



THOMAS L. GWYN TAKEN BY DEATH

One of the Founders of Chatham Manufacturing Company; Was 92 Years Old

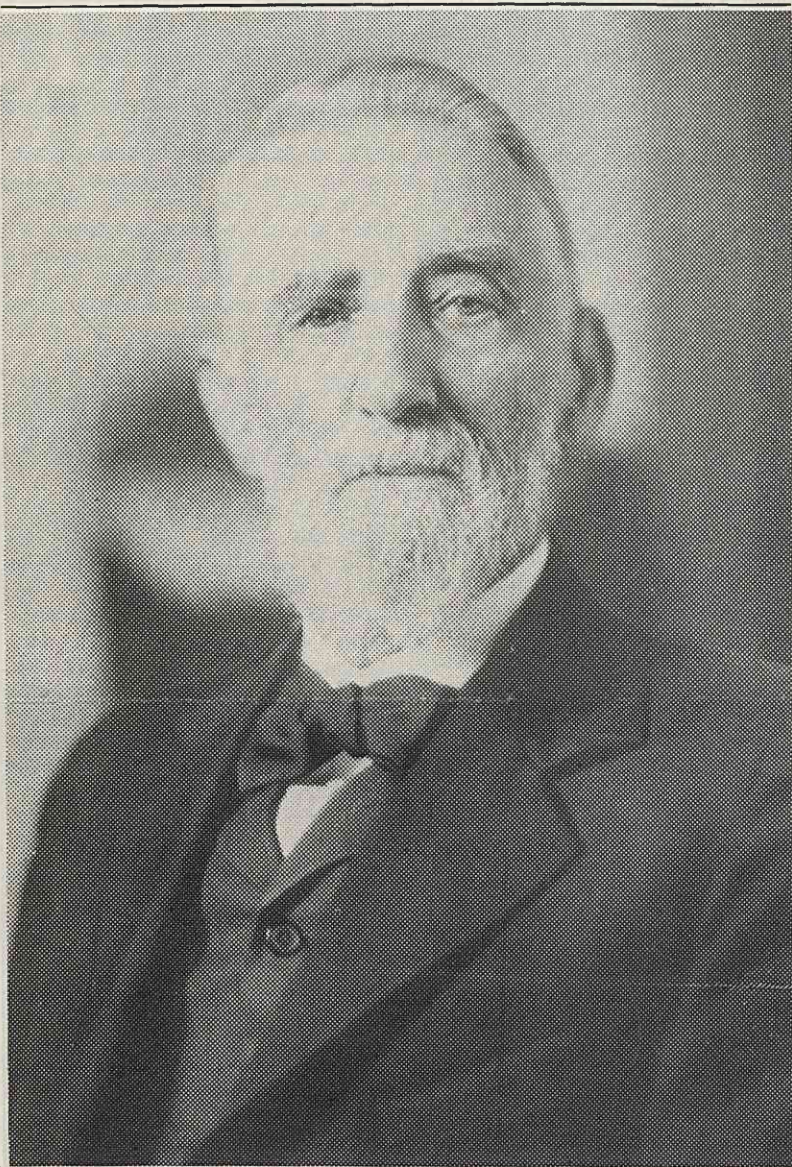
Beautiful and impressive funeral rites were held Friday afternoon from the home on Gwyn Avenue, for Thomas Lenoir Gwyn, who passed away at ten o'clock Thursday night from a three days' illness.

Had Mr. Gwyn lived until the 7th of November he would have been 92 years old. He was born on a 6,000 acre farm which covered what is now a part of Elkin, in the home now owned by Mrs. R. G. Franklin on West Main street. The history of the nation is closely linked with the life of Mr. Gwyn and his distinguished family. He was the youngest son of the late Richard and Elizabeth Hunt Gwyn, the grandson of a Revolutionary soldier and a veteran of the Civil War. His family was one of the oldest in America having come to the new world from Wales in 1610.

Mr. Gwyn, in recalling incidents of his boyhood, said that his first recollections of the site of the present town of Elkin was a densely wooded forest where elk and other wild animals roamed, and friendly Indians still lived and called at the homes of the scattered settlers for food. He was one of the pioneers of this section of the state and was a man of broad vision and integrity. He was one of the founders of the Chatham Manufacturing company of this city, and was also one of the founders of the town.

In the early eighties Mr. Gwyn moved into Grayson county, Virginia, where he farmed successfully until 1913 when he returned to Elkin to live. During his residence in Virginia he represented Grayson county at the Virginia

One of Founders of Chatham Mill Passes



THOMAS LENOIR GWYN

Constitutional Convention in 1901, and many planks in the reigning Virginia constitution today were wrought by Elkin's "Grand Old Man" as he was reverently called.

He served with distinction throughout the conflict in the war between the states as a lieutenant in the second brigade of the North Carolina calvary. Though he loved the cause of the South, he always spoke kindly of the opposing side.

In speaking of the life of Mr. Gwyn, Rev. E. W. Fox, pastor of the Methodist church, of which Mr. Gwyn was a member, read the following tribute, which was written by a close friend of the family:

"Mr Gwyn was a man of

marked ability and fine judgment. In the terms of the world he was a very successful business man, but this trait was secondary in considering his character. He appreciated and admired Christian character. Many times in speaking of a dear brother, Mr. Hugh Gwyn, who passed away in early manhood, he would remark on his piety. Mr. Gwyn's wife, known and beloved in this community as "Aunt Babe", was a very spiritual and Christ-like character. His devotion to her was very marked and his admiration for her goodness was most beautiful. He never failed to commend that quality in people.

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TEXTILE SCHOOL IS OPPORTUNITY

All Employees Are Urged To Enroll Now In An Effort To Better Position In Life

By EARL CONRAD

Are you down in the dumps? Are you blue and dejected? Do you still think there's a depression because you are minus the comforts of life that some wealthy people have? But perhaps you are below the standard of living and you are jealous of your superior or boss because he is making more money and has life easier. But, if you knew his past you could see where he had slaved and worked and trained his mind to fit the position he now holds, you could see how he studied and planned so in case later on in life he should chance upon that position he would be able to fulfill it.

So if you want to have a better standard of living, start now and plan to train your mind for that better standard in the future. In other words take advantage of your opportunities. This is why Chatham is sponsoring the textile school in Elkin, absolutely free, to give its employees a chance that perhaps they didn't have early in life. So let's enroll now and take advantage of such a golden opportunity.

Inspector Makes Pleasing Report

Mr. Thurmond Chatham, President Chatham Manufacturing Co., Elkin, N. C.

Dear Mr. Chatham:

The report of our inspector, Mr. Gaffney, who made an inspection of your plant No. 3 on September 18th, 1934, shows that he found many improvements in process such as new floors being installed, painting, etc. He particularly mentioned the welfare activities you are sponsoring and spoke of the splendid co-operation he received from the management while making his inspection.

You are certainly to be congratulated on maintaining such excellent working conditions for your employees and I am sure you are fully repaid in their increased interest and co-operation.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. L. FLETCHER,

Commissioner.

Subscription Contest

Starting today and ending November 15th there will be a contest for subscriptions to the Blanketeer. Only the reporters on the staff can enter this contest. A first and second prize will be given at both the Elkin and Winston-Salem Mills.

Get busy reporters and win a prize! The subscription price will be the same as last year. 25c per annum. All subscriptions are to be turned into Dick Chatham or Stauber Flynt.