

In Memory of Robert E. Martin

The subject of this sketch was born in Surry County, North Carolina, September 2, 1832, and departed this life on Martin's Creek, Cherokee County, North Carolina, February 25, 1923. He had passed

his 90th birthday. His father, W. C. Martin, died when his son, Robert, was only a child. Late Robert Edwin Martin moved with his mother, brothers and sisters and grandfather to Cherokee County, North Carolina, where he grew to manhood. His mother, Sarah Martin, died when he was only a lad of 10 to 12. He had to fight

Warren G Harding



PRESIDENT HARDING, from a photo made aboard the Transport Henderson upon arrival at Seattle, Washington, just before he succumbed to the fatal illness from which he died recently. Photo shows plainly the tired and over-exerted look which no doubt weakened him so that he could not rally when stricken with pneumonia.

his way out in life. He fell into good associations and toiled faithfully, but the Civil War came at a time to limit any large preparation for life, but with splendid natural ability he faced the issues of life. He went to East Tennessee during the Civil War. The closing of the war left him in that section where on January 2, 1866, he was married to Miss Eliza Ellen Blackburn, a member of a well known family in McMinn County, Tennessee. In 1872 he moved with his wife and children into western North Carolina, living for a time in Cherokee, near his boyhood home, later into Clay County, but still later moved to Cherokee where he lived until death. His were much devoted to each other, and shared life together beyond their Golden Wedding Anniversary, at which time all their sons, grandsons and daughters-in-law were present.

He, Robert Martin, professed faith in Christ in his early married life and joined the Pleasant Hill M. E. Church on the Athens Circuit, Holston Conference, in which his wife had already membership, she having joined the M. E. Church South in her girlhood days but after the Civil War she had joined the M. E. Church. Among his early pastors were Rev. John Moore, John S. Patty, and George W. Coleman, he having been baptized and received into the church by Rev. John Moore. He was of a religious nature, characterized by an enthusiastic disposition that found expression in his songs, prayers and exhortations. People were often greatly moved by his appeals for religious living. Among the last things he said he expressed his desire to live and attend other revivals. He shared with his wife for more than 50 years in maintaining a home of genuine hospitality, especially for ministers of the gospel, not only of the M. E. Church but others churches common to that section. He was very much devoted to his sons, and they were no less devoted to him. The older son, Dr. B. M. Martin, a citizen of Chattanooga, is favorably and well known as a leader in religious circles. The younger son, A. J. Martin, of Murphy, N. C., has won success and friend-ship in the business world. He had a real passion for the soul of men, and greatly desired the growth of the Kingdom. He lived to see a large advance in the growth of his own church and other churches. He was a bit impulsive in disposition but gentle in spirit. He was frank in life and never given to deceit. Known throughout his own and adjoining counties, he will be greatly missed. A host of preachers in Tennessee and North Carolina will note with sorrow his going.

The funeral was conducted from the home of his son, A. J. Martin, Rev. Gay Bryant, a friend of his and of the family for many years, aided by Rev. U. L. Noble, a minister of the M. E. Church, South, who had shown much interest in him during his last illness. The last rites were in the hands of the Masonic Order with whom he had membership. He experienced long life here but has gone where life never ends. W. J. MARTIN.

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Martin's Creek

Mr. Fred Coleman entertained the young people with a singing Saturday night. The singing was good and every one had a nice time.

The neighbors surprised Mrs. Julius Martin with a birthday dinner Saturday. The dinner was spread in the shade of the big oak trees on the front. There was plenty of dinner and about forty present. This was her 56th birthday. We hope she will have many more happy birth days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis, son and little daughter, returned to Jefferson, Ga., Monday, after several days' visit with relatives and friends of the place. They motored through the country.

Prof. Zebulon McClure, wife and children spent the week-end with her relatives.

Rev. Trull failed to fill his appointment here Sunday on account of the revival he was to begin at Culberson. We hope him a successful meeting.

Homer Hughes and Hamby Morris, of Bellevue, visited relatives here the past week-end.

Several people from here have been attending the revival at Nolli and Brasstown.

Mr. Allen Howell is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Martin.

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