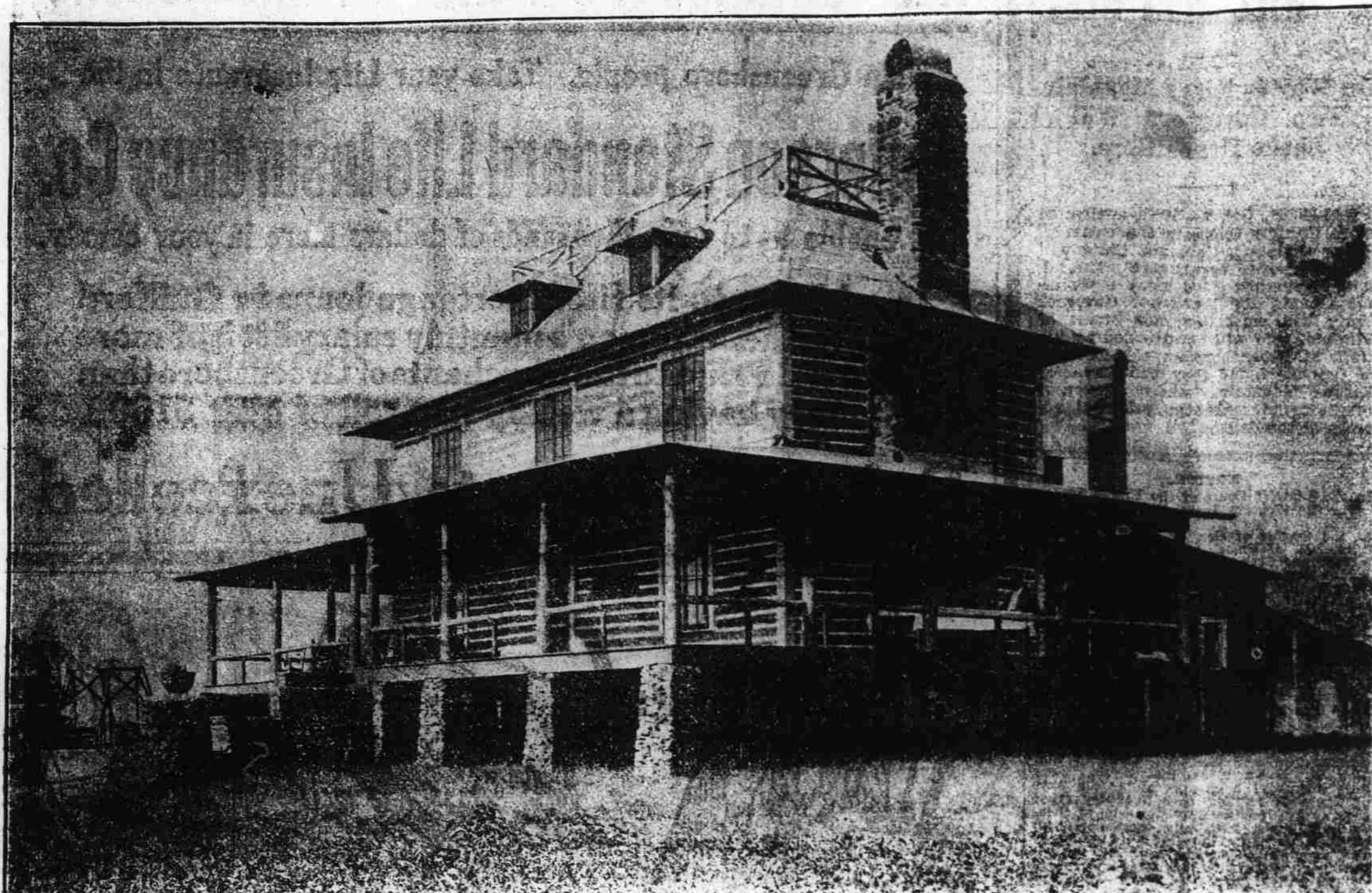


The Famous Southgate Cabin Near Hillsboro, North Carolina.



THE announcement received here Friday afternoon of the death of Mr. James H. Southgate at his Orange county home, known as "Southgate's Cabin," was a great shock to his many friends and admirers in Greensboro and Guilford county. The news was carried in the Associated Press report to The Daily Record and followed by a Durham special too late for details, death having occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock with no member of the family present except an only sister, Mrs. T. D. Jones of Durham, who had been hastily summoned and who reached his bedside just in time to witness his passing. Later advices give as the direct cause of his sudden taking off an attack of apoplexy, which seems highly probable when it is recalled that deceased was a man of unusual avoirdupois, with a large amount of surplus flesh and great mental activity. That he should have been suddenly stricken some time, when he was older and after some unusual physical and intellectual strain, should not have occasioned surprise; but in the very prime of mature manhood, at the height of his intellectual strength, in apparently the best of health, loved and honored by his neighbors, and at peace with all the world, it is hard to understand how he could have been snatched so suddenly from all that makes life desirable and worth while, with his dreams but half realized and his work yet incomplete.

As a force for good and a leader in every movement looking to the uplift and broadening of his city and state, J. H. Southgate had long been recognized as Durham's first citizen. His passing leaves a void in the educational and religious life of the community which will be hard to fill. As the champion of free thought and broad-gauge citizenship, he knew no factions and rose above the petty differences that disturb the minds of smaller men. Big brained and big hearted, he was never too busy to hear the cry of distress or listen to those who sought his counsel. He was everybody's friend and everybody will miss him.

Reserving for himself the privilege he accorded others, he was never afraid to declare his convictions on any public question or to espouse an unpopular cause. He was one of the earliest advocates of prohibition in North Carolina, and when a very young man threw a bomb into a W. C. T. U. meeting at New Garden, in Guilford county, by insisting that women be given the ballot. He was fond of referring to this incident and the consternation he created among some of the ladies who have since been converted to his way of thinking. In all things for the least of the social conscience and the betterment of the race he was not afraid to stand alone. He was a leader by nature and the force of his personality was felt throughout the length and breadth of the state. Nor did it end there. His splendid oratory had made him a national figure and his services were greatly in demand by program makers for large national gatherings.

Always a lover and student of nature, he found inspiration in the contemplation of the least of God's creatures as well as in the majestic mountains and the silent forests. Speaking with a friend about the big things and the wonderful things that man's ingenuity had accomplished, he declared that he had rather watch a little brown wren build her nest than follow the greatest architect who ever drew a plan. And to him the simple blue jay which perched upon the limb nearest his window was more gorgeously arrayed than any princess with jewels worth a kingdom. It was this love of nature and the relaxation he found in the restful scenes which appealed to him, the unique country residence on the highest hill in Orange county and give it the unpretentious name of "Southgate's Cabin." Here he spent his nights and holidays, going from Durham every afternoon on the 5:03 train and returning to his office next morning before business hours. This quiet retreat has been the scene of many delightful gatherings during the years following its first occupancy. Many parties from Durham, New York and elsewhere have been royally entertained within its walls and can testify to the splendid hospitality of the master. No more gracious host ever presided at a banquet board, and an invitation to grow worse as the day advanced. The

attendants becoming alarmed notified Mrs. Jones, who hastened to his side. His only surviving son, Mr. Thomas Fuller Southgate, and a nephew, Mr. Southgate Jones, being absent from Durham, could not be reached in time. Southgate's Cabin suggested everything implied in the ante-bellum style of southern hospitality.

On Thursday he had been in his office as usual, returning home and retiring to rest at the usual hour. Not feeling well on the following morning, he did not get up and continued to ventions have lifted burdensome definitions he only last week returned from Boston, where he addressed the national gathering of insurance agents.

He became identified with the national prohibition party when twenty-six years old, and from 1885 has been a consistent defender of its principles and platform. In 1882 he was a member of the platform committee of the prohibition party and was a conspicuous figure at the Cincinnati convention in 1892 and again at Pittsburgh in 1896. He was chosen a standard bearer of the party as the vice-presidential candidate in 1896. His running mate was Charles E. Bentley of Nebraska. He was constantly in demand as a campaign orator and made a tour of the country, directing his campaign particularly to the northwest.

He was president of the board of trustees of Trinity College, to which office he was elected in 1907, succeeding Col. J. W. Alspaugh of Winston-Salem. He was president of the Durham County Agricultural Society, for

mer president Durham Chamber of Commerce, a director in the Citizens National Bank, a trustee of the Durham Conservatory of Music, Durham business school, the Durham public library, a Mason and a Pythian.

For over twenty-five years he was a steward in the Trinity Methodist church, and for years had served on the educational and Sunday school committees of the North Carolina Methodist Conference. He served as secretary of the first Young Men's Christian Association convention held in North Carolina in 1877. While holding to the tenets and faith of his own church, his broad-minded vision was charitable to all denominations.

Demand For Stenographers.

There is a great demand for male stenographers and typewriters in the government service. Examinations are held from time to time, but few are taking the examinations. The positions pay from \$75.00 a month up. There is also great demand for machinists both at the Norfolk navy yard and elsewhere. These places pay from \$4.00 a day up. Examinations for machinists are held from time to time by the local board at the post-office under direction of the Civil Service commission, or examination will be given at Washington at any time. The Civil Service commission, for the Fourth district, are in charge of this state, headquarters at Washington, D. C.

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Property at Auction Brings Large Sum

The property of the late John A. Hodgin, consisting of a farm just outside of the city and a lot on South Elm street, with other lots on South Elm and West Lee streets, was sold today at auction by Mr. A. M. Scales, trustee, for the sum of \$25,778, the property being purchased by Messrs. David White and H. L. Coble. The farm, comprising 169 1/2 acres south of the city, brought the handsome sum of \$12,500, Mr. White being the purchaser. Mr. Coble was the purchaser of the lots on South Elm and West Lee streets, the purchase price paid being \$13,278.

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