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Gatesville News.

Mr. C. W. Hofer of Silver Spring, near Sunbury, died at his home Sept. 29, 1911, (his birthday) at the age of exactly 76 years. He was a Confederate soldier and was brought here and interred in the Gatesville cemetery. His wife died last July. He left no children and is survived by only one sister. He was a mason, being at the time of his death a member of the Sunbury lodge. The funeral service was conducted by the Baptist minister, Rev. Mr. Brown.

Mr. W. M. Riddick, of near here, died Monday, Oct. 9, 1911, age 65. He was a son of Mr. Lassiter Riddick and is survived by only one brother, Mr. Solon Riddick and two children, Mr. W. M. Riddick of St. Louis and Mrs. J. T. Raby. He was buried in the old family burying ground on the Judge Eure farm near Gatesville. He also was a confederate soldier.

As a sample of what the Gates county soil will produce Mr. S. P. Cross had in his store Monday an ordinary black field pea hull which measured 15 inches and contained 19 peas. Lemons were also raised in Gatesville measuring 15 inches in diameter and sold at 25c a piece.

Judge Cline and Mrs. Cline are guests of Judge W. T. Cross and Mrs. Cross, having become acquaintances at Hickory this summer.

Bishop Strange of Wilmington, was in town and preached Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Nixon of Sunbury is visiting Miss Lucille Walton.

Miss Lucy Williams is spending some time in the mountains of Virginia.

Mrs. May Wolfley returned Monday from a few days visit in Eure.

Mr. A. Pilston Godwin is having a fine residence erected on High street. Looks suspicious.

Miss Allie Vann of Corapeake, who has been confined at her sister's, Mrs. A. D. Hill, with diphtheria has recovered sufficiently to return home Saturday.

Miss May Smith in company with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Plyler, of E. City, are spending sometime in Canada.

Bishop Strange was the guest of Mrs. General Roberts while in Gatesville.

Mrs. J. H. Hofer returned Saturday from a visit to Mrs. Nannie Hunter of Suffolk.

Mr. Cale Northcott visited Miss Carrie Hofer last week.

We are glad to see Mr. R. M. Riddick out again after being confined several weeks with rheumatism.

Mrs. General Roberts' new home has just been completed and family moved in recently.

A handsome brick school building is shortly to be erected in Gatesville, to cost \$5000. The school is a certainty, the district including Gatesville having recently voted a special tax for the maintenance of the school.

Much interest has been manifested in regard to a railroad connection with Gatesville. Two routes have been discussed—one as a branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, to join the main line near Roduco, the other as a branch of the Norfolk Southern, to join the

Suffolk division at Beckford junction. The people along these routes are interested and so far as we know would be willing to grant gratis the right-of-way. Such a road would get practically all the business of the Gatesville section as the boat line would doubtless be discontinued. It would be much to the interest of the people along these routes to grant right of way and even offer further inducements, as such a road would greatly enhance the value of their property. The country between Beckford and Gatesville consists of large, rich farms and such a well developed country should appeal to the railroads and should stir up a spirit of rivalry between the Coast Line and Norfolk Southern as to which will get this business.

Confederate Monument to Be Erected.

An order has been placed for a confederate monument to cost \$2550 to be erected on the court house square. The committee has in hand already \$1650, the balance to be raised by private subscription before the monument is erected. It is to be 34 ft. high with a 10' foot base and symmetrically proportioned to the top. It is now the intention that the monument be topped with the statue of our distinguished countyman, Gen. W. P. Roberts, who was the youngest brigadier general in the Confederate army and who died in March 1910. Most of the funds in hand for this purpose have been secured by the worthy effort of eleven young men, comprising the Confederate Monument Organization, with the assistance of such men as Judge W. T. Cross, Hon. L. Hofer, Sheriff J. A. Brown and others. It is hoped that this monument can be erected before August 1, 1912. It must be gratifying to these veterans now living to know that such a monument will stand as an expression of appreciation of the present generation for their real manhood manifested in the Civil War.

Bosley News.

Mrs. T. W. Riddick had as her guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Hancock of Suffolk and Mrs. Ida Baker of Port Norfolk.

Mr. T. C. Hinton returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit to his sister Mrs. Jim Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rountree visited Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rice Sunday.

Messrs. Haywood and Joe Winslow were callers at Mr. Henry Hofer's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hofer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winslow Sunday.

Mr. Maywood Spivey and Mr. Tom Hill were out driving Sunday.

Among those who attended court this week in Gatesville were Messrs. Cecil Hofer, Linwood Rountree, Riddick Hofer, B. H. Ward and Charlie White.

Mr. Dorsey Russell and family moved to Farmville N. C., last Friday.

Messrs. Charlie Stephenson, Walter Rountree and Timmie Lee Rice were visitors of Miss Margaret Rountree Sunday.

Eure Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Story of Winton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Story Saturday.

Mr. Jack Eure went Sunday to see his brother, Mr. W. T. Eure's family who have recently suffered such loss.

Mrs. Clia A. Eure fell Friday from dizziness sustaining injuries to such an extent as to render her helpless at this writing. She is at the home of Mr. H. W. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Story and their children who live with them, Miss Mollie, Messrs. Euclid Almont (Duke) and Peter P. Story were visited Sunday by Mrs. Rosa Brown, Misses Nannie Vann and Lizzie Vann, Mr. Johnny Shaw and Mr. Washington Lowe, all of Winton.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin of Edenton, who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Story returned home Monday.

Among those who attended court this week from this neighborhood are: Messrs L. W. Hale, R. J. Taylor, Adolphus Eure, M. D. Harrell, C. E. Sawyer, L. J. Felton, Nat Felton, Tannis Marsaw, L. S. Carter of Roduco, Solomon Rountree, J. L. Baughman, I. E. Story, J. E. Askew, J. R. Brown, K. R. Carter and P. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith of Gates were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Story Sunday.

Mrs. Harriet Eure.

Mrs. Harriet Eure, wife of Mr. W. T. Eure, died at her home near Eure Sept. 30th, 1911, after a lingering illness of about six months with typhoid fever—age about 48. She was Miss Harriet Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams. She is survived by her husband and three children, Montgomery, Elisha Herman and Sallie Mary, one brother, Mr. Jim J. Williams and one sister, Mrs. Charles Green of Como, N. C. Montgomery had typhoid in June. He had been up only two days when Herman was taken. We sympathize deeply with the family in such dire distress.

Rev. Mills M. Green Dead

After suffering intensely for about five years Rev. Mills M. Green died at his home near Ahoskie Wednesday Oct. 4, 1911, at the age of about seventy. The deceased will be remembered by nearly everybody in Gates county and other adjoining counties as an untiring and very useful Baptist preacher, having held pastorates at quite a number of churches in these counties and elsewhere. He was born and reared in Gates county within one quarter mile of Cool Spring church, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Louis Green. His opportunities for education were hardly any but he was a very bright boy and made the best of the opportunities he had. He became deacon of Cool Spring before entering the ministry, after which he was pastor at Cool Spring, Ariel, Warwick and other churches. He was a confederate soldier having been wounded twice in the Civil war in which he was of great service as chaplain. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Green and two sisters, Mrs.

Sophie A. Eure and Mrs. Margaret Taylor, both of near Eure. His relatives and friends have our sympathy.

Roper News.

Mr. G. Chas. Speight of New Berne was here Friday to meet the home seeker's excursion from Ohio.

Mr. J. R. Kessinger was here Friday on business.

Mayor W. B. Tooley and C. C. Smith of the Belhaven Board of Trade and Mr. P. H. Johnson of Pantego also met the home seeker's excursion here.

Mrs. E. S. Patrick died Thursday and was buried at Pleasant Grove Church on Friday, Rev. J. W. Potter conducting the funeral.

Miss Mabel Jones of Norfolk is the guest of Miss Ursula Singleton at Cedar Grove Farm.

Miss Gertrude Bateman is home again after an extended visit to friends in Norfolk.

Miss McCounico of Plymouth was the guest of Miss Myra Aumack several days this week.

After a delightful visit to her sister, Mrs. J. J. Hassell, Mrs. Ellie Tomlinson has returned to her home in Plymouth.

Mrs. T. R. Hassell and sister, Miss Gladys Mitchell left Monday to spend several weeks with their brother, Mr. J. B. Mitchell in New York.

After spending several days at the guest of Mrs. Ida Blount, Mrs. H. R. Way of Beech Ridge Farm, near Belhaven, has returned home.

Among those attending the funeral of the late Thos. W. Blount last Thursday were Rev. Dr. Drane, W. H. Clark of Edenton, Mrs. Eborn and Mrs. Armstrong of Creswell, Cashier D. E. Woodley, Vice President H. A. Litchfield, Director Wiley of the Bank of Creswell, C. D. Gaylord and wife of Money Point, Va., and many others from this and adjoining counties. A special train was operated over the N. S. R. R. to convey the remains to Plymouth, with the family and numerous friends, including about 50 children from the Roper Graded School to pay the last sad tribute to their friend and benefactor.

A beautiful autumn wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. Samuel Sawyer in Elm street last Saturday morning when his accomplished daughter, Miss Minnie Lee, became the bride of Dr. Everett A. Land of Norfolk. The rooms were artistically decorated in yellow chrysanthemums and golden rod, and the bride entered with her father, who gave her away, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. W. Potter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The bride wore a stylish going-away gown of blue cloth and a shower of lilies of the valley and bride roses. Miss Sue Sawyer, her sister, was maid of honor, and was gowned in white embroidered mull over pink silk. Her flowers were Maryland roses. Mr. G. W. Land of Norfolk, brother of the groom was best man. Mrs. E. G. Harrison played the bridal chorus from Lohengrin for the wedding march, and "Traumerci" during the ceremony. The entire wedding party midst showers of rice and good

wishes, left on the noon train for a northern tour, after which they will reside at 412 Pembroke Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Mr. D. F. Ambrose has also returned home after consultation with specialists in Norfolk.

No little excitement was caused Tuesday morning about nine o'clock by the blowing out of a fuse plug in one of the boilers at Creek Mill the fire alarm being sounded, word suspended at Albemarle Mill and the entire crew reported to fire chief Edwards. However their services were not needed and fortunately no one was injured by the accident.

Mr. R. Elliott of Skinnersville was here Tuesday on business.

Mr. H. I. Pritchard a leading merchant and farmer near Creswell was in town Wednesday.

Rev. H. H. Ambrose has returned from Hyde county where he has been holding a series of meetings.

Mr. T. R. Chesson has returned home after a successful operation for appendicitis.

Pleasant Grove.

Miss Bell Star returned to her home in Creswell after a pleasant visit to her aunts Mrs. C. W. Snell.

Mrs. Will Bell and daughter, Miss Corrie, and Mrs. Mary Wynne visited relatives at Columbia Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Hughes and children are spending this week with her sister Mrs. Bettie Clayton at Mackeys Ferry.

Miss Gertrude Johnson was the guest of Miss Nora Chesson Friday night.

Miss Earsley Ainsley of Roper is spending a while with her grandmother Mrs. A. L. Ainsley. Mrs. L. C. Marnner was the guest of Mrs. Emily Newberry Sunday.

Mr. Aubrey Hughes was the guest Miss Beatrice Ainsley Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Cherry and little daughter, Nina, of South Norfolk spent Sunday here.

Mr. G. S. Whitfield was the guest of Mr. E. S. Patrick Saturday night and Sunday.

After a painful illness extending over three weeks, Mrs. Annie Patrick died at ten o'clock Thursday night Oct. 5, 1911. Mrs. Patrick left one sister, husband and four children to mourn her loss besides a host of friends. Her age was about fifty four. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Potter her body being laid to rest by loving hands in the family burying ground.

Sunbury Notes.

Mr. W. H. Riddick celebrated his 77th birthday a few days ago. He had all of his children and grand-children with him and other friends and relatives. They had a bountiful dinner and he seemed to enjoy it all immensely. He is still active and interested in the daily events. He enjoys the local papers as well as the dailies. He has many friends. He is a prominent member of Middle Swamp Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Black preached his last sermon in this community at the Episcopal church on the first Sunday night. He is a popular

man and his many friends regret to see him leave. He is located at Clifton Forge, Va., and it was too long a trip to take every month, besides his business demanded his services at home.

Rev. W. H. Brown preached the first sermon in the new Methodist church at Sunbury Sunday afternoon. The church is completed except some of the furnishings which are ordered and are expected in a few days. There was quite a good congregation.

Mrs. Lucy Costen is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. K. S. Harrell has returned to our neighborhood and her many friends gladly welcome her.

Mr. W. S. Cross and family spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson, who have been stopping at the Jordan house since Aug. 21, left Tuesday, 10th, for Hertford.

They have made many friends since they have been here. Their little daughter, Myrtle, is an unusually attractive child and will make friends where ever she goes.

Mr. E. E. Harrell of Norfolk, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. George M. Brooks spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. H. Parker and Mrs. Irene Oliver visited Mr. S. I. Harrell's family and other relatives last week.

Yeopim News.

Mrs. Ellen Parker and daughter, Miss Annie, spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. T. Goodwin.

Mrs. J. W. Baker and little girls, Thelma and Helen, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. D. A. Parrish.

Mr. C. A. Boyce called at Mr. J. A. Webb's Saturday morning.

Mr. Hayden Weston of Madrea Point, called at Mr. D. A. Parrishes Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. D. Harris called at the home of Mr. D. A. Parish Saturday evening.

Mrs. D. A. Parrish visited at the home of Mrs. J. A. Webb Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Harriet Webb left Tuesday to visit her brother, Mr. William Jones, in Rockyhook, who is very ill.

Mrs. C. F. Parker spent Friday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Jordau, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Halsey spent Sunday with Mrs. Halsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hardison, of Cowpen Neck.

Messrs. Ben Owens and Levi Creecy of Perquimans were in this vicinity Sunday afternoon.

Misses Bessie and Carrie Perry visited Mrs. I. J. Moran Saturday night.

Miss Eva Mason was the guest of Misses Bessie and Carrie Perry Sunday.

Mr. C. E. Smith called at Mr. I. E. Halsey's Tuesday morning.

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