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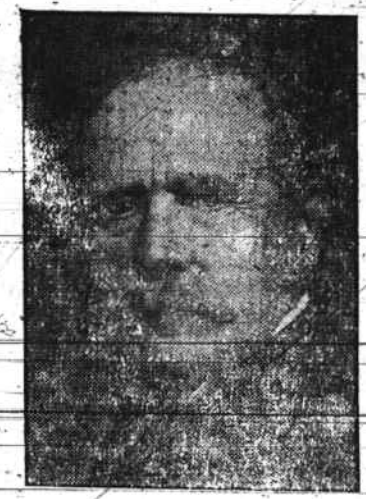
JUDGE CHARLES M. COOKE DEAD

Well Known Jurist. Died in Morganton. SERVED STATE IN LONG RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

Was One of Few Remaining Officers of Confederate Army Surviving in State; For Half a Century Was Active in Democratic Leadership in North Carolina.

Although expected the news received here Friday evening of the death of Judge Charles Mather Cooke, one of the County's most honored and respected citizens, and for a long time one of the State's most trusted and leading public men, brought sorrow to many hearts, as his family connections were large and his friends and admirers numbered by his broad acquaintance.

Judge Cooke is survived by his wife and four sons, Mr. Edwin Cooke, of Charlotte; Mr. Wilbur Cooke, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. Frank Cooke, United States Army; and Charles Cooke, of Brevard. Mrs. Cooke has been ma-



king her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Cooke in Spartanburg since her husband's illness.

In the presence of one of the largest crowds that ever assembled in Louisburg to pay the last mark of respect to a deceased citizen, the remains of the late Judge Charles Mather Cooke, were laid to rest Sunday afternoon after simple funeral services had been held in the Baptist church.

At the request of the Louisburg bar, the local camp of Confederate veterans and various other organizations in which Judge Cooke held membership, the service was held in the church instead of the family residence, as was first planned. Hundreds of sorrowing friends and relatives from all over the State gathered in the church, and in one of the galleries were more than 100 negroes, former slaves of the Cooke family, and their descendants.

Brevity and simplicity marked the service at the church, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Trela D. Collins, assisted by Dr. William L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, of which the Judge was a trustee. The remains were then borne to the family cemetery and laid away beside the ancestors of the Cooke family. A vast profusion of flowers covered the new-made mound.

The pallbearers were as follows: Honorary—Mr. W. H. Ruffin, Dr. J. E. Malone, Mr. W. H. Allen, Mr. C. K. Cooke, Judge E. W. Timberlake, Mr. F. N. Egerton, Captain Phillip G. Alston, Mr. F. S. Sprull and Mr. F. Paine Jones. Active—Mr. M. S. Clifton, Mr. P. R. White, Dr. A. H. Fleming, Maj. S. P. Boddie, Mr. A. W. Person, Dr. J. O. Newell, Mr. B. T. Holden and Mr. E. H. Malone.

Relatives from out-of-town attending the funeral included Hon. and Mrs. F. S. Sprull of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Tarboro, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cooper and Bennett Perry, Henderson, Mr. A. S. Joyner, Mrs. Eliza Joyner and Miss Greene, Franklinton, Mr. Jasper Kearney, Miss Carolina Kearney and Mr. R. T. Kearney, Durham; Mrs. Phillip Utley, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Poteat, Prof. and Mrs. E. B. Earnshaw and Dr. Gorrell, of Wake Forest.

Charles Mather Cooke was born in Louisburg March 10, 1844, the son of Captain James Cooke, and his wife, Jane Ann Kingsbury. Through the Kingsburys he was related to the well-known New England families of Kingsbury and Mather, and was a relative of Cotton Mather; the noted critic. On his father's side he is descended from one of the State's most distinguished families.

His early education was received at the Louisburg Academy and later he matriculated at Wake Forest College. In his second year there the war between the states broke and he left college to join the Fifty-fifth North Carolina regiment, being a private in Company I. His regiment saw service in

NEW ICE PLANT DAILY CAPACITY EIGHTEEN TONS

Mr. W. T. Person Purchases Complete New Outfit—Will Use Old Louisburg Ice Plant Building—Will Furnish Ice To Louisburg And Vicinity Next Season.

Mr. W. T. Person, one of Louisburg's enterprising young business men, and who recently purchased the buildings and coal dumps of the Louisburg Coal & Ice Co., has given out the information that he has purchased the necessary machinery and equipment for a completely new ice plant for Louisburg with a daily capacity of eighteen tons. He says he is going to use every effort and spare no expense to have it ready to use at the beginning of the new ice season, and should he fail to do so he will supply the trade anyway. He is energetic and enthusiastic in speaking of the new plant he has purchased and is free in his statements that he is going to give the people of Louisburg and vicinity the best service that they have ever had both with ice and coal. Mr. Person expects to drive his machinery with an electric motor supplied by the city current and will have everything up-to-date. He expects to attend to the delivery of the ice and assures the public of the lowest and most reasonable prices consistent with good business—in fact that he is going to put Louisburg in the same class with other cities.

The building he will occupy is well equipped, having storage rooms equal to any in the South and his coal dumps are equal to the best anywhere. In this enterprising step we feel safe in saying that the people of Louisburg will show their appreciations for his efforts by a liberal patronage.

the eastern section of the State and was later transferred to Virginia. Young Cooke was advanced to the grade of first lieutenant and later commanded the company after the captain was captured. The young officer was severely wounded at Hatches' Run.

Active in Politics. Like thousands of other young soldiers he returned to an impoverished home at the close of the war. He superintended the family estate and applied himself to studies in law, winning a license to practice in the county courts within a year and later full license in State courts. He also applied himself to the study of literature, working out for himself a liberal education that he had sacrificed to fight for his State.

For a young man of his breeding and training, interest in public matters was second nature. In 1872 he was Democratic delegate to the National Convention in Baltimore and cast his vote for Horace Greeley. In that year he was chosen Senator from the Seventh Senatorial district, and was appointed by Governor Vance to fill an unexpired term as solicitor in the Ninth district. Afterwards he returned to the House of Representatives in the Legislature, serving for several terms, latterly as Speaker.

Held Many Offices. Gov. Scales named him as a member of the State Prison board, but he relinquished the position to re-enter the legislature. In 1894 he was nominated for Congress, but was defeated. Governor Elias Carr appointed him to an unexpired term as Secretary of State upon the death of Octavius Coke, but the fusion of the Populist and Republican parties defeated him. He held no further office then until 1901 when he was elected Judge in the Fourth Judicial district, serving until he resigned in 1917. He was followed on the bench by Col. Albert Cox.

As a lawyer Judge Cooke acquired a lucrative and influential practice. For many years he was associated with Judge J. J. Davis. He was married in 1868 to Miss Bettie Person. He was a member of the Baptist church, a trustee of the University of North Carolina and of Wake Forest College.

TRIBUTES FROM FRIENDS. A USEFUL LIFE. The subject of this short sketch was born in this county on the 10th day of March, 1844. For nearly sixty years he has been closely associated with the social and political history of the State, being a highly honored public servant for more than one-half a century, and more than any other man now or recently living he has been an exemplification of the best production of our times and of our State.

From a life long affection and association I desire to pay this humble tribute to his worth and memory as Franklin's foremost citizen, and one of the most eminent lawyers of our times. Coming to the bar during the period of reconstruction, when our State Government was an experiment under new and untried conditions he at once became one of our wisest and most far seeing leaders and stood for the best in our social and political life.

As a lawyer he at once stepped by reason of his learning and equipment into the forefront of his chosen profession. He made the greatest impression on me as a lawyer. In his prime he had no equal and few rivals. He was truly a philosopher of the law.

The United States and Russia are the only nations of the world that are not now at peace with Germany. We should be proud of the company we keep.

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FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Daniels Pays Tribute to Late J. A. Thomas. ONLY USES ONE WEEK OF TERM

Quite a lot of business disposed of—Grand Jury and Solicitor Make Reports—Completes Docket Friday Afternoon.

The regular January Term of Franklin Superior Court, criminal, came to a close on last Friday when adjournment for the term was taken. Judge Daniels made quite a desirable impression on our people as being a fine man and able jurist. He was especially merciful to the convicted prisoner showing a desire to give them all the chance possible. In the disposition of a case Friday morning Judge Daniels took advantage of an opportunity to pay a high and worthy tribute to the late J. A. Thomas, whose influence, he felt had made the County and State better.

Quite a large number of cases were disposed of at this term, among those since our last report being:

- State vs P. R. Hendricks, fraud, guilty, fined \$30 and costs. State vs Clifford Hawkins, manslaughter, not prosed. State vs Bill Moore, murder, not prosed. State vs Early Dunston, assault, guilty, prayer for judgment continued upon payment to Mr. Geo. Finch \$75.00 for injury to car and costs. State vs Spencer L. Parrish, forgery, pleads guilty, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs. State vs Furney Alley, abandonment, guilty, 12 months on road, appeal. State vs E. G. Foster, a d w, called and failed. State vs Ramon Ingram and David Ingram, a d w, called and failed. State vs Edgar T. Thomas, seduction, motion for continuance allowed. State vs J. L. Worthington, fraud, called and failed. State vs John Mangum I and r, guilty, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs. State vs R. W. Hudson, a d w, disorderly conduct, not prosed. State vs Ralph High, c e w, continued. State vs John Mitchell I and r, guilty, judgment continued upon payment of costs and \$29 to Dick Egerton, and to give \$100 bond for his appearance at May and October term of court for the next two years to show good behavior. State vs Buck Perry, sentence of 6 months stricken out. A number of sci fa cases were reconsidered and continued to May court.

MR. BEN KEARNEY DEAD.

Mr. Ben Kearney, brother to the late Sheriff Henry C. Kearney, and one of Franklinton's most respected citizens died at his home near Franklinton on Tuesday morning. He was greatly beloved by a host of friends and neighbors. His remains were laid to rest Wednesday afternoon. The bereaved family has the sympathy of a large number of friends and relatives.

FARMERS UNION TO MEET.

The Franklin County Farmers Union will meet in Louisburg, Thursday, Feb. 5th, at 10 o'clock. Each local is requested to have a full delegation present for officers for 1920 will be elected at this meeting and there will be other business of importance to come before the meeting. D. G. Allen, Pres. J. C. Jones, Secy.

FIRE AT JAIL.

The fire alarm on Monday night originated from the jail where the ceiling had caught in the southwest room, occupied by the Louisburg Township Road force. The fire caught from the stove flue and but for the fact that it was discovered so soon and prompt action taken it would have been serious. The damage was negligible. The fire department responded promptly but the fire was extinguished with buckets.

MR. D. C. HIGH PARALYZED.

The many friends of Chief of Police D. C. High will learn with much regret that he suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday evening about 3:30, which proved to be partial in the left side. He was taken in Scoggin's Drug Store, which place he was carried home. Although the change in his condition has been very slight it is hoped he is improving.

MRS. GILL DEAD.

Mrs. G. G. Gill, relic of the late Gid Gill, who represented Franklin County in the legislature and fathered the opossum law, died at her home about three miles northeast of Louisburg Tuesday night in her ninety-fourth year. Mrs. Gill was an admirable lady of the true Southern family and had many friends to whom the announcement of her death will come as a shock and leave much sorrow. She was a true christian and practiced her religion in her daily life. She leaves a son, Mr. Philo Gill, with whom she lived during the latter years of her life. The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of a large number of our people.

MOVING PEOPLE

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW. Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. J. E. Thomas left Monday night for Richmond. Mr. C. C. Hudson left Sunday for a business trip to Baltimore. Mr. E. S. Ford left Tuesday for a business trip to Richmond, Va. Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg this week.

Mr. T. B. Wilder, of Aberdeen, was a visitor to Louisburg this week. Mr. L. R. Jackson, of Apex, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week. Mr. S. G. Boddie, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday. Messrs. O. Y. Yarboro and R. A. Pearce left Tuesday for Richmond.

Mr. F. A. Roth returned home Sunday from a trip to the Northern Markets. Mr. W. C. High, of Raleigh, visited his parents in Louisburg the past week. Mr. B. H. Perry, of Henderson, was in attendance at the funeral of Judge C. M. Cooke.

Messrs. S. C. Holden and J. P. Timberlake visited Baltimore and Richmond this week. Supt. J. R. Collie came over from Raleigh Sunday to attend the funeral of Judge C. M. Cooke. Messrs. Ben. T. Holden and W. M. Person went to Zebulon Monday to appear before the Recorder's Court.

Mr. J. R. Porter, General Manager of the Home Telephone & Telegraph Co., was in Louisburg Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, of Tarboro, were in town Sunday to attend the funeral of Judge C. M. Cooke. Hon. and Mrs. F. S. Sprull, of Rocky Mount, came over Sunday to attend the funeral of Judge C. M. Cooke.

Lieut. H. H. Harris, of the 51st Infantry stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., is at home on a visit to his people. Sheriff H. A. Kearney went to Raleigh Saturday to take Garland Taborn, colored, to the penitentiary to begin a five year term. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robinson and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Evansville, Ind., are on a visit to her mother, Mrs. B. Massenburg.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, Ex-Judge and Mrs. E. W. Timberlake and daughter, Mrs. Phil Utley, of Wake Forest, were in Louisburg Sunday to attend the funeral of Judge C. M. Cooke.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

The Grand Jury completed its work on Thursday afternoon or last week, but too late for our last issue, and were discharged with the thanks of the Court after the following report was made:

To Hon. F. A. Daniels, Judge Presiding and holding Jan. Term, 1920 of Franklin Superior Court. We the Grand Jury for said Term beg leave to submit the following report for said Term:

We have passed on all bills given us in charge, and have examined into all matters which have been brought to our knowledge. We have visited the Jail in a body, and find the same in a clean and sanitary condition, and the inmates very well satisfied. The Grand Jury would like to recommend that a new stove be placed in upstairs in jail as the old one is very dangerous. We also visited the stockade and we would also like to recommend that the stockade have more rooms as early as possible as the present stockade is too small and insufficient for the present inmates. We also visited the County Home of the Aged and Infirm and found it well kept and all inmates apparently well satisfied and well pleased with the fare they are getting. We also find the County Home very nearly self-sustaining. We have visited the several county officers and found them well kept and in good condition. Respectfully submitted, J. A. BOONE, Foreman of Grand Jury for Jan. Term.

Solicitor's Report.

Solicitor H. E. Norris, at the end of the term, made the following report on the Clerk's office: North Carolina, Franklin County—Superior Court, Jan. Term, 1920. To the Hon. F. A. Daniels, Judge Presiding:

The undersigned Solicitor of the Seventh Judicial District respectfully reports to the Court that he has examined at this term of said Court under the condition of the office of J. J. Barrow, the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, that he finds said office well administered in all respects, that said Clerk keeps in his office all the books required by law, properly indexed for speedy and convenient reference.

He further reports to the Court that, so far as he can ascertain, the accounts of the said Clerk, as Clerk of this Court, are regular and correct. I will audit the accounts of said Clerk as receiver as soon as he recovers from his present sickness and report my findings therein to May Term.

JOHNNY DUNSTON HANGS HIMSELF

IN JAIL CELL ON FRIDAY. Had Been Sentenced to Two Years in Penitentiary for Secret Assault with Intent to Kill.

Johnny Dunston, colored, who had been sentenced to two years in the State penitentiary by Judge Daniels after he had been convicted by a jury on a charge of secret assault, hanged himself in his cell in the Franklin County jail on Friday afternoon about two o'clock.

He had been into another cell and talked his troubles and intentions over with another prisoner, Buck Perry, colored, according to Perry's statement, who advised him not to do such a thing but go on and serve his sentence. Dunston expressing himself that he was going to take Perry's advice went back to his cell, evidently secured the rope, a small hemp rope about the size of a plow line about six feet long tied it to the top of the cell and around his neck and threw himself with force enough to break his neck. At this point he fell and the other prisoner hearing the fall went across the hall and found Dunston in a dying condition whereupon they gave the alarm that brought the jailor, who in turn summoned the Sheriff, the Coroner and County Physician, all of whom were soon on the scene. Dr. Malone made the examination in the presence of Coroner A. F. Johnson and Sheriff H. A. Kearney, Officer B. H. Meadows, the parents of the dead boy and a few others who had been summoned for assistance. Information disclosed the fact that the rope was used by Dunston for hanging up his clothes in the cell before he used it to take his life. The body was turned over to the parents who turned it over to Dallas Blount, the colored undertaker to prepare for burial.

The trial developed that Dunston had been in love with a colored school teacher named Lena Green, who was teaching in Hayesville township, and in a fit of jealousy concealed himself by the roadside and shot her one morning as she was on her way to school. He was arrested, however, and only a few shot struck her which took effect in the skin about her face. At the trial Mr. T. W. Ruffin, who represented Dunston made a most energetic and wonderful defense from the evidence he had at hand, so much so that the Judge commended him highly on his effort. The greatest portion of the defense was upon the grounds of temporary insanity, which was considered in the light sentence given him.

NEW BANK ORGANIZED IN FRANKLINTON THIS WEEK. Institution Begins Business With Paid In Capital of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Franklinton, Jan. 17.—A new bank is the next business venture for this place, making the second financial institution for the town. The new enterprise will be launched with a paid in capital of \$50,000 and a paid in surplus of \$12,500, placing it at the beginning in the front ranks of money institutions of this section. The new project will begin business as soon as a building can be erected and the fixtures secured. The new bank is expected to be ready for business within 90 days.

When stock was offered it took less than 24 hours to raise the amount desired and the subscriptions to the stock have gone beyond the limit of \$50,000. At first it was proposed to limit the capital stock to \$25,000, but the demand for stock was so great it was decided to increase the capital to \$50,000 and a hundred thousand could have been easily secured.

Mr. A. H. Vann, secretary and treasurer of the Sterling Cotton Mills and a director of the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Raleigh, and one of the leading young business men of this section of the State, is remaining in the organization of the new bank. As soon as the officers are elected a cashier will be chosen and the new enterprise will venture out into the business world for recognition.

The Citizens Bank, of this place, is enjoying a fine patronage and has proven to be a blessing to this section and has paid good dividends to the stockholders from the beginning. It is believed that the new institution will have much to do with the development of Franklinton and this section of the county.

EXPRESS CAR TO RALEIGH.

On Tuesday morning the Seaboard Air Line Railway began the operation of a through express car from Louisburg to Raleigh and return as one of the improvements in the service it has been contemplating. The car leaves Louisburg in the morning at 8:39 o'clock, is put on the Shoofly at Franklinton and carried to Raleigh. The return trip leaves Raleigh on No. 12 and comes through to Louisburg arriving here on the 3:35 train. Mr. N. B. Tucker is the express messenger in charge of this car, who informs us that it fills a long felt need.

SOCIAL.

The following Social events took place in Louisburg the past week: The Jos. J. Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held their regular monthly meeting for January at the home of Mrs. S. J. Parham. Mrs. W. E. White, the newly elected president, presided over the meeting, and several items of important business were discussed and settled. An interesting and appropriate literary program had been arranged for this meeting by the Historian, Mrs. J. E. Malone, Mrs. Parham served refreshments at the close of the program.

Mrs. J. L. Palmer entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Card Club at three tables of bridge. After an unusually delightful game Mrs. Palmer served a salad course and coffee and mints.

Mrs. W. R. Mills was hostess on January thirteenth to the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club. The club this week is studying the course on Americanization, as gotten out by the University of North Carolina, and quite a lot of time and thought are being put into each program. The subject used at Mrs. Mills was "The Jew in America" and splendid papers were read by Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. S. P. Boddie, and Mrs. D. F. McKinne. Mrs. Mills served refreshments.

Mrs. F. H. Allen entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on Main Street. Several guests besides the regular club members were present and a most interesting game was enjoyed. At its conclusion Mrs. Allen served ice cream and cake.

Measuring your daily wage at the price of butter, how many pounds a day do you earn?

Respectfully submitted, H. E. NORRIS, Solicitor, Seventh Judicial District. Examined, approved, and ordered recorded, F. A. DANIELS, Judge Presiding. The business of the term was completed on Friday evening and the court took adjournment for the term.