

**DEATH OF MRS. KATE MIDDLETON.**

**Beloved Woman Answers Call of Death Sunday Afternoon.**

Many hearts in Scotland county were burdened with great sorrow Sunday afternoon when the announcement came bearing the intelligence of the passing of Mrs. Kate A. Middleton, whose death occurred just at the close of the Sabbath day at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. Z. Hardin.

"God touched her with his finger and she slept", the poet wrote. So we may say of this good woman—"God touched her with his finger and she slept", but not until a beautiful life stretching out over a period of eighty-one years and four months was lived, a noble example of patience, fidelity to truth and faith was given. She was a true friend, and her devotion to those she loved, and to her dear friends, would make a bright chapter in any life. Her journey through life was a path marked with deeds of kindness and cheer, and not only do her loved ones mourn her passing, but her friends, and they are many, mingle their heart-felt grief as well.

She was born in Scotland county and loved the land of her nativity and gave all of her life to its good. More than sixty years ago she connected herself with the Laurel Hill Presbyterian church and was one of its oldest members at her death.

Naturally her health, because of the burden of years, had not been strong for sometime past, but up until a few days before her passing she was as well and as strong as usual. Sunday she began to show signs of a rapid weakening, and at six o'clock the separation came.

The funeral, which was attended by a great concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, was held at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. Z. Hardin Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Dixon. The interment was made at the city cemetery.

The floral offerings were most profuse and beautiful, speaking tenderly of the great love and devotion of those who brought them as a last token of that love and esteem.

Mrs. Middleton is survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Breeden, of Bennettsville, S. C., and Mrs. D. Z. Hardin, of Laurel Hill township. She is also survived by three nephews, Mr. Russell Middleton, of Jacksonville, Fla., Mr. Joseph Middleton, of Wilmington, Mr. John Middleton, of Brunswick, Ga., and one niece, Mrs. D. A. Smith, of Laurinburg.

**GIBSON ITEMS.**

Mr. T. J. Fetzer Joins Company at Morehead City.

Mrs. Steele, of Virginia, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Thomason the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fetzer, of Wadesboro, were the guests of their son, Mr. T. J. Fetzer, Jr., last week.

Misses Mildred and Willie Gibson spent the week-end in Dillon, S. C., with Mrs. J. C. Adams.

Mr. R. D. Herndon has moved into his new home.

Mr. J. A. Mills, of Tabor, was a Gibson visitor Sunday.

Mr. T. J. Fetzer, Jr., a member of the National Guards, left to join his company at Morehead City Saturday night.

Mr. J. C. Adams, of Dillon, S. C., visited in Gibson last week.

Mrs. Woodall and Mrs. Bluett, of Raleigh, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Z. L. Gibson.

Dr. J. M. Gardner left Tuesday morning for Asheville where he will attend the State Dental Association meeting. Mrs. Gardner is visiting in Mt. Gilead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter, of Monroe, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McInnis last week.

**Big Rattler.**

This is not a snake story—it's a fact.

Mr. William Monroe, miller at Warwick's Mill in Laurel Hill township, killed last Friday the king rattler snake of the community. It measured more than five feet in length and carried sixteen rattles and a button.

According to snakeology, this gentleman was in his seventeenth year, the sixteen rattles representing the sixteen years and the button the seventeenth year, which had according to Weather Prophet Joe Peele, not quite expired. Mr. Peele further explained that if the 17th year had expired that his snakeship would have been decorated with seventeen rattles and a button.

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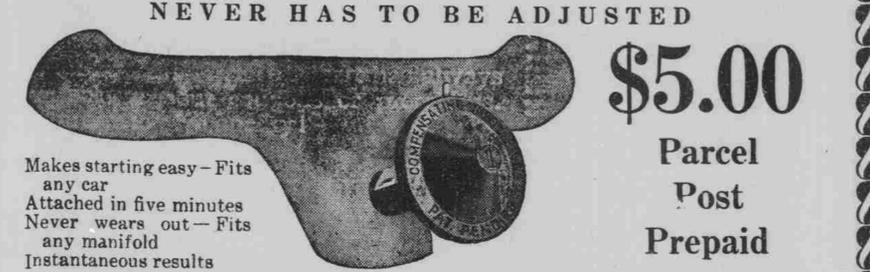
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