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COL. HOLT PASSES AWAY

Died at His Home Here Sunday Night

MANY YEARS A COUNTY LEADER

Col. Holt Had Served His County As Sheriff, Legislator, Treasurer and County Commissioner. Was Thrifty and Economical and Had Accumulated Considerable Property. Was a Brave Soldier and Led The Last Charge at Appomattox.

Col. E. J. Holt, one of Johnston County's leading citizens for more than a third of a century, died at his home here last Sunday night at ten o'clock, after several months of intense suffering. He was 71 years, two months and eight days old. As a soldier, he faced death bravely, being resigned to the will of his Heavenly Father. For some time he had realized that he could not get well, but put up a brave fight to the end, without murmur or complaint.

The funeral was held from the residence Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of the Methodist church at Selma, in the absence of his own pastor, and assisted by Rev. T. H. King, pastor of Smithfield Baptist church. He was laid to rest in the Smithfield cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

The deceased left a widow and four children—three sons, Stephen S., Richard R. and William N. Holt, and one daughter, Mrs. H. D. Ellington.

In the death of Col. Holt, the County has lost one of its best and most faithful sons. He has been a leader in the political and industrial life of the County for a third of a century or more. He has done much for his town in many ways and it is here where he will be missed most.

Etheldred James Holt, son of Jesse and Penelope Holt, was born in Boon Hill township, Johnston County, on October 2, 1839, on the plantation that he owned at his death. His father died when he was only four years old, and the boy who was later to become a leader in his County, was denied the privileges of an education, save such as could be had in the country schools of that day, with one term at the Clayton Academy under the tuition of the Rev. W. B. Jones. But he had an intelligent and painstaking mother, who did much to make up for the lack of better educational advantages.

When the war broke out in 1861 Col. Holt, who was then only 21 years of age, volunteered his services to his State, and, but for a severe illness which came on him at this time, would have gone to the front with the first Company of troops from this County. As soon as he was able to go to the war he volunteered again and became First Lieutenant of Company A, Seventy-fifth Regiment North Carolina Mounted Troops. He was a brave soldier and served until the end of the war and laid down his arms at Appomattox. Col. Holt led the last charge made at Appomattox having two or three of his men wounded and his horse killed. It is stated in the history of the "North Carolina Regiments" that this was the last charge made by any part of General Lee's army. After Lee's surrender, in the absence of Gen. Roberts, who commanded the brigade, Col. Holt was in charge and signed all the paroles for the men of the brigade, 95 in number.

From these fearful scenes of carnage he returned to his home in this County to find that a good deal of his mother's property had been destroyed during these troublous times. But with indomitable will power, he set out to make a home for himself, and soon after the war he was married to Sallie M. Cox, of Wayne County. He moved to Catawba County in the hope of helping his wife whose health was not very good. She soon died, however, and he returned to Johnston, where he lived the remainder of his days. In 1874 he was married to Jane G.

Sneed, daughter of the late Stephen Sneed, Esq.

Soon after his return to his native County he began to take an active part in politics and was elected sheriff, serving one term. From then until only a few years ago he was active in the political life of the county, serving two terms in the General Assembly, several years as County Commissioner—a part of the time as Chairman of the Board—was County Treasurer for six years, and had served as Mayor and Commissioner of the town of Smithfield. He had also served several years as magistrate, both here and in Boon Hill township.

He moved to Smithfield about thirty years ago and went into the hardware business where he was very successful. He was a good business man and accumulated considerable property. He was interested at all times in his town's and county's welfare and used his best efforts to build up in every way that meant for the betterment of the people. As a citizen, and friend, and neighbor, and advisor he will be greatly missed.

It is worthy to note that the Holt Mill property in Boon Hill township which Col. Holt owned at the time of his death had been in the possession of the Holt family for 108 years, having been purchased by his grandfather, E. J. Holt, in 1802.

He had been for a great many years a member of the Methodist church and was always faithful to its interests. He was a good man and the County is all the poorer for his passing.

HIS MARRIAGES WENT WRONG.

Magistrate Resigns Because All He Joined Soon Parted.

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 12.—David D. Coons, Magistrate in Needham township for seven years, resigned today because all the couples he had married, with the exception of one, have been divorced. Several children have been born to the first couple he married. The Magistrate married nearly 100 other pairs, and all of them, with the exception of the first, have been divorced.

CHAMP CLARK HAS CLEAR ROAD.

Next House Speakership is His Without Opposition. Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Arkansas and Georgia Have Endorsed Him, and Texas Follows Suit.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Several state democratic delegations have formally endorsed Champ Clark of Missouri for the speakership of the next house and his friends now claim that his nomination will be unanimous. The Virginia delegation is among the more conspicuous of those that are holding aloof by reason of the attitude taken by Mr. Hay, who is for Mr. Clark if he will pledge himself to the naming of a committee on committees.

The democrats of the Texas delegation to-day signed a statement favoring Mr. Clark. The signers included Mr. Henry of Texas who was at one time a prospective candidate for the speakership, but formally withdrew from the fight. The democrats of Kentucky, where Mr. Clark was born; Missouri, his home state; Illinois, Georgia, Arkansas and Tennessee already have so far pledged themselves for the Missourian.

Death of Little Edna Earl Hinton.

On Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, the Death Angel bore away the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hinton. She was three months and 18 days old. Little Edna died of pneumonia. She bore her sufferings patiently. She was a bright little jewel, loved by all who knew her.

'Tis hard to break the tender chord,
Where love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words,
We must forever part.

Yet, again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
And in heaven, with joy, to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

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THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE

Edward Douglass White Appointed Monday

PRESIDENT NAMES DEMOCRAT

Judge White Was Appointed to the Bench Sixteen Years Ago by President Cleveland. He Was a United States Senator at the Time of His Appointment. Was a Confederate Soldier and a Man of Prominence in His Home State of Louisiana.

Last Monday President Taft sent the name of Associate Justice Edward Douglass White, of Louisiana, to the Senate as the successor of Melville Weston Fuller, late Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The Senate promptly confirmed the appointment. This was a great compliment and one that the new Chief Justice greatly appreciated.

A few weeks ago it was reported that the President would appoint Associate Justice Hughes, who was recently elevated to the Supreme Court bench, but on account of his inexperience in judicial matters, and also because of objection on the part of many of the President's advisers, his name was eliminated from the list of the eligibles.

The following sketch of Justice White's career is taken from Monday's Washington Post:

Justice Edward Douglass White is 67 years old, and was born November 3, 1845, on his father's plantation in Lafourche parish, La. He is the son of Edward Douglass and Catherine Ringgold White. His father was the seventh governor of Louisiana, and his grandfather, James White, was one of the early English settlers in that State, having gone there when it was still a French possession. On its transfer to the United States, James White was appointed as the first parish judge of the Attakapas district.

Justice White received his early education at Mount St. Mary's College, near Emmitsburg, Md., later entering Georgetown University, in this city. When the civil war broke out he was recalled to his home in Louisiana, and was placed in the Jesuit College at New Orleans to finish his education. He remained at the latter institution only a short time, and left it to enter the Confederate army as a private soldier, and served until the close of the struggle.

Admitted to the Louisiana bar in 1862, he opened an office in New Orleans, and soon built up a large practice, but gave it up to enter the political field. He was elected to the State senate in the fall of 1874, and served in the upper house of the legislature for four years. In 1878 he was appointed associate justice of the Louisiana supreme court by Gov. Francis T. Nichols. He held the position until 1891, when Louisiana adopted a new constitution providing for a new supreme court. Later in the same year he was elected to the United States Senate as a Democrat to succeed James B. Eustis. While serving his first term as United States senator he was appointed, on February 19, 1894, as associate justice of the United States Supreme Court by President Cleveland, taking his seat March 12, 1894. Justice White is a Roman Catholic.

Phillips-Talton.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton in the Sanders' Chapel section, last Wednesday evening, Mr. Grover Phillips and Miss Luna Talton were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony which united the lives of these two young people was performed by Rev. T. H. King, of Smithfield. Mr. Phillips is an energetic young farmer of this township, while his bride is the popular daughter of Mrs. J. M. Hamilton. Their hosts of friends wish them a long life and much happiness.

Turner's Almanacs.

We have a full supply of Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1911, for sale at ten cents each. Call at Herald Office.

HOUSE MAY BE SAME

Plan Under New Census is to Increase Ratio.

NORTH CAROLINA WOULD LOSE

Members of Congress, if Ideas of Leaders Are Carried Out, Will Represent 235,223 People, Instead of 194,182, as at Present—Opposition, However, May Defeat the Scheme.

Preparations are already being made to have an apportionment bill, based on the recent census, brought before the house for action. According to predictions made by Speaker Cannon, founded on what seems to be the consensus of opinion of the majority of the number of representatives. The number of men in the House, it is held, is already unwieldy.

The ratio of representation, therefore, would have to be increased. The present ratio is 194,182 to one representative. The plan under consideration is to increase the ratio to 235,223 to each representative. To maintain the present number of representatives in this House this ratio would have to be adopted. The new figure was decided on yesterday by some of the leaders, after spending considerable time dividing the total population showed by the blanket announcement of the census bureau.

Under such an apportionment New York, California, Washington, and Oklahoma would gain two representatives each. Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Montana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Texas would gain one. Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri would lose two each, and the following would lose one each: Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Naturally, the States that will lose will fight a new apportionment, based on increase ratio of representation, with all the strength at their command. Whether these thirteen States can effect a union that will defeat the plan is doubtful. The leaders are in favor of keeping the House to its present numerical limit. All the States not losing by the new apportionment will take an altruistic view of the situation, and will fight against any alignment of the States that will lose.—Washington Post.

TWO MORE JUDGES ARE NAMED.

Last Monday President Taft Appointed Willis Van DeVanter, of Wyoming, and Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia, to be Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court.

President Taft on last Monday named Judge Willis Van DeVanter, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, now a Federal Judge of the Eighth circuit, to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court to succeed Justice Moody who recently was retired on account of ill-health.

On the same day he named Joseph Rucker Lamar, of Georgia, a former member of the Georgia Supreme Court to succeed Justice White on the Supreme Court of the United States, White having been elevated to the Chief Justiceship.

Van DeVanter is a Republican, while Lamar is a Southern Democrat. The Court will now stand three Democrats—Chief Justice Edward Douglass White, of Louisiana; Horace Lurton, of Tennessee, and Joseph Rucker Lamar, of Georgia; Six Republicans—John Marshall Harlan, of Kentucky; Joseph McKenna, of California; Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Massachusetts; William R. Day, of Ohio; Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, and Willis Van DeVanter, of Wyoming.

Judge Van DeVanter was born in Indiana 51 years ago. He was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1881, and three years later moved to Wyoming. After serving his State in several capacities he was made Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wyoming in 1889, and after serving several years, resigned to resume the practice of

law. In 1897 he was appointed assistant attorney general of the United States and assigned to the Department of the Interior. In February 1903, he was made a United States circuit judge of the Eighth District. He was one of the Judges who voted against the Standard Oil Company.

Judge Joseph R. Lamar, who has been named to take the place left vacant by Justice White's advancement, is 53 years old. He was born in Georgia, and was educated at the University of Georgia, Washington and Lee University, and at Bethany College. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and practiced at Augusta. He was a member of the Georgia legislature for three years and a commissioner to codify the laws of Georgia in 1895.

In 1903 Judge Lamar became an associate justice of the supreme court of Georgia, where he served 2½ years, and then resigned. He is one of the leaders of the Southern bar. President Taft made Justice Lamar's acquaintance when he was spending the winter in Augusta after his election, and he came to admire the justice and to prize his friendship.

M. E. PASTOR IS DEAD AT 89.

Rev. Solomon Helsebeck Yields to Pneumonia at Rural Hall, N. C.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 11.—The Rev. Solomon Helsebeck, the oldest member of the western North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference, died this morning at his home near Rural Hall. He was 89 years old, and for more than half a century was active in ministerial work.

He attended the annual conference in this city last month, and while here was taken ill with pneumonia, which caused his death.

SERVICES AT LIVE OAK.

To Preach And Organize a Sunday School.

We are requested to state that Rev. W. T. Hurst will preach at Live Oak Baptist church on Christmas day at 11 o'clock. Just after the sermon a Sunday school will be organized.

TOBACCO IN NOVEMBER.

Sales of Leaf in North Carolina Amount to 12,886,036 Pounds. Winston-Salem Leads With Sales of 1,908,573 Pounds.

The sale of leaf tobacco in North Carolina for the month of September as shown in the statistics of the Department of Agriculture, amounted to 12,886,036 pounds.

In the sales the best four markets in number of pounds sold are Winston-Salem, Roxboro, Wilson and Greenville. The sales were as follows:

Winston-Salem	1,908,573
Roxboro	1,570,969
Wilson	1,213,745
Greenville	1,181,049
Durham	611,294
Reidsville	558,830
Kinston	607,907
Rocky Mount	554,209
Louisburg	447,929
Henderson	319,061
Mount Airy	307,539
Snow Hill	278,966
Creedmoor	280,776
Warrenton	247,639
LaGrange	287,356
Farmville	246,975
Apex	225,574
Smithfield	179,991
Youngsville	177,675
Burlington	187,473
Steneville	89,918
Mebane	79,648
Greensboro	73,612
Zebulon	75,261
Wendell	74,539
Robersonville	68,609
Pilot Mountain	56,631
Warsaw	56,608
Ahokie	51,059
Madison	48,777
Richlands	45,588
Fuquay Springs	53,245
Goldsboro	29,291
Enfield	26,216
Williamston	26,216
Total	12,886,036

ROUTED, WITH 70 SLAIN

Mexican Rebels Driven From Trenches

FLEE TOWARD GUERRERO CITY

Second Battle Expected at That Point. Federal Troops Lose 14, Including 2 Officers—Many Insurgents Wounded or Captured in Fight in State of Chihuahua—Nearly 1,500 Engaged.

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—News of an encounter between federal forces under Gen. Navarro and the revolutionists at Cerro Prieto, near Guerrero, Chihuahua, was received at the department of war here to-day. Seventy of the rebels were reported killed and many others wounded and captured. The federals are said to have lost fourteen men, including two officers.

The fight which occurred on Sunday lasted five hours and ended in the rout of the insurgents, who fled toward Guerrero. The rebels numbered, according to the estimate of Gen. Navarro, from 400 to 500. They were entrenched in the mountains. The federal forces, numbered about infantry, cavalry, and artillery, made a series of strategic movements intended to draw the enemy into the open.

Immediately after the battle ended Navarro sent a report of the affair to Gen. Hernandez in Chihuahua, by whom it was officially communicated to the war department. At that time it was believed that a further encounter would occur near Guerrero.

DEATH OF MR. J. D. FINLAYSON.

He Was a Prominent Citizen and Justice of the Peace in Princeton.

Mr. J. D. Finlayson, of Princeton, who came to Raleigh some days ago for an operation, died yesterday morning at 7:05 o'clock, and the body was taken to Princeton for burial at 12:30 yesterday.

Mr. Finlayson was sixty years old and had been justice of the peace for about twenty years and held a position of trust and responsibility in the community that cannot be filled. He was well educated, useful, an honest merchant, a good officer, a leader in the Democratic party, a true citizen, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at Princeton.

Mr. Finlayson is survived by his wife, one son, Mr. J. V. Finlayson, of Franklinton, and three daughters, Mrs. D. N. Wells, of Henderson, and Misses Clara and Beatrice Finlayson. His son was in Raleigh at the time of his death and accompanied the body to Princeton.—News and Observer, December 11th.

Mr. Finlayson was well known in Smithfield where he had many friends who heard of his death with much regret. For quite a number of years he had been The Herald's efficient and wide-awake correspondent at Princeton. As our friend and correspondent we shall greatly miss him. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family.

SELMA NEWS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Annie Winfrey, aged 73, which occurred at the residence of her son-in-law, W. B. Roberts, Esq., Tuesday, 13th, at 9 o'clock, P. M. Mrs. Winfrey has been in poor health for several years; and, was very feeble, though last Thursday she walked a hundred yards or more. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Roberts, of Selma, and a son, Mr. Thos. E. Winfrey.

Her remains were interred in the Selma cemetery, Rev. T. H. King, her pastor, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham B. Hinnant are on a visit to their son-in-law, Mr. Eddie L. Oneal.

Wednesday morning was the coldest of the season, the thermometer being 16 degrees.

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The Herald is ten pages this week.