. He left the supper table apparently in the best of health and dropped dead at the door. Mr. Wyatt was county surveyor and

one of the best old citizens of the county.

Aug. 25, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Louis **Taylor**, of near Brompton, was killed at Pell City by a train Thursday night Aug. 25. The minute circumstances in regard to his death are unknown.

Dec. 15, 1904, *Coosa Valleyan*: Died at Avondale, Dec. 13, 1904, Mrs. R. B. **Ray**. The deceased was a daughter of Rev. G. C. Evans of near Eden, and wife of R. B. Ray, a valued employee of So. Ry. Mrs. Ray is a sister of Mrs. W. H. Miller of Pell City. Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Miller have been attending her bedside for several days and Mr. W. H. Miller left yesterday morning for the scene of misfortune. The remains arrived at Pell City yesterday to be interred at Eden today.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1905***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 11, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Rev. J. W. **Ramsey** died at his home Nov. the 10<sup>th</sup>, 1904.

Jan. 11, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. A sad accident occurred near this place on the 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mr. Fed **Forman**. It seems that he had just completed a wagon shelter which was not sufficiently braced. He knocked off a small brace, when the shelter fell on his nine year old **son**, killing him instantly.

Feb. 15, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 13, 1905, Mrs. Rhoda C. **Hodges**, in her 80<sup>th</sup> year, consort of Mr. Redden Hodges, who

preceded her to the grave some fifteen years ago. The deceased was one of the most lovable of women, of a tender and gentle disposition, and beloved by everybody who knew her. She joined the Baptist church when about twenty-one years of age, and remained steadfast till the end of life came. There was no more devoted and faithful mother in our county. Her children and her grandchildren and other relatives numbers a host left behind. A good woman and faithful Christian has passed to where there is no weeping nor sorrow, and to where her life and example invite all to follow her.

Her funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church in the presence of a large number of friends, Rev. A. E. Burns conducting the service. Hon. J. W. Inzer made an impressive talk, commending the pure life and Christian integrity of Mrs. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Slack of near Gadsden, and B. F. Philips of Auburn were here to attend the funeral. The eldest daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Avaline Neely, it was regretted, could not be present at the funeral on account of illness.

Feb. 22, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Ragland. Died on Monday Feb. 13, Willie Box **Curd**, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curd. The remains were interred in the Rhodes Chapel cemetery. The bereaved parents and loved ones have our sympathy.

Feb. 22, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died near Partlow, Ala., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Rhoda **Palmer**, wife of Henry A. Palmer, age 70 years.

Again on the 13<sup>th</sup> death invaded this home and took Aunt Lavica

**Canterbury**, age 75 years. She was sister to Mrs. Palmer and they had lived together for quite a while. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved ones in this trial.

Mar. 1, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died, Mrs. Martha **Cox**, of Ragland, on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1905, age 63 years. The deceased was related to some of our best families and had a large number of friends here who regret to hear of her death.

Mar. 15, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: In Memoriam. Mrs. Joe [Jo ?]  
**Alverson** was born Jan. 16, 1855, and was married to our beloved brother, Chester D. Alverson, March 31, 1874. By the dispensation of God's providence He has seen fit to suddenly remove from our midst our beloved friend and sister who died March 1, 1905.

Apr. 12, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
From the *Springville Item*. Jno. **McClendon**, aged about 76, died at his home in Springville on March 31, 1905. The deceased was one of the best known citizens of St. Clair county and was connected with the county's upbuilding for the past 50 years. He was Tax Collector of our county for two terms, 1872-6, 1888-92 and was a faithful and efficient officer. His life was one of duty and he leaves behind a splendid record as to his business capacities. He leaves two sons and one daughter, besides a host of grandchildren and other relatives to mourn his departure. The funeral was conducted by the Masonic fraternity of which he was a faithful member, and visiting Masons being in attendance from surrounding counties. The remains were interred

in the cemetery on the hill and all Springville mourns with the deceased's relatives in the loss of a good citizen.

Apr. 12, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
From the *Springville Item*. Died, at his home in Springville, April 3, 1905, Claude N. **Ash**. The deceased had been in bad health for several years and had been seeking health in the west, but that dreaded disease could not be stayed. Claude had only been here for a week or so from a western trip, and while he was not in good health, his death was not expected so soon. He was just in the bloom of young manhood and was a dutiful and good boy. His father and mother had only preceded him a few years to that place whence there is no return. He leaves two brothers besides a host of other friends and relatives to mourn his departure. Rev. C. M. Hensley conducted the funeral services at the M. E. church on Tuesday and the remains were followed to their last resting place in the cemetery on the hill by a large attendance.

Apr. 12, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
From the *Springville Item*. Moses **Roberson** aged 70 died at his home in Odenville, Ala., on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1905. The deceased had been in bad health for some time and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a number of relatives to mourn his loss. He was preceded only a few months by two of his brothers to that Great Beyond. We extend sympathies to the bereaved ones.

+Apr. 12, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
From the *Springville Item*. On March 31, 1905, Steve **Rowan** (col) died in Springville. He had been

quite sick for some time with consumption. Steve was one of Springville's best darkies and his funeral was well attended by both black and white.

Apr. 19, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
It has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe to call from labor to refreshment above, our friend and brother, John R. **Oldham**, who died Feb. 12, 1905, at Mountain Creek, Ala., in the sixty-second year of his age.

Apr. 26, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
Springville. Mrs. Amy **Reed** was born Aug. 15, 1824, and died at the home of her son E. P. Reed at this place the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. Mrs. Reed was married May 7, 1843, to Mr. E. P. Reed, an ex-U.S. soldier, and settled at Collinsville where she reared three sons and one daughter and survived all but her youngest son, E. P. Reed, who has been a resident of Springville 13 years. She lived a devout member of the Baptist church, having joined that church at the age of 14 years. Her children were all members of the Baptist church, her surviving son being a minister of that denomination. Mrs. Reed lived a widow for over 52 years, her husband having died at Collinsville, Nov. 27, 1852.

May 10, 1905, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on May 9<sup>th</sup>, about 9 o'clock a.m. at his home about 4 miles from Ashville, Jas. M. **Philips**, 84 years. His sudden death was one of casualty. In the morning he was out in his stock yard looking after the stock where two mules were running loose and playing, as it seemed, when one of them, passing the deceased, threw up its heels, kicking

him in the stomach and knocking him senseless, and he was carried to the house lifeless.

The deceased was one of the county's most remarkable citizens, the perfection of human honor and honesty—as a citizen as true as steel, though as gentle and confiding in later years as a child. A strong man with a generous disposition, affectionate and kind. He came as near the ideal in all the relation of life as it seems possible yet for human nature to attain. A faithful man, strong citizen, kind neighbor, a consistent Christian has fallen amidst a host of relatives and friends and is no more. The bereaved companion, children and grand children have our deepest sympathies; but in the providence of the Allwise, he had been spared many years, bowed under the infirmities of old age, for some years he lingered apace as if the appointed hour was not far off. Interred at Ashville cemetery today at 3 o'clock p.m.

May 10, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 9, 1905, Mrs. S. C. **Vaughan**, at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Ada V. Byers of our city, age 78 years. The deceased had been a member of the Baptist church up to the day of her death—about 40 years—and lived a devout Christian. She was a devoted mother, generous neighbor, and leaves several children all members of the church and in substantial condition. We tender our deepest sympathies to the children and grandchildren for the loss of this estimable, venerable mother. Interred at Hopewell cemetery today May the 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock a.m.

May 17, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 9, 1905, at his mill near his home in the Julien settlement, Rural No. 2, Joseph **Strange**, aged about 58. The deceased had been afflicted for a number of years and his health had been greatly impaired, although just before he died he seemed greatly improved. He was at his mill looking after affairs when he was seized with his old malady and in a short time died and was carried a corpse to his house not far distance. He was a prominent and successful farmer, and leaves a wife and three children. On the 10<sup>th</sup> his remains were laid to rest at Evergreen, the Odd Fellows officiating in the last rites.

Jun. 21, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died on June 13, 1905, at the home of her daughter, near Gadsden, Ala., Mrs. T. L. **Nunnelley** of Springville, aged about 50 years. The deceased had been in bad health for some time, and while her condition was known to be of a serious nature, she was not thought to be dangerously so. She had only left Springville a few weeks ago to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Grambling in hopes that the change would benefit her. She was a noble Christian mother and was a faithful member of the M. E. Church South at Pleasant Hill near where she was born and reared. She had raised her boys, except the youngest, to manhood and they have lived uprightly, and they now hold responsible business positions which demonstrated her good influences in her home circle. She leaves four sons, one daughter, and a heartbroken husband to mourn her

death.

The remains were brought down Wednesday and interred in the family graveyard at Pleasant Hill. A large number of friends and relatives from Springville and surrounding community attending the funeral services. The bereaved husband and children have the deep sympathies of our whole community in their great sorrow. *Springville Item*.

Jul. 5, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1905, at her home near Ashville, Mrs. J. R. **Neely**, aged 50. The deceased had been afflicted for sometime, bearing her suffering with patience until the end came, and had been a devoted Christian from her girlhood. She was the mother of eight children, 3 died in infancy or youth, 5 are living whom, with her husband, she leaves to mourn her loss. The funeral took place last Wednesday at the Baptist church. Bro. J. S. E. Robinson conducting the services.

Jul. 12, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Jun 30, 1905, Charles **Williamson** in Beaver Valley, age 24 years. He joined the Baptist Church at the age of 16 and was a faithful member up to the day of his death.

Jul. 19, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July the 11, 1905, Mrs. Nancy Cooper **Hood**, age 85. The deceased was born in St. Clair county, Dec. 8, 1819, and was the daughter of Zachariah and Mary Cooper who moved into this country from South Carolina about 1817. She was one of twelve children all of whom lived to be grown and married, herself marrying Roland Hood in 1838, and lived in the

country seven miles east of Ashville up to the day of her death with the exception of two years (1857 and 1858) spent in Morgan county. She was the mother of nine children, four of whom are still living, as follows: C. R. Hood of Groveshick, R. P. Hood of Bryan, J. D. Hood of Thornton, Texas, Mrs. T. W. Lister of Gadsden, and Rev. N. A. Hood of Ashville, Ala. Roland Hood, her husband, died Aug. 25, 1889.

Deceased was a consistent Christian, a member of the Baptist church at Hopewell for about 65 years, greatly esteemed and honored for her high qualities, womanhood and neighborly kindness and tenderness. Her funeral took place last Wednesday at Hopewell, 2 p.m. Rev. J. S. E. Roberson conducted the services, and was attended by members of the family and a large number of friends from other places.

Jul. 19, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 14, 1905, at her home in Springville, Mrs. Will **Crowe**, aged 38. The deceased leaves a husband and a five year old son. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 22 years, and one of the most devoted Christians during that time, highly respected by all who knew her as a neighbor and friend. Her funeral took place last Saturday at the Baptist church, the services being conducted by her pastor of Argo, assisted by Rev. N. A. Hood, of Ashville. Her remains were interred at the Springville cemetery, where they were followed by a large number to witness the sad rite of her burial.

Aug. 16, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Mr. **Alsabrook**, formerly of Pell City but living near Birmingham, died in

Birmingham of paralysis and was buried at Eden.

Sep. 6, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: We are sorry to report the death of **Mrs. Wood**, wife of Mr. Joe Wood. Her remains were interred at the Rhodes Chapel cemetery. The bereaved husband and children have our heartfelt sympathies.

Sep. 20, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Black Creek. B. M. Lovell and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah **Stovall** last Wednesday.

Sep. 27, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 22, 1905, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Glenn in Ashville, John **Galbreath**, age 88. He was a member of the M. E. Church South many years, and a devoted Christian. His funeral took place at Pleasant Hill last Sunday. Rev. J. W. Spencer, of this charge, officiating, and a large audience was present to pay their last respects to the remains.

Oct. 4, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Ragland. Sorry to report the death of little Willie **Youngblood**, infant son of Mrs. Nannie Youngblood, of Brookside. His remains were interred at the Rhodes Chapel cemetery here Friday.

Oct. 11, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Thursday, Oct. 5, D. C. **White**, of Rural No 1. The deceased was known to all our citizens as a good man, conscientious, upright and honest. His death was the result of an accident. About a week or more before, he fell from the top of a wagon load of hay and was so badly injured about the head, and otherwise, as not to be able to rally

afterwards. The relatives have the sympathy of this entire community. His funeral took place last Friday.

Nov. 1, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died Oct. 25, 1905, at his home near Hopewell, this county, T. J. **Shanks**, age about 55. The deceased had been a member of the church for about 32 years, just before his death severing his connections with the M. E. Church South, joining the Congregationalist. He was buried at Hopewell Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, the services were conducted by Rev. Forman, pastor of the church. He leaves a wife and four children, two boys and girls, all of age, the latter are married, the young men are not. He was a good citizen and neighbor, and his death produced sympathetic sorrow in his community.

Nov. 22, 1905, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov 20, 1905, at his home in Springville, John R. **Teague**, aged 48 years. He had been afflicted for over two years, but was confined to his bed quite recently. He was the father of seven children, six of whom are living, four boys and two girls, who with their mother, survive him. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and will be remembered as one of the county's best young citizens, a kind father and husband, a true and faithful friend.

His remains were brought to Ashville and were interred at the cemetery Tuesday, a large number of friends and relatives present. The services at the church conducted by Rev. N. A. Hood.

Relatives and friends present at the funeral were S. T. Teague, Birmingham; T. W. Teague, Gadsden; Frank Crow and wife,

Killerman; G. W. Coker and wife, Otis Lonnergan and wife, Mrs. Emma Teague, Ed Teague, all of Beaver Valley; beside his immediate family of Springville, Ala.

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***Coosa Valleyan / St. Clair Herald, 1905***

Pell City, Alabama

Feb. 9, 1905, *Coosa Valleyan/St. Clair Herald*: Rev. B. F. **Brothers**, one of the county's most substantial farmers, died at his home in Riverside Tuesday. Mr. Brothers was well known all over the county and his death is a severe loss to the people of the county.

Nov. 9, 1905, *Coosa Valleyan/St. Clair Herald*: Factory News. Little four year old **son** of Mr. and Mrs. **York** died Oct. 30 at 3 o'clock p.m.; remains were interred in Pell City cemetery; funeral services at the residence conducted by Elder J. T. Buckner. The little boy suffered quite a while with scrofula. The bereaved family has our sympathy.

Nov. 23, 1905, *Coosa Valleyan/St. Clair Herald*: Quite a large crowd from Cropwell attended the funeral services of Mr. Paul **Castleberry** at Coosa Valley Monday.

Dec. 7, 1905, *Coosa Valleyan/St. Clair Herald*: Died on Dec. 1, 1905, in Mississippi, Mrs. N. A. **Crawford**, aged 48. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Cameron of our city and a sister of Mrs. J. O. Butler of Riverside, and Mr. John Cameron of Pell City. The deceased was sick only a few hours, having retired at night and died about midnight. A husband and one daughter survive her. She was

interred at Eden, Sunday Dec. 3, 1905.

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***St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan, 1906***

Pell City, Alabama

Jan. 11, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: We are sorry to chronicle the death of our little friend Viola **Styles**. She was ill only 8 days with pneumonia when the end came. She died on Sunday morning Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. Viola was 11 ½ years old and was a bright and sweet little girl loved by all who knew her for she loved everybody.

Feb. 8, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Died at his home in Shoal Creek Valley six miles southeast of Ashville, Lewis M. **Jordan**, on Monday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jordan was one of the best farmers and citizens of St. Clair county, and had a character for honesty, integrity and nobleheartedness which all may well envy. He leaves a widow, a sister of Mrs. T. J. Kilgroe of this city.

Mar. 22, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: We are sorry to hear of Mrs. W. Z. **Smith's** death of Saturday night the 17<sup>th</sup>. She left a husband and several children to mourn her death.

Mar. 29, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: W. Rich **Awtry**, a conductor of the Southern railway, was instantly killed Sunday by being run over by a train at Cook Springs. The remains were carried to Birmingham and prepared for burial. The body will be shipped to Heflin for interment. It appears that the deceased was waiting at Cooks

Springs for the arrival of another train and was sitting on the track. Its unexpected arrival resulted in his death. He was a married man and lived at Woodlawn. He was 33 years of age.

Mar. 29, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Charles Fay, the old Pa. state college half back, lost his race with death by five minutes on March 27, after a thousand mile journey. Mr. Fay lives in Coal City, and his son Donald **Fay**, aged 8 was staying with the latter's grandmother in Holidaysburg near Altoona. Friday the lad was operated on for appendicitis, Mr. Fay was notified and immediately left for Altoona. He missed train connections in Washington and the delay robbed him of a chance to see his boy alive. He arrived at the hospital five minutes late.

Apr. 19, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Died near Middleton school house Curtis **Love** aged 18. Curtis was a bright young man and death has cast a gloom over the entire community in which he lived.

May 3, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: The death of Mrs. Paul **Castleberry**, which occurred last Wednesday night, has cast a cloud of gloom over the entire community. She was loved by all who knew her.

May 17, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: The death angel has visited our little town and taken Mrs. Nancy **Adams'** little **girl** and Mr. Russ **Adams'** **baby**.

Jun. 7, 1906, *St. Clair Herald &*

*Coosa Valleyan*: Mrs.

**Buckner**, who has been sick so long (18 weeks) confined to her bed, died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, she bore her affliction with patience. By her request, the children carried her to Alabama City where they were met by a large crowd of friends and relatives.

Jun. 7, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: We regret to learn of the death of Brother M. G. **Stewart**, who died at his home near Stewart's School House on June 1, 1906. Brother Stewart was a good Christian citizen and had the respect and good will of all who knew him. He moved to St. Clair County when quite a small boy and had resided in the neighborhood in which he lived for several years. Brother Stewart united with the Missionary Baptist church when quite young and was a consistent member until his death. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death.

Jun. 7, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: IN MEMORIAM. Died on May 26, 1906, at his home in Pell City, Arthur **Moore**, aged 26 years. The deceased had moved to Pell City a few years ago, and was proprietor of the Village Barber Shop at the time of his death. He had only been sick a few days having been in bed hardly a week when he was called before his Maker to answer for his deeds and misdeeds while on earth. His father died several years ago, and Arthur was the mainstay of the family. He was an exceptionally bright young man and was very popular among his associates and friends.

He was taken sick on May 22<sup>nd</sup>,

and gradually grew worse until death relieved his suffering. The nature of the disease was Tonsillitis, which terminated in blood poisoning. He bore his afflictions heroically and died without a murmur. His mother and brother who survive him have the sympathies of the entire community in their hour of sad bereavement.

Aug. 9, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Died at his son's home in Mississippi, Mr. J. A. **Hardwick**, age 81 years. Mr. Hardwick is the father of our townsman Geo. R. Hardwick and is one of the most respected citizens in the county. At the time of his death he was visiting relatives in Mississippi.

Aug. 16, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Ewin **Graham**, son of Mr. Thos. Graham of Easonville, was shot and instantly killed last Wednesday, at Springville, this county, by E. F. Osborn. Both parties are prominently connected in St. Clair County, and the affair is very much regretted. The shooting occurred at the home of Osborn and is said to have resulted over domestic affairs. Graham was shot twice, once in the head and another time in the side, death resulting instantly.

Aug. 16, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Died, W. S. **Griffith** on July 11, 1906.

Nov. 8, 1906, *St. Clair Herald & Coosa Valleyan*: Died on Monday night Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Myrtle **Bowman** of Pell City.

Pell City, Alabama

Feb. 21, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

**Clarence**, little son of Mrs. James **Boley**, was buried at Coosa Valley Saturday p.m. Rev. J. T. Terry conducted the services.

+Mar. 14, 1906, *The Pell City Times*: Lonnie **Roberson**, colored, died at Cropwell on last Monday. He had been sick a long time with consumption.

+Mar. 14, 1906, *The Pell City Times*: Dallas **Roberson**, the 17 year old boy of Alex Roberson, colored, died at his home near Seddon last week. These negroes are peaceable and honest and have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement.

Apr. 11, 1906, *The Pell City Times*: Rev. J. T. **Millican**, a former citizen of this county died recently at Cottondale superannuated ministers' home. He was stationed at Turkeytown ten years ago and was well known in Gadsden. For some time he was associate editor of the Times News. *Gadsden Times*.

...North Alabama Methodism did not have a truer man than Brother Millican. For twenty-one years he served as pastor, his charges usually hard and the compensation small. He was faithful in his work, true to God and loyal to the church, hence he has gone where rewards are based on the faithfulness of the worker. His was a triumphant death, rejoicing that the end was at hand. *Christian Advocate*.

May 2, 1906, *The Pell City Times*: Miss Nora **Truss**, the 17-year-

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### *The Pell City Times, 1906*

old daughter of E. R. and Fannie Truss, died last night about midnight at the family residence, 901 First Ave., [Birmingham], from tuberculosis. Mr. and Mrs. Truss have friends and relatives in this county who will regret to learn of the death.

May 16, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Raymond **Inzer**, the ten year old son of John A. Inzer, of Gadsden, died at the home of his uncle in Springville on May 1.

Jun. 7, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

It is with sympathy and regret that we chronicle the sad and sudden death of Mrs. Eula **Leland**, of Birmingham, on last Thursday at 12 m. Mrs. Leland was the mother of Mrs. J. F. Sudduth, of Pell City, and was visiting her daughter at the time she was taken ill. The remains were interred at Elmwood Cemetery on Friday afternoon. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Mrs. Sudduth, and a host of friends to mourn her death.

+Jun. 7, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Aunt **Esther**, wife of Jack **Collins**, one of our county's oldest and most worthy negroes, died near here Friday and was buried at Roberson's Chapel Saturday last. Aunt Esther was 52 years old and had been a member of the C. M. E. Church since 1871.

Jul. 12, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

**OUR EDITOR DEAD.** It is with deep sorrow that we chronicle the death of our beloved editor as we go to press today. Last Wednesday night at 8:10 o'clock, the leader and editor of the Pell Times, W. S. **Griffith**, died at his home in

Griffith's Addition, of uremic kidney poison, surrounded by his family and a number of relatives and friends. He had been sick two weeks, and everything possible in the way of medical aid was administered to him, but the black-winged Death Angel won the battle and claimed its victim. Last Saturday he was carried to Birmingham to the Hillman Hospital for the purpose of having an operation performed, but upon reaching there, his condition was found to be too weak to stand it, and on Monday night he told Mrs. Griffith that he could fight no longer, and knew he must die, and as a last request wanted to be carried home. He was brought to Pell City on the Tuesday evening Accommodation and lived until Wednesday night. He said to his wife and a number of friends that he was ready to go and had no fear of death, and as we have known his life from childhood, we know that he is at rest from all suffering and pain.

His body was interred at the Eden Cemetery, the family burying ground, by the beautiful Masonic burial service. The funeral was preached in the Baptist Church at Eden by Rev. Hensley of Birmingham. Mr. Griffith was a Mason, an Elk, and Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias, all in good standing. He was an affectionate husband and father, a devoted brother, a dutiful son, a true friend and a public spirited citizen, and has done much for the several towns where he has been actively engaged in business.

He was a newspaper man of exceptional ability and has met with success in the establishing and building up of several newspapers in

the state at different periods. He was for a number of years the editor and publisher of the *Gadsden Evening Journal*, and established the paper. On account of a very severe and almost fatal illness which occurred over a year ago, he sold out in Gadsden and moved to Pell City. After the long sickness, he recovered and with the perseverance that has characterized his life, he again started in business, in which vocation he was working at the time of his last sickness.

We feel he has done much for the present growth of Pell City and St. Clair Co., and that the interests of his town and fellow citizens were ever uppermost in his mind. May the Divine Comforter help the heart-broken wife, children and relatives bear the loss, which is his eternal gain.

Jul. 19, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

The six weeks' old **infant** of Jess **West**, residing in the village, died and was buried last Sunday.

Aug. 2, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

The angel of death visited the home of Mr. A. J. Smith and claimed for its victim, **Mrs. Smith**. After a long illness, she passed away quietly at her home three miles south of Steeles, last Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The funeral services were at Deerman's Chapel Sunday at 3:00.

Aug. 9, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

The dynamite explosion that occurred Saturday afternoon at the Coal City Branch Mines, operated by the Seaboard Coal and Coke Co., resulted in the death of **Will Reed** and the serious shaking up of John Carlines. The two were carried to St. Vincent's hospital Saturday night,



but Reed died Monday morning. Carlines had two fingers cut off and was bruised and shaken, but will recover.

Aug. 9, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Today we learn of the sad and sudden death of Mr. Cecil **Truss**, who was killed by an East Lake car at East Lake Tuesday night. Mr. Truss was highly connected in Alabama and was a young man of sterling qualities. He will be buried today at Ferryville at the family burying ground.

Aug. 9, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Uncle Owen **Hardwick**, of Easonville, died at the home of his daughter's in Mississippi last Monday night. He had reached the ripe old age of 84 years, and up until 2 years ago had been hale and hardy. He leaves a wife and 9 grown children to mourn his death.

Aug. 16, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

**Maggie**, the six month old baby girl of Mr. Charley **Watson**, died at the home of Mr. Watson's brother at Fountain Run on last Sunday. Mrs. Watson, the baby's mother, died when the child was only seventeen days old, after which the baby was cared for by an aunt. A slight attack of cholera infantum resulted in almost immediate death.

Aug. 16, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Mrs. Lizzie **Phillips**, wife of Eli Phillips, was buried yesterday at Steele's after a long illness. She leaves a husband and four children. Rev. Harris held the funeral services.

Aug. 30, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

The **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs.

**Woosman** of Coal City, died Wednesday at this place.

+Aug. 30, 1906, *The Pell City*

*Times*: Aunt Lucy **Mayfield**, a good and worthy colored woman of Whitesville, near here, died Sunday and was buried at the graveyard near her home Monday.

Oct. 11, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Little **Lampkin**, the seven year old son of Mr. **Jones** who recently lived in the Turner house in the West end of Pell City, died of fever a few days ago at their present home in Riverside.

Nov. 8, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

One of the saddest deaths that we have ever been called upon to chronicle was the death of Mrs. S. D. **Kilgroe**, which occurred in Merkle, Texas, last Saturday night. Mrs. Kilgroe was the beloved wife of S. D. Kilgroe, who up until last winter was a resident of Pell City, they having lived here a number of years. She was the mother of eight children, the baby being only one month old. She died of heart trouble and pneumonia, and while her sickness had been very serious for the past two weeks, a strong hope for her recovery was felt until a short time before she died.

She was buried at Coosa Valley Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.; her remains having come in on the early morning train to Pell City, and was carried down to the home of Mrs. Kilgroe's mother at Easonville. The scene at this home was a most pathetic one, as Mrs. Willingham was very ill and the body of her daughter was brought to her bedside to enable the poor mother to view her mortal remains for the last time.

Mrs. Kilgroe was a woman loved and respected by all who knew her. A loving wife, a sweet mother, and a woman who ruled her household with the weapon called Love. To the crushed and broken-hearted husband, children, mother and relatives, we offer our sympathy. May the Hand of a loving Father guide them while life lasts, and land them safely with her in Eternity.

Nov. 8, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Easonville. Died Sunday, Lillian **Box**, the sweet little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Box of Anniston. She died with scarlet fever. She was here to be interred at Coosa Valley cemetery.

Nov. 8, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

We were shocked and saddened at the news of the sudden and unexpected death of George W. **Hodges**, which occurred at Ashville, Ala., Monday last. Mr. Hodges is one of Ashville's oldest residents, he having made his home there for many years. He has been a successful business man and numbered his friends by scores. He was possessed with a jovial and friendly personality and will be greatly missed in Ashville. He leaves a wife and three grown children and a large connection of relatives to keenly feel his loss. He was about 60 years old and apparently in excellent health at the time of his sudden illness.

Nov. 8, 1906, *The Pell City Times*:

Mrs. Bud **Dunahoo** died at her home in Ashville, Ala., Tuesday, Nov. 6, '06. She had been very low with consumption for several months past, and while her death had been

expected for sometime it was a sad blow to the husband and three children that survive her. She was a good Christian woman and had been a consistent member of the Baptist church a number of years. She was an excellent neighbor and leaves a host of friends. Her remains were interred the Coosa Valley Cemetery Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. S. E. Robinson conducting the funeral services.

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### ***The Pell City Times, 1907***

One Issue Only  
Pell City, Alabama

Jan. 3, 1907, *The Pell City Times*: On Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Clara **Box**, of near Talladega, died at the age of 23 years. She was the beloved wife of Mr. George Jones [sic], formerly of Cropwell. She was buried at Coosa Valley cemetery on New Year's Day.

Jan. 3, 1907, *The Pell City Times*: The day after Christmas a lamentable tragedy occurred in the town of Vincent, when the **wife** of Charlie **Vincent** committed suicide by sending a pistol ball crashing through her head. There was no real cause assigned for the tragedy other than despondency.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1907***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 9, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Jan'y 4, 1907, Abe **Green** at his home at Greensport, of cancer of the stomach, aged 64. The deceased was one of the county's most substantial and successful citizens—a genial, pleasant gentleman and of a highly respected family—born in the county, reared

and lived in the neighborhood where he died, and where he will be missed by many of his associates from life's walks. He leaves a wife and six children, and numerous relations to sorrow at his departure. His remains were interred at Hopewell—the services were conducted by Rev. I. N. Currier—where a large concourse attended to pay their last respects and to comfort the bereaved ones.

Feb. 13, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: On February 6, at about 7 o'clock a.m., the engine at the Pell City m'f'g Co. exploded, killing Earnest **Jones** and slightly injuring others. No cause for the explosion except a weak part in the engine. Earnest had been an employee of the company for several years and was well thought of by his associates. He was about 20 years of age.

Feb. 27, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: E. B. **Compton** is the name of the man who was incinerated [incarcerated ?] at the Pell City jail last week, as mentioned, and it was his wife who went to his cell and found him dead. [The previous week's issue is missing.]

Mar. 13, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Uncle Johnny **Barber** of Coal City died on Saturday March 9, 1907, aged 84 years. He was born on the election day which established the county seat at Ashville. Oldtown was the latter's rival. Our old pioneers are gone and the robust children they left behind now, some of them, octogenarians passing away. May they too rest in peace on the soil which gave them birth.

Mar. 20, 1907, *Southern Aegis*:

Died on March 11, 1907, at the home of his son in Anniston, Martin **Coker**, aged 74 years. The deceased was visiting Anniston and died unexpectedly while sitting in a chair. He resided in Beaver Valley, St. Clair County, and for many years was a member of the M. E. Church South. His remains were interred at Pleasant Hill. Rev. M. M. Blaese conducting the service.

Mar. 27, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on March 21, 1907, Ignatius **Freeman** at his home in Ashville, aged 32 years. On last Friday his remains were conveyed to the family burying ground near Proctor where they were interred. Services were conducted by Rev. N. A. Hood. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

+Apr. 10, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Greensport. Aunt Vinnie **Black**, an aged negress of this place, died late last Tuesday afternoon. She was respected by all who knew her, both white and black. Before the civil war she was a slave. The cause of her death is supposed to be heart failure as she died very suddenly.

May 1, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 30, 1907, Sarah V. **Embry** the next youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Embry, age 3 years. The funeral took place May 1<sup>st</sup> at the cemetery. Revs. M. M. Blaese and N. A. Hood conducted the services at the church before the interment. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

May 29, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on May 23, 1907, at her home,

the Ashville Hotel, Ashville, Ala., Mrs. Abner **Crow**, after a lingering affliction of two years or more growing more acute towards the end, so that the deceased for the last few months was confined to her bed. Age 54, lacking two months.

The deceased was a kind obliging and good woman, the mother of a large and interesting family of children to whom her life was devoted. As a neighbor none could be found more obliging, her ways and work were a path of pleasure to her and few ever go through life with affliction on one hand and the care of domestic duties on the other to battle with greater patience than the subject of this comment.

We can say of her a loving mother, a kind neighbor and good woman has departed from this community to be seen no more among the living, though her memory is written on the hearts of many to be treasured as long as life lasts with them.

She leaves a husband and eight children, three boys and five girls and a large number of relatives, to mourn her going, with many to sympathize with them in their bereavement. The deceased was the wife of Ex sheriff Abner Crow, mother-in-law of Ex sheriff J. L. North and mother of the present sheriff of the county, Walter H. Crow.

The funeral took place Saturday morning at the city cemetery, services conducted by Revs. J. S. E. Robinson and N. A. Hood, pastor of the Baptist church of which the deceased was a member. The services were very solemn and the attendance large.

There was a number of family

relatives and connections from various parts of the state, among whom we notice W. T. Hodges, Odenville, T. J. Hodges, Birmingham, brothers; Mrs. E. G. Thornton, Hokes Bluff, sister; A. T. Edmunson, Woodlawn, brother-in-law.

Jun. 12, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 8, 1907, at her home in Glenn Addie, Mrs. J. A. **Glenn**, consort of the late Rev. J. A. Glenn, age about 63 years. The deceased had been a member of the church almost from childhood, and was a highly estimable Christian woman, devoted to her husband during life and a sharer in his arduous calling, kind, generous and obliging, beloved by all her friends and neighbors, and though a child of affliction for many years, she bore her burden with patience and Christian fortitude.

She leaves one child, John, of full age, but a number of relatives and family connections at her departure. Her funeral took place on Sunday at the town cemetery in the afternoon, preliminary services at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. Joseph Stephenson where a large number of our citizens attended to pay their last respects to the memory of the deceased.

Jun. 26, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Greensport. Our community was stricken with grief and sorrow on last Tuesday evening when Beason **Talley**, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Talley, met an awful death: The boy had been plowing and had taken out his horse to quit; he mounted and rode the animal to the creek near by to water him, there he became scared and shied to one side throwing Beason off into the

water and hanging his foot in the trace carrying him about two hundred (200) yards over rocks and stumps to the house. There members of the family caught the frightened horse and took Beason loose. It was soon found that his neck was broken and other points of his body bruised in a horrible manner. He was a bright little fellow and loved by all.

Jul. 31, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Saturday July 27, 1907, at Steele Depot, H. H. R. **Wilson**, age 43. The deceased was returning from a district conference of the M. E. Church South, Gadsden District, at Valley Head where he represented Zion Hill church, as a delegate and was in company with Rev. M. M. Blaese and Oscar McCain, delegates from the Ashville church, and in an effort to get off the car as it approached Steele while in motion was thrown out and so badly hurt that he died in 5 hours afterwards.

It is supposed that he was suddenly aroused from sleep by the call of the station where he was to get off, that in a dazed state he rushed to the door, and thinking the train was moving away from his depot, he attempted to jump off.

He leaves 9 children, the youngest about three years old. He had been a consistent member of the church for many years and was honest and upright in all his ways—kind, obliging and confiding in his fellow men. There are many who know him who heard of his death with sorrow and whose sympathies go out for his bereaved family. [For a different account of what appears to be this same accident, See Also the August 1, 1907, *Springville Item* entry.]

Aug. 7, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: During the past week news reaches us that two of the best citizens residing in the southern judicial division of our county died. R. **Hoyles**, Kelleys Creek and G. P. **Austin** of Eden. They were over age representing citizens of the county, faithful and true. Mr. Austin was one of the board of Registrars of the county.

Aug. 14, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died on July 31, 1907, Barney **Keith**, the 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keith. The little fellow had only been sick one week with acute gastritis. The remains were interred in the cemetery on the hill.

Aug. 14, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died in Tuscaloosa, on July 31, 1907, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. **Smith**, formerly of this place. The remains were interred in the family burying ground, the Woodall graveyard, above here.

Aug. 14, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died on July 31, 07, D. M. **Green**, an old and respected farmer living near here. The remains were interred in the cemetery on the hill.

Aug. 14, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Springville. Died at Mountain Creek, Ala., Mrs. Jno. C. **Hill**, the deceased was the wife of Jno. C. Hill, son of our townsman R. M. Hill. She was a lovely young woman, having been married 12 months. John has the deep sympathies of all our people in his affliction.

Aug. 21, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Peyton **Rowan** died Aug. 10, 07, at his home in Jacksonville, Ala., at the age of 90 years and 11 mo. The major was well known to all our older citizens, and though he lived to a good old age, their memory of him will last until they too cross over the river.

Sep. 25, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died in Birmingham last week, Mrs. H. **Blankenship**. Her remains were interred at Evergreen church. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss, while their numerous friends and relatives extend their sympathy to the bereaved.

Oct. 16, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: John **Montgomery**, on last Sunday morning above Springville, while attempting to get on a through freight, fell between the cars and was cut to pieces in his limbs. His remains were brought to Ashville that evening and interred in the cemetery Monday afternoon, funeral services conducted by Bro. Jimmy Allman assisted by Rev. Tullis. Deceased was about 25 years of age and was extensively connected in and around Ashville.

Oct. 23, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Oct. 20, 1907, at her home in Canoe Settlement, Mrs. Lucy **Washington**, after a protracted illness. The deceased left a husband and six small children. Her remains were interred at Union in the Cove on last Monday.

Nov. 13, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 9, 1907, at his home on route 1, Leon **Vaughn**, age 57. The deceased was an independent

farmer and a good citizen; but for a number of months had been declining in strength though of a robust appearance, due to threatened paralysis—a stroke of which he had undergone recently. He was a man of a large family consisting of his wife and five children, four girls and one son. His remains were interred at Hopewell last Sunday, Rev. Noah Hood conducting the services.

Nov. 20, 1907, *Southern Aegis*: William H. **Caldwell**, a young man just 20 years of age, died yesterday at St. Vincent's hospital, leaving in Birmingham a host of friends. Caldwell was for some time past an assistant secretary at the Young Men's Christian Association. He was an earnest Christian worker and a man with many commendable characteristics. His death comes as a shock to those who knew him. Taken with appendicitis he was carried to the hospital for an operation, but died within a few minutes. He leaves parents who live in Woodlawn. *Birmingham Age-Herald*

The deceased was brought here on Thursday and his body interred in the Ashville cemetery, among those of kin who had preceded him. Services were conducted by Rev. N. A. Hood. He was born in this county and raised in Ashville, and growing from boyhood to young manhood. Those who knew him can attest to the virtues of his youth, and there can be found none who can call to mind a blemish to mar the character of his young manhood, but many to pay a tribute to his honored memory. The family and others from Birmingham were present at the funeral.

Nov. 27, 1907, *Southern Aegis*:  
Died on Nov. 16, 1907, at her home near Argo, Mrs. F. C. **Crow**, aged 81 years and 8 months. The deceased was a consistent member of the C. P. church at Argo. The remains were interred at Central on Monday. The deceased leaves five children, four boys: J. M., W. P., R. A., and M. M. Crow, and one daughter, Mrs. Jno. D. Revis.

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### ***Springville Item, 1907***

Springville, Alabama

Jan. 24, 1907, *Springville Item*:  
Died at his home near Leeds January 19, 1907, Rev. William **McLaughlin**. The deceased was 85 years of age. His remains were followed to their last resting place in Cedar Grove cemetery where they were deposited with Masonic honors, by a large concourse of friends and relatives. The bereaved family and friends have our deepest sympathy.

**Rev. Wm. McLaughlin At Ripe Old Age Passes Into Eternity--Landmark in Jefferson Shelby and St. Clair Dies At Age of 86.** A large concourse of people from Cahaba Valley, Leeds, and the Black Creek Hills attended the funeral exercises of Rev. William McLaughlin up at Cedar Grove Cemetery one mile north of Leeds at 11 a.m. Sunday. There was not standing room in the church, and many turned away. The burial services were performed by the Masonic order, of which he was a member.

"Uncle Billie" McLaughlin, as he was known in that community, was 86 years old, and was born and reared in Cahaba Valley, and never lived more than six or seven miles

from the place of his birth. He was the son of James and Kissiah McLaughlin, who opened up and settled the adjoining farm to his present large plantation, soon after the revolutionary war, while the Indians inhabited Cahaba Valley.

"Uncle Billie" was always an industrious, well to do farmer and a good liver, and leaves a good name and an inheritance to his children and grandchildren. He leaves two brothers, who live in Cahaba Valley, Marvin F. and John C. McLaughlin, his brother, Morgan McLaughlin and six sisters having died prior to his death which occurred on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., at his old home place two miles above Leeds. His sons and daughters living are J. M. McLaughlin, I. T. McLaughlin, Mrs. G. W. Little, all living in Cahaba Valley, and Mrs. Dr. Ivin Moore, in North Alabama. He leaves a large number of grand and great-grandchildren, for the most part living in Jefferson and St. Clair counties.

Apr. 11, 1907, *Springville Item*:

Died on April 6, 1907, at his home 2 miles below Springville, Samuel A. **McClendon**, aged 76 years. The deceased was one of our county's best citizens. He was one of the oldest members of the Baptist church here at the time of his death, an honest, truthful and faithful member. He leaves a large number of children, grandchildren and other relatives to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church here on Sunday by his pastor, Rev. J. L. McKinney, and a large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to the cemetery on the hill. The *Item* sympathizes with the family, not

only in their severe loss, but in the loss to the whole community, for we have but few men left with the noble traits of the deceased old gentleman.

Apr. 25, 1907, *Springville Item*:

Steele. Mrs. M. A. **Smith** died at the home of her son, W. J. Smith last Friday. Mrs. Smith was a kind hearted Christian and leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

May 23, 1907, *Springville Item*:

Died on May 23, 1907, at her home near Caldwell, Mrs. W. A. **Lankford**. The deceased had been quite ill for some time, but was thought to be improving just before her death. The deceased leaves a loving husband and four children to mourn their loss. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Pleasant Hill.

Jun. 13, 1907, *Springville Item*:

**KILLED TRYING TO STOP TRAIN.** Old age in the path of modern hurry was the pitiful and horrible picture which confronted those gathered around the station at Cliff, Ala. Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock, Samuel G. **Tucker** stood in the middle of the track trying to wave down the Seaboard Air Line fast mail when it dashed into and killed him instantly.

The town is merely a flag station, and the old gentleman feebly waved his hands up and down. The engineer gave him the responsive whistle and thought he would step out of the way, that the coach might pull up in front of station. However, Mr. Tucker continued in a dazed fashion, to wave his hands and the engine struck him full in the face. He evidently was not conscious of the fact that he stood on the track

and thought he was out of danger. The engineer expected him to move any minute, and was shocked when the mans brains were mashed out on the end of the boiler.

Mr. Tucker was 77 years of age and very feeble. He was on the way to Odenville, Ala., and to this place the remains were sent by Shaw & Son. The body being brought to Birmingham.

Jun. 27, 1907, *Springville Item*: Died Mrs. Martha **McCalla**. The deceased was a daughter of Louis Green. She was stricken with paralysis on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, she leaves a husband and nine children to mourn her death. She was a faithful wife and loving mother, a bright but humble Christian, following the Savior with meekness and patience through trials. She was reared in St. Clair County, but moved to Texas twelve years ago. She was the wife of James McCalla.

Jul. 4, 1907, *Springville Item*: Died on June 28, 1907, the little one year old **child** of Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Pearson** of our town. The remains were interred in the cemetery on the hill on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The *Item* sympathizes with the bereaved parents.

Aug. 1, 1907, *Springville Item*: R. H. WILSON KILLED. R. H. **Wilson**, of Ashville, a delegate to the district conference at Valley Head, was run over and killed by an Alabama Great Southern train Saturday morning. Mr. Wilson had been attending the M. E. Conference and was on his way home when he met his death. He was a passenger on No. 5 and was on the platform when the conductor came along and

asked for room to pass. Mr. Wilson attempted to step aside and plunged between the cars on the track. The train was going at high rate of speed and he was ground to pieces. A pathetic incident connected with the tragedy is that Mr. Wilson was the father of seven motherless children and their care and comfort was his ambition. On Friday night he had dreamed about his children and the dream caused him great anxiety. He was so concerned about their welfare that he determined to return home on the first train and no amount of persuasion could make him change his mind. Mr. Wilson lived in Slasham in St. Clair county. [For a different account of what appears to be the same accident, See Also the July 31, 1907, *Southern Aegis* entry.]

Aug. 8, 1907, *Springville Item*: Watkins. Died on July 30, 1907, at her home here, little Maggie **Martin**, aged 3 years. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Aug. 22, 1907, *Springville Item*: Julian. Died on Monday Aug. 12, '07, Mr. Bob **Locklear**. His family has the sympathies of the community.

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### ***St. Clair County News, 1908***

Odenville, Alabama

Jan. 23, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: It is with sadness we chronicle the death of Mr. Oscar **Hess**, which occurred last Friday. Oscar was a young man just in the prime of life. He had only been married a few months. He was about 24 years old, a member of the C. P. Church at this place. The remains

were interred at Friendship.

Jan. 30, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: It thus becomes our painful duty in this issue of the *News* to chronicle the death of one of St. Clair's most highly esteemed and honorable citizens, Geo. Washington **Ash**, who departed this life last Friday, in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age, and with solemn and impressive ceremony his remains were laid to rest on Sunday afternoon, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at Liberty cemetery. He was born June 23, 1820, and died January 24, 1908, aged 87 years and 7 months.

And thus another of St. Clair's beloved, honored and respected citizens has passed into 'that bourne, from whence, 'tis said, no traveler returneth," and is now sleeping peacefully with his fathers. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the obsequies. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Brown, of Birmingham, and Rev. J. F. Reed, of Odenville.

Jan. 30, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Hardwick. The death of Mrs. Florence **Griffin**, wife of Ollie Griffin, which occurred near here yesterday evening at 12:15 o'clock will be learned with sincere and very general regret. While the end was expected, it was nonetheless a shock to the bereaved relatives, nearly all of whom were at her bedside. Mrs. Griffin had been ill for nearly two weeks with slow fever. Many times there seemed to be an apparent change for the better and hope revived in the hearts of those nearest to her, but soon after the midday hour, death came to her relief.

Than Mrs. Griffin there was no

more generally loved woman in our community, and in her demise the community sustains a severe and distinct loss. Her innumerable Christian deeds and womanly virtues had endeared her to many. Mrs. Griffin is survived by her husband and one sweet little daughter. She also leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKenney, four sisters and four brothers. She will be buried tomorrow at Friendship Church.

Jan. 30, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Ragland. Regret to report the death of the **little child** of Mr. John **Wood** who died Monday of measles.

Feb. 27, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Shoal Creek. James **Hunneycutt**, the aged father of G. F. Hunneycutt, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Roddam in Pinson, was brought here and his remains laid to rest at Friendship.

Feb. 27, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Bethel. Frank **Coupland's baby** died Sunday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Feb. 27, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: The little eight year old **daughter** of Ike **Hardiman**, who lives on Owens Mountain, while helping her father burn corn stalks last Thursday, caught fire and was so severely burned that on Saturday the death angel relieved her of her suffering.

Mar. 5, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Kelleys Creek. We are sorry to state that the death angel visited the home of Embry **Gambrell**, claiming him for his

victim on Monday, Feb. 24.

Mar. 5, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Bethel. Died on Sunday morning, Feb. 23, Little Jewell **Coupland**, the 10 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coupland, of Odenville, route 1. She swallowed a watermelon seed last summer, and coughed it up a few days. It is supposed that inflammation of the lungs set in and after an illness of three weeks, Jesus desired to have her with Him. And it's only a short while, a few days, possible a few months and not many years at least, till the father, mother and sisters can see little Jewel again. Children are a grand thing in this world, and are they not much grander in Heaven?

Mar. 5, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Bethel. Again we experienced a very sad occasion on last Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, of viewing the last remains of the wife and little **infant** of Johnnie **Meads**, of near Prospect, both being placed in the same casket. Mrs. Sarah A. **Meads** died of pneumonia--making the third one to be buried in Bethel cemetery as a victim of this disease since Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Griffin preached the funerals of the deceased, and as usual giving great comfort to the bereaved and friends. We wish to extend our greatest sympathies and point them to the God 'that giveth and taketh away, but doeth all things well.'

Mar. 12, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Departed from this life, Mrs. Celina D. **Holliday**, wife of Marion H. Holliday, on February 28. She was born near Franklin, Heard county, Georgia, in 1838. She was

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tubal Winchester. She was married to Marion J. [sic] Holliday in the year 1858, and they resided in Georgia till 1861, when they moved to St. Clair county, Alabama. To them were born three children, one of whom preceded the mother to the Better Land.

Sister Holliday professed religion and joined the Protestant Methodist church in 1858, and ever after lived a pious, consecrated Christian. She was a truly devoted Christian when the Heavenly Father called her home--ever ready to assist and to do what she could. Truly it may be said of her "A good woman is gone." She was kind and friendly in the community, thoughtful and gentle in the home; one whose departure will be lamented by all who knew her--she will be missed, but never forgotten. Her spirit was conveyed to Heaven by the angel of death, and her body was carried by kind hands to old Liberty cemetery and carefully laid away in the silent tomb. Signed: Wild Rube

Mar. 26, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: On the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. we laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery the last remains of Eva **McLaughlin**, the wife of Bill McLaughlin. The deceased was a Christian woman and a quite good mother, leaving behind a companion and two little children, a boy and girl, and father and mother with several brothers and sisters and relatives to mourn her death and absence.

Mar. 26, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: On Monday, Capt. Jno. Williams received a message from Hillsboro, Texas, stating his brother, Roger **Williams**, died at his home

there Sunday. Capt. Williams had just received a message that his daughter, Mrs. Hamilton **Ralls** of Springville, died at the Ralls Infirmary at Gadsden Monday. His numerous friends are grieved to hear of this double bereavement and extend profound sympathy. Capt. Williams and sons, Curran and D. C. attended the funeral of Mrs. Ralls at Gadsden Tuesday.

Apr. 9, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Coal City. Little **Gladys**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Vandegrift**, died Sunday. In the cemetery at the Baptist church they laid the little body to rest to await the resurrection morn.

Apr. 16, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Moody. Woodson **Jones**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones, of Woodlawn, age eighteen months, was laid to rest in the Moody Cemetery Thursday, April 9.

May 14, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Died at her home in Atlanta on last Thursday, Mrs. Leroy **Watson**. As Miss Jeppie **Little**, [she] taught school here several years ago, and her numerous friends were grieved to hear of her death. The remains were brought here for burial last Friday afternoon and were laid to rest in the Ashville cemetery Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Watson was a lovable Christian lady, and besides a husband and two little children, she leaves numerous relatives and friends who deeply sympathize with Mr. Watson in his great loss.

May 14, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Ragland. We regret to report the death of Eugene **McCain**

which occurred in Jefferson county last Sunday night. His body was interred in the Ragland cemetery Tuesday.

May 28, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Beaver Valley. Died at her father's home on last Thursday, May 21, Mrs. S. **Taylor**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hess. The remains were brought here for burial Friday afternoon and were laid to rest in the Friendship cemetery. Besides a husband and three children, she leaves numerous friends and relatives who deeply sympathize with Mr. Taylor.

Jun. 4, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Died on May 25, 1908, at his home in Ashville, Phineas **Glenn**, age 22 years.

Jun. 4, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Steele. The little **son** of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper **Riddle** died Thursday May 28. The remains were laid to rest in the Hopewell cemetery.

Jul. 30, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Moody. On last Saturday, July 25, 1908, at 8 o'clock, the little **daughter**, May, of Mrs. Dora **Ballard**, age 5 years, quietly went to sleep in the arms of Jesus to awake in the morning of resurrection.

Jul. 30, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: The death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. **Nicholson** of Roper and took from their arms their little three year old **girl**.

Aug. 20, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. Jennie **Wiggins**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. C.

Ash, and wife of Alfred Wiggins, was born January 10, 1878, and died at her home near Branchville, Ala., August the 9, 1908, age 30 years, 6 months and 26 days. Sister Wiggins was converted and professed faith in Christ when quite young and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church and ever since lived a faithful and consistent member until she was called to her reward.

With a consistent life and a kind sympathetic heart, she won many warm friends, her seat at church was rarely vacant, she was indeed an earnest Christian worker in the Sunday School and a liberal supporter of all the enterprises of her church. She was an affectionate wife, a loving mother and a true friend. Sister Wiggins was sick eleven days with typhoid fever, she suffered a great deal; but the end came very peacefully on the quiet Sabbath morning. She leaves a husband and one child, little Tommy, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her departure.

Sep. 24, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. Eliza **Dunnahoo** wife of John S. Dunnahoo, died at her home, a few miles north-east of Odenville, last Tuesday. She was about sixty-five years of age, and had been a sufferer with tubercular trouble for more than a year. Mrs. Dunnahoo was much beloved for her Christian character. She was a devout member of Friendship Baptist church. She leaves her husband, six children, and a host of friends to mourn her demise. The remains were laid away in the family burial lot at Friendship, yesterday. The beautiful burial ceremony of the Odd Fellows lodge was used at the interment. "After life's fitful fever,



she sleeps well."

>Oct. 22, 1908, *St. Clair County News*: Just at the close of day on Oct. 5, 1908, John Leonard **Vandegrift**, one of St. Clair's most prominent citizens passed away at his home at Branchville, Ala., following a lingering illness, the beginning of which dated back twelve months, he having had a stroke of paralysis a year ago, from the effects he never recovered.

John Leonard Vandegrift was born in St. Clair County, Ala., Oct. 25, 1836, and lived and died within a few miles of his birthplace. He was a Confederate soldier, having fought bravely through four long years of the Civil war. He was also a faithful and honored member of the Presbyterian church from boyhood. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows with whose impressive service he was laid to rest at Liberty, Wednesday morning Oct., 7, 1908.

On Oct. 29, 1965, Mr. Vandegrift was married to Mary L. Braden, who survives him. To them was born ten children, nine of whom survive him: Mrs. L. S. Stovall, Mrs. P. A. Glenn, Miss Alma Vandegrift, Finis and Delphus Vandegrift, all of Branchville, Ala. Mrs. A. W. Veasey and J. B. Vandegrift of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. T. N. Wilson of Meridian, Miss., and L. Eugene Vandegrift of Nashville Tenn. He is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Judge Box of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Sara Byram of Cullman, Ala., and A. S. Vandegrift of Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Vandegrift will be missed. He was a man of unswerving loyalty to his family, his friends and his convictions. His private life was pure, and his public life was open

and honest. He was a man of noble impulses.

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### ***Pell City Progress, 1908***

Pell City, Alabama

Apr. 2, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:

On Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10 o'clock, occurred the death of Mr. **W. H. Miller**, one of Pell City's most prominent and respected citizens. His death, while not wholly unexpected, came as a shock to his many friends. His end came as the result of an operation, performed on him last January, for cancer of the stomach. The incision never healed and the spread of the cancer could not be stopped. He was never, after the operation, able to take any nourishment and in consequence his vitality was gradually sapped away. He is survived by his wife, his father, four children, two sisters and three brothers. His remains were laid to rest at the cemetery in Eden on Friday, the burial services being conducted by the Odd Fellows and K. of P. Lodges.

During his life time Mr. Miller was very prominent in business circles and in the public affairs of Pell City. He was a justice of the peace and served on the city council and school board for a number of years. Until just before his death he owned and conducted the general merchandise firm of W. H. Miller & Co. He was a member of several of the fraternal orders and has held high offices in each. He was in all respects a public spirited citizen and gave a good part of his time to the upbuilding of Pell City. His loss will be felt by many who knew and loved him for his kindness and the interest that he took in pushing Pell City to the front. The heartfelt sympathy of

his hosts of friends go out to the bereaved family.

Apr. 9, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:

Coal City. Mrs. **H. B. Ralls** died last Monday. She had been sick for some time. She leaves a faithful husband and nine children.

Apr. 9, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:

Coal City. Mrs. **J. J. Hendon** died very suddenly at her home Monday. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her death.

Apr. 16, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:

On Thursday morning, April 16, 1908, Mr. **R. M. Alverson**, of Coal City, passed away. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Coal City Friday afternoon. Mr. Alverson has been for a long time suffering with an internal disease, and had just returned from Stafford Springs, Miss., where he went in search of health. His condition was greatly improved on his return, and his death, while not entirely unexpected, came as a blow to his family and many friends. He was about sixty years of age and leaves behind a wife, father, one brother, Mr. C. D. Alverson, and four children, Mr. C. B. Alverson, Misses Lailah, Nora and Ruby. Mr. Alverson had been a resident of Coal City since his marriage, about thirty-five years ago, and had always been closely identified with that city's growth. He had been engaged in the merchantile business for about twenty-five years, and had built up a very large business. He has been associated in the merchantile business with Mr. John Moore for a number of years and the firm of Alverson & Moore is one of the best known in the county.

Mr. Alverson was a man of

sterling worth and character, and numbered his friends by the hundreds. He has always been a factor both in political and business circles throughout the county. His efforts have probably done more for the upbuilding of the community in which he lived, both materially and socially, than any other one man. His loss will be felt by many who knew him and loved him for his kindnesses. He was a leader, having always kept Coal City to the front, and his death is an irreparable loss. We extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Apr. 16, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
On Sunday morning, April 12<sup>th</sup>, occurred the death of three-year-old **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. John **Newborn**, after a lingering illness caused by typhoid fever.

Apr. 16, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Coal City. Mrs. Alice **McDaniel**, wife of John McDaniel, died last Thursday morning at her home in this place. She is survived by her husband and five children.

May 14, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
The **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. **Levans** died at their home in the Village last Thursday evening. Death was caused by the child swallowing a large button. The bereaved parents have the full sympathy of the entire community.

Mary 14, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Ashville. Mrs. Leroy **Watson** died in Atlanta last week after a short illness and was buried here Saturday. Several friends and relatives from other cities attended the funeral.

May 28, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Riverside. Mr. Marion **Whitten**, a resident of Riverside who has been working at Collins, Miss., was killed by an explosion of a boiler on Saturday morning. The remains were brought to the home of his parents Sunday morning, accompanied by his brother. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Joe Vesey of Riverside, Sunday afternoon at "Blue Eye" Baptist Church, Talladega County. The deceased had many friends who mourn the loss along with his parents, brothers and sisters.

May 28, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Kelley's Creek. Death has again invaded our ranks and this time has called from our midst our aged friend Mr. Wiley **Beavers**. He was making his home with his son. To the bereaved family we extend our sympathies.

Jun. 11, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Died on last Friday the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. **Spears**. To the bereaved parents and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Jun. 11, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Kelley's Creek. Mrs. M. E. Ragland, has returned home after a prolonged visit to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie **Davis** of Shelby Co. Mrs. Davis has been afflicted with consumption for several years, but was confined to her room only about ten days before the last evening, death claimed her as his victim. She was a consecrated Christian woman, a member of the Missionary Baptist church and a natural musician, and her dying testimony was that death had no

terror for her, but all was peace and comfort. She was twenty-five years old and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ragland, and her brothers and sisters who survive her are J. W. Ragland, Mrs. Ella Mackey of Texas, Mrs. Auguster Mackey of East Lake, J. L. and W. M. Ragland of this place. To the husband and little four year old daughter, we extend our sympathy.

Jun. 25, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Eden. Died on last Saturday, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha **Roberson**. To the bereaved parents we offer our deepest sympathy.

Jul. 23, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
On Monday afternoon, just a few minutes after returning from the mill, Mr. J. W. **Luker** dropped dead at his home. His death was a shock and surprise to his friends as he was apparently in very good health. The deceased leaves behind his wife and several children. Mr. Luker has lived in the village several years and was well thought of by the people. He was a member of the Red Men and Masons and these fraternal orders will have charge of the funeral arrangements and conduct the burial services.

>Aug. 27, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:  
Mr. John J. **Fannin**, one of St. Clair county's oldest and most esteemed citizens, died at his home near here Tuesday night from consumption. Age 79 years. Mr. Fannin was an old Confederate veteran and a man of sterling worth and character. Both of his sons and his daughter were at his bedside along with his wife. Some days before his death he sent for Mr. John Tucker, of Fountainrun to assist him

in his last hours. Mr. Tucker stayed with him several days untiringly answering to all of his wants. His burial will take place on Thursday, at eleven o'clock, at Fishing Creek church.

Sep. 3, 1908, *Pell City Progress*: Kelley's Creek. With a heart abounding with sympathy for the bereaved parents, we chronicle the death of little Hattie Estell **Dycus**, the seven month old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dycus. To the bereaved parents we offer our deepest sympathy.

Sep. 17, 1908, *Pell City Progress*: **James A. Meehan Accidentally Shoots Himself** On last Friday night after returning from the ice cream supper with his wife, James **Meehan**, age 17 years, accidentally shot and killed himself. James had several times before, in a playful manner, put the muzzle of a pistol to his temple to frighten those present, and it is supposed he was engaged in this sort of sport when the shot was fired. The verdict of the corner's jury was: "His death came by his own hand."

Mr. Meehan was sober, industrious and good natured and had quite a number of friends, who seriously regret this accident. He was an employee of the Pell City Mfg. Co., and he and his wife resided with his mother in the mill village. His wife is 17 years old. The remains were interred at Hanceville on Sunday, Sept. 13, and the funeral was attended by a number of friends of the bereaved family.

Sep. 17, 1908, *Pell City Progress*: Mrs. Nannie M. **Truett**, wife of John Truett, died on Thursday

evening Sept. 10, of consumption. At the time of her death she was only twenty-two years of age. She was beloved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and a three days' old infant, besides a number of other relatives who have the sympathy of the community. The burial took place on Friday at the Eden cemetery.

Oct. 8, 1908, *Pell City Progress*: The **infant** son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. **LeFils** died last evening. The little fellow had been suffering ever since birth. The funeral service will be held at the residence at 1 o'clock and the burial will take place at Easonville.

Oct. 29, 1908, *Pell City Progress*: Dr. McLaughlin passes away. On last Saturday at Springville occurred the death of Dr. J. M. **McLaughlin**, one of the county's most loved and esteemed citizens. He was close to eighty years old and had practiced medicine in the county for the past thirty years. The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Bert Forney of Springville.

Dr. McLaughlin has been closely associated with all movements for the growth and prosperity of our county and gave freely of his time, energy and guidance for its welfare. He was at one time chairman of the democratic county executive committee and served his party well.

He was beloved by all with whom he came in contact and held the respect and admiration of all his business and political associates. His numerous friends will learn of his death with feelings of sorrow.

Oct. 29, 1908, *Pell City Progress*:

R. L. **Ginn**, conductor for the New Orleans & North-Eastern Ry. Co., was killed near New Orleans last Friday. He was caught between the cars and mashed. The remains were interred at Eden Monday; funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. P. Hamby. Mr. Ginn was a brother of our citizen Andrew Ginn, was raised at Eden and has a large number of friends who mourn his death. He was 30 years old.

Nov. 12, 1908, *Pell City Progress*: On Wednesday night at 8:45 p.m. occurred the death of Mrs. H. B. **Wyche** after a long and lingering illness. She was the wife of H. B. Wyche, one of *Progress'* most able and efficient employees. She was only seventeen years of age and had been married about two years. She was formerly Miss Ella **Duran**, of Columbus, Ga., and had been a resident of Pell City for about one year. She is survived by her husband and infant boy five months old, three sisters and father. The remains will be carried to Troy, Ala., for interment, accompanied by her husband and his father, Mr. R. C. Wyche, and the deceased's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ellison of Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Wyche was taken away while still in the flower of youth and was loved by all who knew her. She was a loving wife and met death calmly and peacefully.

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### ***St. Clair County News, 1909***

Odenville, Alabama  
( Ragland, Alabama in November)

Apr. 1, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: We regret to report the death of Mr. J. A. **Swafford** which occurred last Saturday night. The funeral services were conducted by

Rev. McCain at the Box Cemetery Monday afternoon, where the remains were interred. The following named relatives from other places were in attendance at the funeral: Mrs. Morgan and daughter of Coal City, Arthur and Earnest Swafford of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swafford and family of Sanie, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Swafford of Chattanooga, and Mr. and Mrs. Swafford of Calhoun County.

Apr. 8, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Ragland. With regret we chronicle the death of Mrs. Henry **Campbell**, which occurred Saturday morning at the home of her son-in-law, Joe Wood. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Ragland cemetery. "Grandma Campbell" as she was affectionately designated by those who knew her, had lived to the ripe old age of 102 years. Her husband who died about two years ago was 105 years of age at his death.

Apr. 29, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Margaret, Ala., April 27. **John Eady Killed By Highwaymen**. John Eady, one of Margaret's most highly respected citizens, was shot by three Italian Highwaymen Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock and died shortly after midnight.

Mr. Eady and his brother, Burrell Eady, were returning from Sanie, a station on the Seaboard about 1 mile from here, when three Italians, with handkerchiefs tied over their faces came upon them commanding them to throw up their hands and give up their money.

Burrell Eady attempted to draw his gun and the Italians began firing at them, John Eady, having no gun, started to run and was shot in the back. Burrell Eady succeeded in shooting two in the thigh and the other through the abdomen.

The Italians were run down and captured in less than an hour, by deputy sheriff, Self, and Charley Eady, brother of John Eady, and placed in Jail at Pell City. For several hours high excitement prevailed and a lynching was narrowly averted.

The writer reached Mr. Eady a few minutes after he was shot, helped to carry him home and remained with him till death relieved his suffering at 20 minutes after midnight. He was thoroughly conscious to the end. He realized from the start he was going to die, and expressed himself as being prepared and ready to go.

Mr. Eady was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eady of Ragland, R.F.D. 1. He leaves a wife and two children, five brothers, Burrell, Charley, Joe, Robert and Henry and four sisters, Mrs. Martha Holloway, Mrs. Lizzie Stines, and Susie and Mandy Eady.

By Mr. Eady's death we have lost a good citizen and neighbor. He was a model Christian gentleman and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was buried at Coal City Monday by the I. O. O. F. of which he was a loyal member. W. J. H.

May 6, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Bethel. On the evening of Feb. 18, 1909, at 4:40 p.m. the death angel visited our community and had taken as his jewel our Brother Isaac B. **McLaughlin**. His illness

was only 5 days, but his suffering untold. He was born \_\_\_\_ 18, 1877, being 32 years. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, three sisters, a loving wife, a dear little girl and other relations with a host of friends to mourn their loss. He professed religion and joined the Baptist church at Prospect, Jefferson County, and later moved his letter to Bethel, St. Clair County, to which he served as a faithful Christian until his death.

Jun. 3, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: **Porter Perry Meets Horrible Death**. Porter Perry, a young man employed by the Seaboard Air Line at this place [Odenville], was struck and instantly killed by a freight train in Jones' Cut near here last Thursday night about 11 o'clock. He had been detailed to watch the Cut in the place of Jim Newton, the regular night Watchman, who was relieved on account of the death of his son, and it is thought that he went to sleep on the track. His body was horribly mutilated and was scattered up the track for nearly a mile. His death was not discovered until about six o'clock Friday morning when Mr. Mitch Mize, who resides up the railroad a short distance, was coming down the track towards town and found one of his arms laying in the middle of the track. He hurried on to town and reported the matter to the Depot Agent and the Section Forman's crew was sent to gather up the remains. They were brought here and prepared for burial and Saturday morning were interred at Friendship Cemetery. Porter was about 18 years of age and was being trained for a Section Forman by Mr. Cook. He was a young man whose

character was above reproach, and his death is to be greatly deplored. His father and mother, two brothers, and one sister survive him.

Jun. 10, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: **W. T. Reeves Takes Morphine for Quinine.** As a result of mistaking a bottle of morphine for quinine, W. T. Reeves, of Brompton, Ala., died early Saturday morning at his home at that place, according to information reaching here. It seems Mr. Reeves had been subject to chills for some time and on Thursday morning he had a violent attack. Obtaining what he thought was a bottle of quinine, he had his son make the powder into pill form by adding damp flour and took two large doses.

The first dose of the drug was taken about noon and the second sometime in the early afternoon. Mr. Reeves took in all about twenty grains of the drug. Soon after taking the second dose he lapsed into a state of stupor. A physician was called and the fatal mistake was discovered.

Though he lived for some time after taking the dose, it was only through the means of artificial respiration that he was enabled to breathe for the last twenty hours. Death resulted at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

He is survived by his widow and one son, J. B. Reeves, of Brompton. The funeral services were held from the residence Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment at Moody cemetery. Shaw and Son of Birmingham were in charge.

Jun. 17, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Died on June 6, 1909, at his home on route 1, Joe **Stewart,**

Jr., son of Capt. Joe Stewart, aged 27. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church and a very popular citizen. He was taken with appendicitis too late for successful treatment, and died very unexpectedly to those who knew him. His remains were interred at Hopewell, Rev. W. M. Tullis conducting service. [The *Southern Aegis*, June 9, 1909, has the deceased's name as **John Stewart.**]

Jul. 15, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Died at the Davis Infirmary Birmingham, Ala., on July 2, 1909, Mrs. N. O. **Hamilton**, of Ragland, Ala. Mrs. Hamilton was born Feb. 28, 1870; graduated at the Ashville Academy with credit to herself and family in 1887; converted and joined the Ashville Baptist Church in 1888; married Mr. N. O. Hamilton Dec. 1894.

Her life was busy and useful, she was studious as a pupil, courteous to class mates and honest with teachers. In these duties her beautiful spirit was always aglow with her lofty ideals as she strove to attain proficiency, surrounded by pleasant friends, protected by loved ones, this young life was being molded for God's use.

Before marriage, she taught seven years in St. Clair County. Here, too, you can trace the guiding hand of a loving Providence, leading her on to serve humanity in honor of God. Her calm though fearless spirit was equal to this task also, with a sweet encouraging smile and firmness sufficient to command respect. She went into the school room with a thorough system that bore its fruit in after years.

After marriage she assisted her husband in business and this placed

her in a broader field for usefulness, not serving childhood now, but still serving humanity for the glory of her God she loved and trusted. A high regard for truth, honesty, for her husband and his business interest and a desire to lift humanity to a higher life, caused her frail body to impose upon itself many duties that a weaker faith would have shirked. Through her has been done many silent deeds of love and mercy. She rests from her labors, her reward will follow.

She loved and was devoted to the church and had a high regard for its services and ministry ordained of the Lord and always enjoyed the fellowship of God's people.

Beautiful carnations, whose fragrance perfumed the air, conveying to the onlookers the high esteem of her many friends, were banked upon the beautiful casket that contained the faded remains of a once lovely human flower. The last sad rites took place at Ragland, July 4<sup>th</sup>, conducted by Rev. Ira Harris. Signed: Mrs. Nora Teague, Miss Minnie Youngblood.

Aug. 19, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: **Henry Lovell**, one of the best known men in this section, died Friday last at his home on the Springville Road. He had been sick about six weeks with a slow fever. He was about forty-five years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

Aug. 19, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Mr. John W. **Meads**, a merchant of Brompton, committed suicide Sunday morning about three o'clock by taking a dose of about twenty grains of morphine. No cause can be given for his rash act, but he

had previously made an attempt to take his own life.

Sep. 9, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. **Gatis** died at her home here. She had been in ill health for several months and her death was not altogether unexpected. She leaves a husband and two bright little girls to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at Liberty Church on Friday.

Sep. 23, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. Jno. W. **Coker** died at her home here on last Thursday night. She had been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, but was thought to be recovering, and her death came very unexpectedly. She leaves a husband and young child besides her mother and several brothers and sisters. She was a good Christian woman and well loved in the community. Her remains were carried to Springville Friday for burial. [See Also *Southern Aegis*, Oct. 13, 1909.]

+Oct. 21, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Died at her home Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, aunt **Mariah Turnbough**, one of the oldest colored women in our county, age 100 years old. She was highly respected by all the white people who knew her, and also her own race. She was known to be honest and truthful, and a good woman. She leaves to mourn her loss, six children and a large host of friends.

Nov. 18, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. Martha **Hawkins** departed this life at her home near Branchville, Ala., on September 27, 1909. She was born in this neighborhood in 1847 and all the

years of her life had been spent here. A husband, two children and hosts of relatives and friends are left to mourn her death. She was married to Lark Hawkins in 1867, and was a loving wife, kind and affectionate mother and the friend of all she knew. She joined the Baptist Church at Bethel and ever lived a consistent Christian life. She loved her church, and when health would permit, attended services. She bore her long period of affliction and suffering with patience and was willing to go when the final summons came. She said, "I know I have another building, a better place than this."

Nov. 18, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: **Crowe Steed Loses Life in a Railroad Accident** Telegraphic information was received here Saturday evening of the killing at Green River, Wyoming, of W. M. C. Steed, formerly of this place. The message came to the father of the dead man, Mr. L. N. Steed, and was from W. M. Jeffries, superintendent of the railroad on which it is thought that young Steed lost his life.

Particulars of the death have not been received, but as the deceased had announced his intention in a letter received here by a member of his family a month ago his intention to begin work for the railroad, it is believed that he lost his life in some accident on the road.

Crowe Steed, as the deceased was known, left Odenville a little more than two months ago for the west, he having before lived in that section. He spent the greater part of the past year here, where his family and a large number of relatives reside. His remains will probably arrive here tomorrow, the funeral taking place immediately after the

arrival.

Nov. 25, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Miss Elma Augusta **Hendon**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hendon, of Springville, died at an infirmary in Birmingham last Sunday. She was in her 20<sup>th</sup> year. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Springville.

Nov. 25, 1909, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. Betsy **Coupland**, beloved wife of C. C. Coupland, died Nov. 18, 1909, at the family home near Branchville, at the ripe age of 79 years, 6 months and 17 days. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband and eight children and many relatives and friends. "Aunt Betsy" was loved by all who knew her, as she was a kind and true friend and a noble Christian character.

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### ***Southern Aegis, 1909***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 13, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at his home near Eden, Mr. Barnet **Alverson**, aged 85 years. Mr. Alverson was one of the oldest citizens of this county and stood prominent as a Christian and church worker. He was the father of our distinguished townsman and county treasurer, Mr. C. D. Alverson. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. *Odenville News*.

Jan. 13, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: John Y. **McBrayer**, one of the best known citizens of St. Clair county, died at his home at St. Clair Springs on Monday, Dec. 28, 1908. He was 61 years of age. Bro. McBrayer was an upright, honest and substantial

citizen, a faithful loving and true friend, an Odd Fellow, and a consistent, earnest and devout Christian. He was buried at Evergreen where a large concourse of his friends and acquaintances had gathered to do honor to his memory.

Jan. 20, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: The remains of Horace **Embry**, age 24, arrived in Ashville on the evening of Jan'y 17, 1909, from Greenville, Miss., where he died on Jan'y 16, after a lingering illness of Typhoid fever.

His parents, Col. and Mrs. Jas. A. Embry and the wife of the deceased were at his bedside several days before the final hour. The interment took place at 10 a.m. at the cemetery, Rev. N. A. Hood, conducting the service. The deceased was well known in Ashville from childhood. He joined the Baptist church at this place at the age of 14, and gave every evidence before death of peace with God.

We noticed at the service Mr. Tom Hodges and wife, Mrs. Leroy F. Box, of Birmingham, the latter the grandmother of deceased, Miss Maggie Embry of Lincoln, and Frank Embry of Pell City, Joe Robinson, Frank Lanier, of Lincoln.

Jan. 20, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on January 12, 1909, at his home near Ashville, Ala., P. M. **Hale**, age 87 years, leaving wife and two daughters surviving him. His remains were interred at the cemetery on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Rev. W. M. Tullis officiating. Some years ago the deceased had resided in Blount and Etowah counties, but finally located in St. Clair where he died. He had been a member of the Baptist church here for a number of

years up to the date of his death. He was a good citizen and was well known to our people as an upright man, and will be missed by many of his old companions here among whom he was quite a figure during life. Though the weather was inclement quite a good crowd attended.

Jan. 27, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Much sadness was caused in Ashville and vicinity by the death of Thomas Edward **Yates** at the home of his parents at Whitney. About two years ago he was forced to go west for his health, but did not recover. The deceased was 34 years old. His interment took place at the cemetery, Rev. N. A. Hood conducting the service at the Baptist church, after which the A. F. and A. M. lodge here took charge of the casket and administered the honors of that order at the grave.

Feb. 17, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: The casket containing the remains of Mrs. A. T. **Edmondson**, who died at Blossburg last week, was brought to Ashville on Sunday morning by the children and other relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Box, Messrs. Brewster, Smith and Hugh Edmondson, of Birmingham, and Mr. Edmondson of Steele. The funeral took place at the cemetery in the afternoon, the services conducted by Rev. N. A. Hood.

Feb. 24, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1909, at his home in Ashville, Dr. J. B. **Bass**, aged 64 years, leaving a wife and one son, Dr. H. W. Bass, of Tuscaloosa. The deceased was one of the most successful and prominent physicians of the county, and his demise will be

felt as a shock to the people of the whole county to whom he was well known and by whom he was highly esteemed as a citizen.

Probably no physician has done more hard riding to remote parts of the county within the last 3 years than he, except the lamented Dr. J. M. McLaughlin of Springville. Within a year, St. Clair has been bereft of two of its most eminent and distinguished physicians whose places will be hard to fill in the families of the hosts of our citizens.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. A. Hood assisted by Rev. J. S. E. Robinson, the masons officiating. It was very impressive and affecting. J. Gardner Greene, of Pell City, Rev. J. K. Enzy and Judge Forman, of Ashville, and Judge J. A. Bilbro, of Gadsden, paid loving tribute in brief comments.

Besides the son, Dr. H. W. Bass, of Tuscaloosa, there was present George Bass, of Birmingham, a nephew, to mourn with the wife of deceased the loss of one who was so dear to all.

+Apr. 28, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on April 24, 1909, Lee **Byers**, age 50, leaving a wife and eight children. He was the son of Sam Byers, one of the county's old-time, trustworthy colored citizens, was a member of the Baptist church, and had many friends among his kind. Rev. Pendleton, pastor of his church, conducted the services at the tomb.

May 5, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on last Sunday, May 2, 1909, Steele, little 2 year old **son** of J. P. **Countryman**

>Jun. 9, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 9, 1909, at his home in

Beaver Creek Valley, four miles \_\_\_\_ of Ashville, John L. **Lonnergan**, age 78 years. The deceased was one of our oldest and most respected citizens. He moved from Talladega about 69, and had resided here since. In 1880 he was elected one of the county's commissioners and served the people faithfully in that capacity. About 11 years ago, he went blind and had been a sufferer for some years with paralysis from which disease he finally died. He served in the Confederate army for four years and was a brave soldier to its close. He was also a member of the M. E. church for almost a half century.

He leaves a wife and four children and a number of relatives to mourn his departure. Funeral services conducted at Yarbrough's Grave-Yard by Rev. J. W. Lee, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The county has lost a good, honest and upright citizen.

Jun. 23, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on June 16, 1909, at her home, Whitney, Mrs. T. C. **Yates**, aged about 63. The maiden name of deceased was Mary Lawrence, and she was born in Bibb county, and was married to Mr. Thomas C. Yates, Aug. 29, 1865. Ten children, 5 boys and 5 girls were the fruit of their marriage; the husband, 3 daughters and four sons survive. The deceased professed religion when a girl, but did not connect herself with the church until about two years ago. She became a member of the M. E. church at Attalla.

No better woman in the ordinary walks of life ever lived to devote herself to domestic conditions. Her children were well raised and those living are doing well. She was a devoted mother and her Christian

character shown bright on all occasions. Her remains were brought to Ashville on June 17<sup>th</sup> and interred at the cemetery.

Jul. 21, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Bertha Swan **Owen**, young wife of L. L. Owen, died at her home here Saturday evening, July 10. The deceased left a husband and three small children, a father, several brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Jul. 28, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Emma **Jester**, wife of A. J. Jester, daughter of George Mulican, died July 8, 1909, was born in Calhoun county April 19, 1871. She had been a faithful member of the Baptist church at Steele, Ala., since 1894. Sister Jester was a good Christian woman, a loving wife and a good mother. She leaves a husband and three children, two boys and one girl: Ulyses S., Alto V., and Myrtle May to mourn their loss. She did not fear death yet she loved her children and would have like to stay and raise them, but her last words were she was ready to go, the way was bright and wanted all to meet her beyond this vale of tears. She was loved by all who knew her. Signed: Mrs. Fannie Chandler, Mrs. Evie Chandler, R.F.D. Springville.

Jul. 28, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 20<sup>th</sup> at her home near Yarbrough's Mill, Mrs. John **Lonnergan**, age 72 years. The deceased was an estimable woman, devout member of the M. E. church 60 years, kind mother and beloved by all who knew her. She came from Calhoun county in 1869, and at her departure leaves many friends and

relatives. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Arvil Palmer and took place at Yarbrough's, with a large attendance.

Aug. 11, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: J. M. **Scoggins** was killed and H. B. Ingram was probably fatally injured by the falling of a porch loaded with lumber near Ragland, Aug. 3. The men were employees of the Atlantic and Gulf Portland Cement Co. and ran under the porch during a heavy rain. For some cause unknown, the men were caught under the lumber. Mr. Scoggins was killed instantly. Both men were prominent in the county. Mr. Scoggins leaves a widow and two small children. Mr. Ingram has a wife and five children.

Sep. 15, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 16, 1909, at the home, Joe **Caldwell**, age 61, and was buried the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Odd Fellows officiating at his interment. The deceased was well-known in this part of the county for his obliging, quiet habits and peaceful disposition and had the friendship of all who knew him.

Sep. 29, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: On the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. Cashier Sam High of the bank was called to the bedside of his mother [Fanny Kindred **High**] at Dixon Springs, [Tennessee], who was reported very ill. A message was received here by Mrs. High on the 27<sup>th</sup> that the venerable mother had passed away. This was sad news to us all in this community where Mr. High has so many warm friends.

Oct. 6, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Ashville, Rt. 2, Mrs. Henry **Portwood**, near Partlow, in the act



of laying her baby on the bed her dress caught fire from the heater. She was so horribly burned that after two days agony she died.

Oct. 13, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Rosa Pearson **Coker**, whose death occurred at her home at Odenville, Sept. 16, 1909, was born May 4, 1877. The greater part of her life was spent in Springville, where her numerous friends and acquaintances fondly remember her for her sweet disposition and lovely character. She was married Jan. 12, 1902, to Jno. W. Coker. One child blessed this union. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> the funeral services were conducted over her remains in the Methodist church at Springville and her body was laid in the grave on the cemetery hill overlooking our quiet little town.

Oct. 13, 1909, *Southern Aegis*: Our town and community were made sad on yesterday by the death of one of our oldest and most honored citizens, Mr. Silas W. **Henry**, known throughout the county, and loved for his many excellent traits of character. He will be mourned by all.

Mr. Henry was born in Hale Co., Ala., on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1836. When about 33 years old, he came to St. Clair county and settled in the town of Springville where he resided for near 40 years, or until his death. Bro. Henry was converted in early boyhood and joined the Methodist church in which during his long, active life, he had an honored place and in whose work and development he bore a conspicuous part. During the last year of his life he was confined to his bed most of the time, gradually declining until the end

came. His end was peace. On Thursday a large concourse of people gathered at the Methodist church where very appropriate funeral services were held and touching tributes paid to his memory, after which his remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Fuller cemetery. *Springville Item*.

### ***Southern Aegis, 1910***

Ashville, Alabama

Jan. 5, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died at Pell City, Dec. 23, [1909], of typhoid fever, Douglas **Spears**, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Spears. Deceased was 29 years of age and a very promising young man.

Jan. 5, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: OBITUARY of Samuel Hamilton **Lonnergan**. Samuel Hamilton Lonnergan was born September 10, 1850, in Talladega county, near Lincoln, Alabama. In this county he grew from infancy to young manhood. Remaining in same county till he was about twenty-five years of age. About the age of twenty-five, on December 22, 1874, he was married to Miss Josephine Heart. From Talladega county they moved to Middleton, Ala., Calhoun county, from Calhoun county to St. Clair County near Ashville, Ala. Here he resided for twenty-three years. To this happy union there were born eight children. This happy couple enjoyed the sweetness of married life for thirty-five years and three days. In their home he was kind and affectionate.

While he had not been well for some time, yet his last sickness only lasted a few days. He or his family did not realize his condition until the end was very near. He became

unconscious before the end came and was in this state when death came. He passed off the stage of action about 2:30 o'clock a.m. on the morning of Dec. 25, 1909. He was buried Dec. 26 at Ashville.

Bro. Lonnergan had some admirable qualities. He was a hustling energetic, business man. He believed in being honest. He believed in training his children right. He professed religion in 1882 and joined the church several years later. Last summer he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

This was indeed and in truth a sad Christmas for this bereaved family.

Jan. 19, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: The sixteen year old son of W. J. **Spearman**, died of pneumonia, at Branchville, Friday 14. His death was very sad.

Mar. 2, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died of pneumonia on Feb. 22, 1910, at Birmingham, while on a brief visit to his daughter, Mrs. Porter Caldwell, John Rufus **Neely**, age 64 years. His remains were brought to Ashville on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for interment. Services conducted by Revs. N. A. Hood and F. F. Lester, a large attendance present.

The deceased was one of the county's best citizens and father of five children: Misses Beulah, Lucy and Mr. Will Neely, of Ashville; Mrs. Sam Crowe, of Killerman, and Mrs. Porter Caldwell, of Birmingham, all in attendance at the funeral.

Mar. 23, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Prof. John O. **Turner** was a South Alabamian by birth, receiving his early educator in the common

schools. He later attended Howard college at Marion, Ala. He also held degrees from several of our well known Educational Institutes.

He was for a number of years County Superintendent of Education in this county and was promoted to the State Superintendency of Education, which place he held for two terms. Mr. Turner was an education of much fame having attended several national Educational Conventions. He was about 60 years of age and was the county superintendent of this county at the time of his death. He married Mrs. Herring, widow of the late James Herring.

Loved and mourned by his people, an appreciated husband, a true friend and upright citizen, a great teacher, a noble soul passed away in the death of John Orman Turner. *Ragland News*.

Mar. 23, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Judge E. J. **Robinson**. The news of Hon. E. J. Robinson's sudden death came to this community, bringing a shock felt the more sensibly that he grew up here from boyhood, and was always identified with the best interest of the people, and he was well known by everybody over the county from the humblest to the highest of our citizens for his good works. The greater part of his life was spent in this county, where the citizens honored him with their highest offices and positions of highest trust regardless of parties. His character was especially valuable as a bright light in the church. A few years ago he moved from his old home at Ashville and the county to East Lake, in Jefferson county, where his accumulating interests required his constant

personal attention, and we find him there as we always found him here working in the Master's cause, and at the last moment when called to a higher work, no greater tribute could be paid to the memory of man on his taking leave of an earthly career than we read in the *Age-Herald* the following:

"Judge Robinson had just finished delivering an address at the meeting held at the East Lake Methodist Church yesterday morning (20<sup>th</sup>) at 11 o'clock. He walked to his pew and showed no signs of fatigue or illness, but as he stooped to sit down he was stricken with apoplexy, and died instantly. The services at the church were broken up and the sudden death of the loved man cast a gloom over the entire community. He was an important factor in the public activities and the Christian welfare of the neighborhood. He was widely known, and his sudden death will bring sorrow to his many friends."

May 18, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Kills Her Husband. Arthur **Gunter**, a well-known farmer of Easonville, was shot and instantly killed by his wife, May 14. Mr. and Mrs. Gunter had married four years ago and had separated. Gunter went to see his wife who was staying at the home of a friend, and, it is said, made threats against her if she did not return to him. The woman said that she must be let alone, and as Gunter rode up near the house, she opened fire on him with a rifle. The bullet went through the brain and killed him instantly. After being shot, Gunter clutched the horn of his saddle and was sitting up, erect, dead on the horse when men came to his rescue.

>Jul. 6, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Probably the oldest inhabitant of St. Clair County, Mr. **Gaskie**, died at his home near Ashville on Saturday, Jun 18. He was over 100 years old and was believed to be 110. He fought in the Mexican and Indian Wars and [the war] between states.

Jul. 6, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pell City, Walter H. **Crow**, Sheriff of St. Clair County, age 34. The deceased had been sick a short time with the immediate cause of his demise, although declining for some time. Mr. Ab Crow, father, and the members of the family residing in Ashville were present at the bedside of the deceased. His funeral took place at Eden and a large number of citizens were present at the obsequies. Besides a number of relatives in Ashville and Pell City, his wife, at Eden, survives him. [See also July 13 entry below.]

Jul. 6, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 4, 1910, **infant** daughter of Rev. F. F. **Lester**, at the M. E. parsonage, and remains were interred at the cemetery in the afternoon. The infant sufferer had been afflicted from birth. The parents have the deep sympathy of the community.

Jul. 13, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Walter H. **Crow**, whose death occurred July 3, 1910, at Pell City, was thirty-three years and four months old. He was born at Ashville, March 3, 1877. His father, Mr. Abner Crow, who was at one time sheriff of the county, and his mother was the daughter of Mr. Josiah Hodges, one of the oldest and most prominent farmers living near

Ashville at the time.

After his election, Walter moved to Pell City where he continued to reside and to discharge the duties of his office until his death. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1908, he married Miss Annie Powers, of Brompton, Ala., who, with his two married sisters, Mrs. J. L. North, of Pell City, and Mrs. T. H. Neely, of Gadsden, Ala., survive him. His funeral took place at Eden where the casket containing his remains was carried for the purpose of interment, making a sad 4<sup>th</sup> of July to the family, relatives and friends.

Jul. 20, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Annetta **Cosper**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cosper, died at her home July 7, 1910. She was interred in Coosa Valley cemetery, July 8, services conducted by Rev. D. F. Funderburg.

Jul. 20, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Chas. M. **Hagin** died at Ragland, Saturday July 9, 1910, after a lingering illness. She was a noble Christian mother and leaves many friends and relatives to mourn. She was interred at Ragland the 10<sup>th</sup>, services conducted at the M. E. Church by Rev. J. E. Smith of Etowah county.

Jul. 20, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Mrs. Lillie **Roberson**, wife of O. E. Roberson, died at her home at Eden, July 12. She was a good Christian mother and a member of the Baptist Church.

Jul. 20, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died on July 15, 1910, Alfred **Goode** at his home surrounded by a large number of relatives and friends, age 87 years. He was born

Oct. 1, 1823, and for many years was a member of the Baptist church and was a devoted Christian up to the hour of his departure. As a citizen, the deceased was a man of strict integrity and sturdy honesty. His wife, 83 years of age, with two daughters, six sons, and a number of grandchildren survive him. The funeral took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the cemetery, where the services were conducted by Rev. Noah A. Hood.

Aug. 3, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Friday, July 22, the **infant** of L. C. **Yaw**.

+Aug. 3, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died Thursday night July 21, 1910, Martha **McClendon**, colored, R.F.D. 3.

Aug. 17, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died Oscar Fayette **Bowlin**, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bowlin at Albertville. Interment at Ashville cemetery Monday, Aug. 15, 1910, Rev. Rogers, Baptist pastor, officiating.

Sep. 14, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: **Killing at Springville**. Capt. John **Terry**, one of the most prominent men of Springville, while walking out to look at the crops, in company with a friend on last Sunday morning, was shot and instantly killed by Isaac Glover, at 8 o'clock.

The authorities of St. Clair County had been hunting Issaac Glover for the murder of Deputy **Venable** of Talladega some time ago. He was traced to the Terry plantation where he had relatives, and when he saw Capt. Terry and his friend, who hailed him, he mistook them for the officers and fired, the load entering the heart of

Terry killing him instantly. He leaves a wife and six children who are quite overcome by his sudden death. [See Also *St. Clair County News* entry for September 22, 1910, for the death of Issaac Glover.]

Sep. 14, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1910, Mrs. Didema **Hendon**, aged about 89 years. Husband of deceased preceded her a month. Funeral services conducted by Rev. W. W. Scott, her pastor—body interred at Hullett's Chapel.

Sep. 14, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died at his home in Coal City, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Frank **Seals** of typhoid fever. He was about 4\_\_ years old and left a wife and several children. Services conducted at Methodist church by Rev. E. H. Grizzell, of Ragland, and Improved Order of Red Men.

Nov. 9, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: **Preacher Slays Nephew**. Rev. Aaron Samson shot and killed Ike **McCartney**, his nephew, during a quarrel near Riddle's Bend, some miles northeast of Ashville, Sunday, Nov. 6. According to details learned, McCartney went by the Samson home and a dog came out and barked at him. This angered him, and after securing a gun he returned. A little boy attempted to prevent him killing the dog and he knocked the boy down. Rev. Dr. Samson then appeared upon the scene, and when McCartney threatened him with a shotgun, \_\_\_\_\_. McCartney died within forty minutes. The dead man was about 25 years of age and Dr. Samson is near 65. Samson sent word to the sheriff of Etowah County that he will surrender.

Nov. 16, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died, Mrs. **Hare**, wife of Rev. S. J. Hare on Nov. 15, 1910. The deceased was about 52 years old and had been in feeble health for a long time and her death was not unexpected. Services were held over the remains by Rev. Tullis at the neighboring church after which the casket with the body was brought to Ashville cemetery for interment.

Nov. 16, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: Died on Nov. 11th, 1910, at its home in Ashville, Gordon A. **Hodges**, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hodges. The deceased was a bright child and the idol beloved of a fond parentage and its death was a sad blow to the household. This whole community deeply sympathizes with the young parents in their loss. The funeral took place Saturday, at which there was a large number of relatives from Gadsden, Birmingham and the surrounding county. Rev. F. F. Lestor conducted the service.

Nov. 30, 1910, *Southern Aegis*: In the death of Mrs. M. B. **Spears** of Pell City, that town lost one of the most conspicuous women for her energy, business qualities, and her kindly disposition toward everyone who knew her. While we deeply sympathize with Col. Spears and the family for their loss, we feel that Pell City was unfortunate in its loss of this most excellent woman.

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### ***St. Clair County News, 1910*** Ragland, Alabama

Jan. 6, 1910, *St. Clair County News*:

Mrs. B. Manly **Hill** died at the Hill home in Springville last Thursday after an illness of three days with pneumonia. She was about fifty years of age, and besides her husband, leaves two sons and two daughters, who most keenly mourn her death. She was a noble Christian character and greatly beloved by all who knew her. Many friends throughout the county extend sincere sympathy to those most bereaved.

Jan. 6, 1910, *St. Clair County News*:

In the death of Mr. J. A. **Box**, of Seddon last Wednesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Clair lost one of her best old citizens. Mr. Box has served the county well as Tax Collector and had served his party well. He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his death.

Jan. 6, 1910, *St. Clair County News*:

The death of Mr. Douglass **Spears** last week and his funeral Christmas afternoon brought much sorrow to Pell City. Mr. Spears was 29 years old, and the son of Col. and Mrs. N. B. Spears. He had many friends here and was universally liked and admired by all who knew him. For a number of years, Mr. Spears has been connected with railroad work, his last position being that of station master of Knoxville terminal

The funeral took place Christmas afternoon and was attended by a small number of immediate friends and relatives and the service was a short one at home owing to the serious condition of Miss Ellen Spears who is also victim of typhoid. The family bore up bravely under this double sorrow and received many tender expressions of

sympathy. We are glad to say the Miss Ellen is very much improved at this writing.

Jan. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. I. H. **Osborn**, relict of the late Dr. I. H. Osborn, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday night, January 5, the end coming peaceful at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Forman, in Springville. She had reached the ripe age of 82 years, and truly there ended a career as ripe in Christian work and devoted family duties as in years. She had been ill but a few days, but her advanced years could not combat the ravages of pneumonia.

Mrs. Osborn is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. L. Forman, and four sons, R. F. Osborn, of Greensboro, Joseph Osborn and E. F. Osborn, of Birmingham, and William Osborn, of Berry. The funeral was held Thursday and was largely attended by many friends of the deceased.

Jan. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: After an illness of six weeks with typhoid fever, Mr. T. F. **Moor** died at his home near Ashville on January 2, 1910. Many friends of the family throughout the county join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Jan. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Died, on Dec. 24, 1909, at her home one mile below Springville, Mrs. Delilah **Pearson** age 87 years. Deceased was another one of our good old mothers who had finished a useful career on this earth, and has gone to reap her reward. It makes us feel sad to see those old people leaving us, but it is better perhaps than for some of our

younger ones, for their lives and influence left behind will redound to our good. *Springville Item*

Jan. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Maud **Fant**, the little eight year old daughter of M. E. Fant, died at the home of her parents in Pell City last Friday afternoon. Maud was a bright, sweet little girl, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The funeral services were held at Coosa Valley church on Saturday. Mr. Fant's family has been very unfortunate, having had four children sick with typhoid fever, oldest sixteen and the youngest six. *Pell City Progress*

>Jan. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: John S. **Wilbanks**, a prosperous and well known farmer of Calhoun county, died at his home near Ohatchee on Friday, Jan. 7, 1910, in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of his age. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons, besides other relatives. Mr. Wilbanks was a good neighbor, kind father and husband and devoted Christian Man. He reared a splendid family. He was a Confederate soldier, participating in the war for three years, and was a member of the Methodist church, joining in 1872. The funeral service was conducted on Sunday by Rev. W. M. Wade, the interment taking place in the Morrisville cemetery.

Jan. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Rev. Dr. T. G. **Slaughter**, one of the oldest and most beloved Methodist ministers in the state, and who had many friends in St. Clair county, died last week at Standing Rock, near Roanoke, after an illness with malarial fever. He was a

charter member of the North Alabama Conference and was 73 years old. The burial was at Oxford.

>Jan. 27, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: On Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 m., Malum **Spruiell**, died at his home in Eden. He was about 75 years of age and had for a long time been a consistent member of the Methodist church. He was a confederate soldier, brave, true and tested, having lost one leg in the cause. For ten years he has been afflicted and helpless and bore up under his sufferings as becomes a Christian. He was loved by all who knew him and his death is quite a shock to the community. He leaves a widow and two children and a large number of friends who are sadly stricken by his death. *Pell City Progress*.

Jan. 27, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: On Thursday, January 20, the Death Angel came and summoned to the Great Beyond our friend and brother, Whit L. **Davis**, his earthly career ending peacefully at the home of Mr. Allen Greene. Mr. Davis was a bachelor and was 58 years old. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, his membership being at Ragan's Chapel. He was a citizen of St. Clair County for 20 years and was beloved by all who knew him. Possessed of a generous and benevolent spirit, he was a liberal contributor to the cause of Christ. Mr. Davis was a great admirer of children, taking much delight in giving present and otherwise winning their affection. His demise was caused by an attack of lagrippe contracted on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He was removed to the home of Mr. A. Greene, where all attention and medical aid was given, but

without avail. His brother, Mr. Henry Davis, came from Chattanooga and was at the bedside when death came. His remains were carried by friends and relatives to Ragan's Chapel, where the funeral was conducted by Rev. W. M. Wade.

Mar. 3, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Odenville. The one year old **son** of Mr. and Mrs. John T. **Newton** died on Tuesday morning. Its death was caused by pneumonia with which it had been ill several days.

Mar. 10, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Fairview. The funeral of Mrs. Missouri **Bice** will be preached in the Baptist church on the third Sunday in March by Rev. E. H. Grizzell. Friends of the deceased are invited to attend.

Mar. 31, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Early last Saturday afternoon death came to Mr. Hewlitt **Chapman**, and ended his suffering on this earth. He had been desperately ill at his home at Fairview for several days, and while his death was not unexpected, it was none the less a shock to his family and friends. He was near eighty years of age.

Mr. Chapman was one of the best known men in St. Clair county, having at one time served as a county commissioner, and was otherwise publicly honored. He was known to all who visited at Fairview, and his friends were many. He had a large family connection in this county, and among others he leaves four sons, Messrs. E. M., W. T., Frank and Sid Chapman, and three daughters, Mrs.

John Walker, Wiley Milams and Mrs. James Milams, to mourn his departure. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, Mr. R. Allen Green offering prayer and making a short appropriate talk. He was not actively connected with any church, but was a Primitive Baptist up to the time of the dissolution of that church.

Apr. 7, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: All that was mortal of James Alvin **Floyd** was gently laid to rest beneath the sod in Ragland cemetery yesterday afternoon, the service conducted at the Methodist church by Dr. Jones. He was 58 years of age, and his life had been that of a true Christian. He is survived by his widow and numerous relatives.

Apr. 7, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. R. W. Johnson's numerous friends will regret to learn of the death of her only sister Mrs. **Carson** of Columbus, O., who was a visitor to Mrs. Johnson's in Odenville a year or so ago.

Jun. 30, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Eden. Mr. Billy **Robertson**, an old resident of this place, died Monday morning at 1 o'clock after an illness. He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his death.

Jul. 21, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: On July 11 at his home near Pleasant Hill, Mr. G. D. **Robertson** answered the death summons, after spending a useful life of 61 years. He leaves a wife and one son, and numerous relatives and close friends, for his life was that of the man who attracts to himself the

friendships and esteem of those with whom he comes in contact. Friends in all sections of the county extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Jul. 21, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: The remains of the late Mr. Reubin **Alverson**, who died in Cedartown, Ga., last Friday morning with pellagra, were brought to Ragland and interred on Saturday. Mr. Alverson was a former resident of this section, and in addition to a large family connection, had many good friends. He leaves a wife and five children at Cedartown and many relatives in this county, including his father, Mr. W. F. Alverson, of Odenville, a brother, Mr. C. D. Alverson, of Ragland, and a sister, Mrs. C. [? O] G. Davis, of Ragland.

Aug. 18, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Charles **Vinyard**, a white miner whose home was at Whitney, was killed by falling rock in the Sayreton mines near Birmingham last Saturday. The young man was at work when without warning the rock in his "room" fell on him, crushing out his life. Vinyard was 22 years of age and is survived by his parents and a sister of Whitney.

Aug. 25, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mr. Robert **Martin** died suddenly at his home in South Ragland Wednesday morning. He had not arisen for breakfast at 5:30 a.m., and his wife called at the door and receiving no answer entered. Taking hold of his arm, she observed stiffness, and was shocked upon her examination to find that life was extinct. Dr. J. P. Hawkins was summoned. It was the doctor's opinion that death came about 4

o'clock and was due to an apoplectic stroke. The death is a great shock to both the family and many friends, Mr. Martin having retired in apparent good health. The deceased had been a resident here a number of years and was highly esteemed. He leaves a widow, three daughters and a son. He was fifty-seven years old.

Aug. 25, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Odenville. The community extends its sympathy to Mrs. Will Wilson and children in the loss of their dear one, Mr. Will **Wilson**. He died after a lingering illness and was buried Aug. 11 at Liberty.

Aug. 25, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. **Mize** in the loss of their **little son**, who died Saturday night and was buried at Beaver Valley Sunday.

Sep. 1, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. M. M. **Williamson** departed this life Aug. 22, 1910, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Robertson, in North Birmingham, Ala. She was 72 ½ years old; was twice married, first to James Vandegrift. To this union were born two children, the wife of H. W. Robertson of Birmingham, and the wife of H. G. Robertson of Coal City. The second marriage was to Robert Williamson and to this union was born one child, little Carrie, who died while quite young. Her last husband died in 1876. Being left alone, she made her home with her daughters, dividing her time between them. "Aunt Tilda," as she was familiarly known, died as she lived, a true follower of the meek and lowly Nazareen. She has been a member of the church for over sixty

years, first of the Methodist, but died a Presbyterian.

A living example of the blessed quietness of the Christian soul, faithful, loving and true, was our departed; ever ready to speak a word of comfort to the sorrowing. As long as she kept house, her home was the resting place of the preacher of all denominations. She was brought from Birmingham to Odenville, her former home, and laid to rest by the side of her little Carrie in Liberty cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Farewell dear, grand, noble soul, but not forever, for when all of life's lessons have been learned, we hope to live and love forever the immortal souls of our Christian friends. The funeral service was conducted by Reverends Robertson and Rosco. Signed: Mrs. P. E. Robertson.

Sep. 1, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. James **North** died near Pell City Monday after a life of 73 years, which were spent as to endear her to a large circle of friends. She was the mother of James North of Pell City and John North of Riverside.

Sep. 8, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Odenville. Mr. and Mrs. Steve **Mize** gave up their little flower Tuesday. The **little boy** was some two years of age. We are told to weep when one is born into this world and laugh when one leaves. That is never done. God knows what He is doing, and we must try to learn to say, "Thy will be done."

Sep. 15, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Gray** lost their **infant** child Monday morning. The parents have the

sympathy of many friends in their loss.

Sep. 15, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Briant. Death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry **Kitchens** and took their darling **baby**. The remains were tenderly laid to rest at Bethany.

+Sep. 22, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: The untimely death of Capt. John Terry on his plantation near Springville has been avenged by determined men of that town. Isaac **Glover**, the negro who murdered Capt. John Terry, Sunday morning, September 11, was shot to death by a posse of citizens four miles south of that place Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock, after he had been brought to bay by four dogs carried from Gadsden to the scene. [A 2-column account gave names of lawmen and posse members, as well as an account of Glover's crimes, including murder, in Talladega County.]

Oct. 6, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Little Emerus Howard **Hagwood**, twin infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hagwood, was ushered in through the Pearly Gates Tuesday night to dwell with its Savior. The little fellow was but a bit over a year old. He was tenderly laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hagwood desire to publicly thank the good people of the town for acts of kindness recently shown.

Oct. 13, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Easonville. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Cooke** were shocked this morning to hear of his

sudden death in a Birmingham hospital and extend to her their deepest sympathy.

Oct. 20, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: W. C. **Courson**, of Moody, St. Clair Co., was killed Friday at Acton by an electric shock. Mr. Courson was an electrician in the employ of the Birmingham Fuel & Iron Company, and was 29 years of age. While at his work Friday at Acton, he turned an electrical switch and in some manner a wrong connection was made. Instantly a big blaze burst from the switch, and 650 volts of electricity passed through the man's body. Mr. Courson was well-known in the southern section of the county and was a single man. He is survived by three sisters, a brother, father and mother residing in Moody, where the remains were buried.

Nov. 10, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: After a short illness of pneumonia, death claimed Mrs. Charlotte **Cornelius** Sunday night at the old family homestead near Ragland. Mrs. Cornelius had reached the age of 72 years and was most highly esteemed by all who knew her. Her life had been such as to win for her friends and keep them. The deceased leaves a large family relationship, two sons, Messrs. George and William Cornelius, being the immediate relatives left here. The remains were taken to the family burial ground in Blount county for interment.

Nov. 10, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Mrs. **Henderson**, relict of the late "Zim" Henderson, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. Brown, in Attalla last Saturday

evening at an advanced age. Mrs. Henderson was one of the pioneer citizens of Ragland, having resided here with her husband for many years, and the family was one of the most prominent in this section of the county. The remains were brought here for burial Monday, the funeral taking place from the residence of Mr. W. T. Brown. Many old friends attended the services to attest the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Nov. 17, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Odenville. We all feel that we have lost a dear little friend in the death of Ashley **Hodges**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hodges. Little George Ashley died Friday morning. The remains were laid away in the city cemetery at the Baptist church. He was three years and a few months old.

Nov. 24, 1910, *St. Clair County News*: Springville. Died on November 16, 1910, at St. Vincent's hospital in Birmingham, Dr. J. J. **Hendon** of Springville. The doctor was seriously injured last week by his horse getting frightened and running away with the buggy, throwing the doctor out and injuring him internally. The funeral was conducted at the M. E. Church here Friday and the remains were interred in the cemetery on the hill.

### ***Pell City Progress, 1910***

Pell City, Alabama

>Jan. 6, 1910, *Pell City Progress*: At Riverside Tuesday night about 7 o'clock, Reuben F. **Steadham**, an old citizen, was sitting in front of the fire at the home of his son, Jas. Steadham, talking, when someone

standing outside in the dark, shot through the window and killed him. The bullet was a .38 calibre, striking him just below the heart and passing under his left shoulder blade. J. R. Coleman, Justice of the Peace, empaneled a jury to hold an inquest, being aided by Dr. J. T. Brown. Nothing has been developed regarding the murder.

Mr. Steadham was a gallant confederate soldier during the war. He is survived by a widow, one sister and two children. The funeral and interment took place at Riverside today.

Feb. 24, 1910, *Pell City Progress*: Wolf Creek. The many friends of Mr. M. L. **Perrin** will be grieved to hear of his death which took place the first of last week. The deceased was an old and respected resident of this locality. The funeral was held on Wednesday of last week, and the remains were interred at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Mr. Perrin was the father and grandfather of 75 children. [See Also next entry.]

>Mar. 10, 1910, *Pell City Progress*:

On Feb. 16, 1910, M. L. **Perrin**, more familiarly known as Uncle Fayette, died at his home near Cook Springs, after the illness of three months he was nearing his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, and was the father of 18 children, 9 of whom are living, he also leaves 33 grandchildren and a loving wife to mourn their loss. He was a devoted Christian and bore his long illness with marked patience while loving hands administered to his every want. He was a Veteran of the Lost Cause, was with Gen. Lee when he surrendered to Gen. Grant, and was in a number of noted battles among which were the battles of

Petersburg, New Hope, Gettysburg and Atlanta. He was a kind and loving husband and faithful to his friends, of which he had many who will be grieved to hear of his death. [See Also above entry.]

Apr. 14, 1910, *Pell City Progress*:

Judge James T. **Greene** died at Pell City on Sunday night and was buried at Ashville April 12. He was one of St. Clair's most distinguished citizens and by his strength of character and kindly disposition had held the love of our people for several generations. Judge Greene was born near Ashville, Ala., Feb. 2, 1849, the son of John and Elizabeth Arnold Thomason Greene. His father was a native of Cook county Ireland and came to this country in 1832. Judge Greene began the study of law in 1871 and a year later was admitted to the bar. Shortly after this he was appointed Register in Chancery for this county and was also the chairman of its Democratic Executive Committee from 1874 to 1876.

In 1876 Judge Greene received the appointment of chief Clerk in the office of the State Supt. of Education and moved to Montgomery where he resided for five years. Returning to St. Clair he was elected to the legislature in 1886 was elected probate judge for a period of six years. At the end of his term as judge, Mr. Greene moved to Anniston where he has since resided and practiced his profession, rapidly building up a large business by reason of his great legal attainments.

Judge Greene was married Oct. 12, 1873, to the daughter of Benj. and Elizabeth Ashley. He leaves his widow and six children. Judge Greene was taken seriously ill in



Anniston about two months ago when a severe cold settled on his lungs. He was brought to Pell City but failed to gain strength as hoped for. He has been unable to leave his room and for the past week his death was momentarily expected. He was conscious to the last and faced the inevitable with the true Christian fortitude.

Judge Greene was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, a past masonic master, past High Priest Anniston Chapter R. A. M., Past Exalted Ruler Anniston Elks, Past Chancellor K of P, a life long member of the Odd Fellows and at the time of his death was chairman of an important Committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons. He was also a member of Calhoun co. Bar Association. His funeral at Ashville was largely attended by friends, relatives and his brothers in the several fraternal orders which had delighted to honor him by their highest offices. The passing away of one of St. Clair's best known and best loved citizens cast a gloom over the entire county and every heart beats in sympathy with the grief stricken family.

May 12, 1910, *Pell City Progress*:

The many friends of Mrs. J. W. **Stevens**, and family, was very sorry indeed to learn of her death which occurred on Saturday, Apr. 30, in their home. Mrs. Stevens died after just a few days' sickness, making it a sad, surprising occurrence to children, father and many close, but new, friends. Mr. Stevens has been working very hard to finish their new home. No sooner having finished this work, Mrs. Stevens died.

Nov. 17, 1910, *Pell City Progress*: Just as *Progress* goes to press, our entire community is weeping this morning. Mrs. Florence E. **Spears**, wife of Col. N. B. Spears, died last night, Nov. 16. The deceased had never recovered from a severe

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moved by her death and many are the kindly expressions of sympathy and condolence offered to the bereaved husband and family this morning. Mrs. Spears has for many years been a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is the

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illness contracted almost a year ago. She was lately given to heart trouble and it was this that caused her sudden death last night.

On account of the strong Christian character that she was, well beloved by all who knew her, the entire community is deeply

mother of a large family of bright, happy and devoted children.

It is less than 12 months since her second oldest son, Douglas Spears, died; Her second oldest daughter has for months been helpless on account of the ravages of

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