

Bascom Lamar Lunsford Dies; "Minstrel Of The Mountains"

Funeral services for Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the 91-year-old "Minstrel of the Appalachians" who died Tuesday Sept. 4, 1973 in an Asheville hospital after a period of declining health, was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Groce Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Paul Greene officiated. Burial was in the Old Brick Church Cemetery at Leicester. Active pallbearers were Bob Lindsey, Edward Herron, George M. Stephens, Crom Cole, Glenn Rogers and Jerry Israel.

Lunsford, a native of Mars

Hill who resided on South Turkey Creek in the Leicester area, practiced law and other professions as a young man, but later returned to mountain music, and dancing as a performer, collector and festival-founder to "spread the gospel of folk music" across the U. S. and Europe.

Highlights of his career include giving a White House command performance, at President Franklin D. Roosevelt's invitation, for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England, and recording some 3,000 ballads

and folk songs for the Library of Congress and the Columbia University Library.

He founded the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville in 1928, and personally guided its presentation of authentic folklore most of the 45 years it has been in existence. The event became nationally known. Starting "along about sundown" for three nights in mid-summer, the festival draws visitors from every state of the union.

Lunsford also founded the Renfro Valley Annual Folk Festival in Kentucky in 1946,

the Carolina Folk Festival at Chapel Hill and State Fair Folk Festival at Raleigh in 1948.

He was the author of two booklets "Thirty and one folksongs from the Southern Mountains" and "It's Time to Square Dance" and made about 30 commercial recordings. His "Cindy," "Darby Ram," "Wish I Was a Mile in the Ground" and "Mountain Dew"—the latter one of his own compositions, are collectors items treasured for authentic style and inimitable mountaineer diction.

Bascom Lamar Lunsford was born March 21, 1882 in Mars Hill, the son of James Bassett Lunsford and Luarta Leah Buckner Lunsford.

He received his education at Camp Academy at Leicester, Rutherford College, Trinity College (now Duke University) and at Trinity Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1913. For several years after leaving Trinity he taught at Rutherford College while residing in Morganton. He also served as solicitor of Burke County Recorder's Court.

He moved to Marion, and for a while was secretary of the Marion Board of Trade. A Democrat, he served as Zeb Weaver's campaign manager in 1922 and 1924, and in 1952 was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for the State House of Representatives in Buncombe County.

During World War I he served as a Department of Justice agent in New York and for a while edited a country newspaper.

First married in 1909 to the former Nellie Sarah Triplett

of Leicester, they were the parents of seven children.

He travelled the mountains from Harper's Ferry in Virginia to Iron Mountain in Alabama seeking songs. After founding the Folk Festival in Asheville, he was launched on a new career as a professional folklorist. His work took him from coast to coast, directing groups at St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia and New York, and lecturing and singing at colleges and universities throughout the country.

He was a Methodist and

active in church affairs.

Mr. Lunsford had strong ties with Mars Hill College. He was born on the campus. His father was president of the college in the 1870's.

He had donated a large portion of his music collection and recordings to the college, and had been connected for the past six years with an annual folk festival on the campus named in his honor.

Included in Who's Who, he was a member of A.F.A.M., the Hunting Club, the National Folk Festival Assn. and the N. C. Folklore Society.

anybody you ever saw."

Surviving are the widow, Freda English Lunsford; one son, B. Lamar Lunsford of Marshall; six daughters, Miss Kern Lunsford of Jonas Ridge, Mrs. Ellen Boza of Palmyra, Va., Mrs. Lynn Hadley of Wilson, Mrs. Nelle Greenwald of West Chester, Ohio, Mrs. Merton Brown of Leicester and Mrs. Jo Herron of Lake Junaluska; one stepson, Lyn Glenton English of Candler; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Edna Tennis of Shawnee, Kan. and Mrs. Ethel Ball of Mars Hill; one brother, Blackwell Lunsford; one sister, Mrs. Azalee Taylor of Asheville; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Deaths

NATHAN HOLT
Nathan Forest Holt, 64, of Rt. 8 Asheville, died Wednesday Sept. 5, 1973 in Oteen VA Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Madison County, he had lived in Buncombe County for the past seven months. He was a veteran of World War II and a retired farmer.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Isabell Fowler Holt; a daughter, Mrs. Ronnie D Caldwell of Asheville; and two brothers, Bascom Holt of Asheville and Reese Holt of Hot Springs.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Zion Baptist Church in Hot Springs, of which he was a member. The Revs. Sam Austin and Lawrence Linsley officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sept. 5, 1973 in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

A native of Madison County, he had lived in Buncombe County for the past 20 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Parker Young; two sons, Paul Young of Greenville, S. C. and Guy Young of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Evans and Mrs. Rachel Fowler of Asheville; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home. The Rev. Jeter Harris officiated. Burial was in Hagan Cemetery.

S. L. CARTER
Soloman Leroy Carter, 98, formerly of Mars Hill, died Thursday Sept. 6, 1973 in a Keenesville hospital.

A native of Mars Hill, he was a retired farmer and one of the first coal distributors.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Sanderson of Wallace; two sons, George Carter of Swannanoa and Harry L. Carter of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Morgan Osborne of Asheville and Mrs. Hubert Connor of Birmingham, Ala.; a brother, Dan F. Carter of Mars Hill; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mars Hill Baptist Church. The Revs. William Lynch and Sue Fitzgerald officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred, Dick and Richard Anderson, Emmitt Sams, Charles Bruce and Al Huff.

Capps Funeral Home was in charge.

TONY R. BALL JR.
Tony Robert Ball Jr., 67, of 17 Irving St. Asheville died Thursday Sept. 6, 1973 in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

A native of Madison County and a son of the late Tony R. Sr., and Harriett Davis Ball, he was the former owner of the Merrimon Avenue Fruit Store.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lola Wright Ball; three sons, Charles Anthony, William Franklin and James L. Ball and four daughters, Miss Peggy Dean Ball, Mrs. Barbara Ann McDade, Mrs. Colleen Barnette and Mrs. Judy Lorraine Herringdine all of Asheville; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Bryan of Wettschlun, Calif., Mrs. Flora Walden of Charlotte, Mich. and Mrs. Emma Crum of Greenville, Tenn.; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Morris Funeral Home. The Rev. Billy Cline officiated. Burial was in Lewis Memorial Park.

ROBERT YOUNG
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