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IMMENSE THROG ATTEND FUNERAL OF J. H. WHITE

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTES OF WORDS AND FLOWERS ATTEST THE POPULARITY OF DECEASED

From the time the word reached Marshall that J. H. White was dead last Thursday until he was laid to rest Sunday afternoon, wherever people went or whatever they were doing, their central thought was J. H. White and what he had done for the town and County. Even the services Sunday were all subordinated to the one central thought of the last rites of the departed friend and factor in the upbuilding of men and institutions. The casket was taken to the Baptist church at eleven o'clock where it was left open until one o'clock when the funeral was to be held. All during this time people from all over the county and other counties passed in and out and looked upon the face they had known so well.

The day before, quite a number of people had gone to the home to see him.

At one o'clock the church was crowded, all Sunday School rooms being thrown open into the main auditorium to provide seating space. A large portion of the center was reserved for the Masons. But with all standing room filled hardly half the people could enter the church.

The choir sang "Abide With Me," "Nearer My God To Thee," "Asleep In Jesus," "Lead Kindly Light." The service was conducted by Rev. A. I. Justice of Hendersonville, North Carolina a former pastor of the church and admirer of Mr. White. He called on Mr. Thos. S. Rollins, an attorney at law of Asheville, a life-long friend of the deceased, to speak of his social, political, and civic life, which Mr. Rollins did well and most effectively.

He spoke of how closely associated with the development of the County had the life of Mr. White been, how the County was born in 1850 and Mr. White in 1868, how he had been postmaster, had been largely responsible for the power company that gives the town lights, spoke of him as Sheriff and Tax Collector, later as Clerk of the Superior Court, Mayor-elect and so many positions of honor well filled.

A beautiful prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Andre of the Presbyterian church. After the Scripture reading, a most beautiful tribute was paid Mr. White as a church worker and religious leader by the Rev. Mr. Justice. An opportunity was given again for any who wished to see the remains and it seemed that nearly everybody in the church took advantage of the opportunity. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. L. C. Roberts of the County. The hour was then

taken to the Pritchard cemetery for interment, the largest procession of cars ever seen in Marshall following the hearse. At the grave the Masons had charge of the ceremonies, Dr. W. A. Sams being Master of the Lodge here. After the Masonic ceremonies were over, the closing prayer at the grave was offered by Rev. Mr. Justice.

The profusion of beautiful flowers attested the sympathy of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. White.

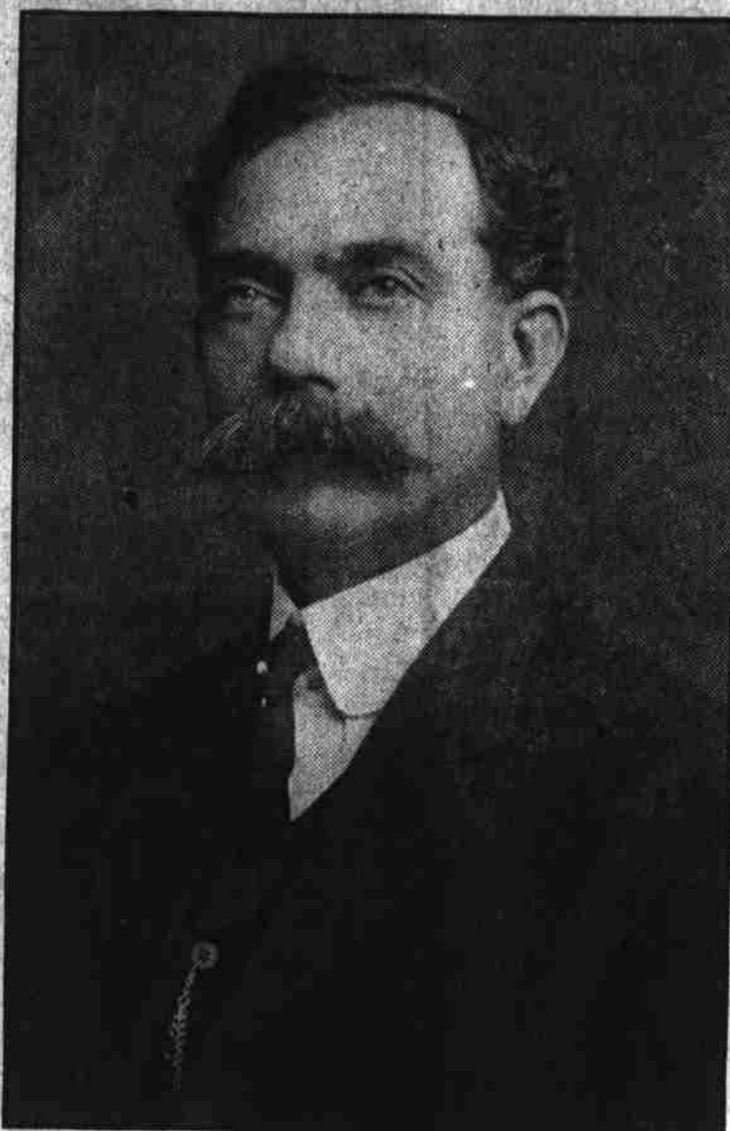
Those who served as pallbearers were: R. S. Ramsey, J. Herschel Sprinkle, W. H. Morrow, J. Coleman Ramsey, Z. V. Fisher, C. F. Fortner, Tom Frisbee, J. N. West, John Jarrett, and W. A. West.

Ushers—J. Cecil Ramsey, Eugene Rector, Roy L. Gudger, and A. L. Plemmons.

History of Mr. White's Life

Following is the history of Mr. J. H. White's life as written by himself thirteen years ago. As will be seen, he began writing it in the third person, but finished it in the first.

J. H. White is the son of H. A. White, a union soldier who was captain of company—3rd N. C. Infantry during the war between the States. He was born the 20th day of June, 1868. Mr. White was born and reared until he became of college age, on the farm, five miles east of Marshall, on the old homestead. He attended the country schools during the school season and worked on the farm and sold goods under his father's supervision, his father being a hard working man and a strict boss until he reached the age of 16, when his father, in the fall of 1884 and spring of 1885, sent him to Judson College, Hendersonville, N. C., and in the fall of 1885 and spring of 1886 his father sent him to the well known college of Greenville, and Tusculum, near Greenville, Tenn., and again in the fall of 1886 his father returned him to Greenville and Tusculum College, where he remained a short time. From there he left Greenville and Tusculum and went to Lexington Business College at Lexington, Ky., where graduated in a business course, November 18, 1886. Coming home from there he raised a crop of tobacco in the spring of 1887, and on November 13, 1887, went into the warehouse business for the sale of leaf tobacco under the name of White & Fisher. Making 1 big sale, November 13, 1887, and finding that the crop was short with bad prospects they discontinued business. Not finding work very plentiful, he grasped the first opportunity that presented itself. In the early spring of 1888, a bridge gang came along, he hired to the foreman, worked on the railroad, assisted in building of the railroad bridge at Ivy, two miles above Marshall, and about the 15th of May completed the bridge. From there he went to the C. C. C. railroad near Waxhaw, S. C., remained there until June 6, 1888, when he returned home with a few dollars in money. He immediately engaged in the goods business about July, 1888, with E. C. Ebb, who was postmaster at Marshall at the time, forming a firm of F. C. Ebbs & Co., J. H. White being the company. Mr. Ebbs had the post office in the store building in the city of Marshall. At the station in Marshall, N. C.,



JAMES H. WHITE
as he was some years ago.

land panic was on, and to collect taxes was almost impossible. The hard times caused me to be at the highest and I had from 25 to 75 in jail almost my entire term as Sheriff. I carried more than 50 people to the penitentiary, and on two different occasions had 17 in jail for murder. My term of office was out December 6, 1890, but my term as Tax Collector lasted until December, 1897. During my term as Sheriff, by an act of the legislature, I was superintendent of the chain gang, had movable tent for prisoners in the middle, cook room at one end with guard room at the other. With the chain gang I built almost all the roads leading out of Marshall, one from Hot Springs up Spring Creek, and many other roads in the county. I had from 15 to 50 convicts all the time, serving from 30 days to 7 years. In July 1897, was appointed deputy collector, which place I held for three months, had several hairbreadth escapes. The appropriation for my appointment was cut off and I was out of a job. In the latter part of 1897 and the summer of 1898, I was tendered a position as Land Agent and deputy collector again, and when war broke out with Spain I was appointed to a position in the commissary department to rank as captain, all of which positions I would not accept as I was then making the race for Clerk of the Court. I received the nomination and was elected Clerk in 1898, and have held said position continuously from that

feated Cleveland for President. Mr. Ebbs, being a democrat, knew that he could not hold the post office under Garfield's administration, and in a few days resigned as postmaster, recommending his appointment. No one except Mr. Ebbs and myself knew this, and to my great surprise I was appointed postmaster under Mr. Cleveland, filed my bond, and before anyone knew anything and before the inauguration of Garfield, I had filed my bond and received my commission and went into the postoffice about January 15, 1889, and held said position until 1891, and resigned to take a revenue job at a larger salary. Before resigning, Mr. Ebbs and myself dissolved partnership and I moved my office into the Lawson building, and formed a co-partnership with Lawson Bros., being the firm of Lawson Bros. & Co., myself being the company. We sold thousands of dollars worth of goods, and did decidedly the largest mercantile business in town. Before resigning as postmaster, or immediately after, I think in June 1891, I was appointed storekeeper and gauger and was assigned to duty at Lenier's distillery at Salisbury, N. C., where he made 500 gallons of whiskey a day, stayed there a few days and Lenier went out of business, Lenier never resuming business again. I received a salary of \$4.00 per day. I borrowed money from Mr. Ramsey, the postmaster at that place, and came home. I do not remember what I did the balance of 1891, but I think I went into the drug business under the firm name of White & Roberts. I also worked some as deputy sheriff under Sheriff C. B. Candler. I made the race for Sheriff and was almost unanimously nominated for same, being elected Sheriff December 6, 1892. I also in the latter part of the year of 1892, together with W. C. Sprinkle, F. E. Lawson, and Mr. Perry, rented all the warehouses in Asheville, being four in number, one being run in each man's name. I was proprietor of the Farmer's warehouse. The four firms together employing more than 100 hands per day at an expense of more than \$200.00 per day. We ran these houses jointly for one year. At the end of the settling up my part of the loss was more than \$5000.00, leaving me \$3000.00 worse off than nothing. In 1894, I was elected Sheriff

FIVE CARLOADS TOBACCO LEFT MARSHALL WEDNESDAY

RECORD BREAKING SHIPMENTS BEING MADE

Five solid carloads of tobacco were loaded and shipped from Marshall last Wednesday, besides about three carloads which could not be loaded. Marshall is one of the big points in North Carolina when it comes to tobacco shipments.

From BEAR CREEK

Rev. Cecil Reece filled his regular appointment Sunday. A large congregation attended. We were glad to have with us the following from Laurel Fork: Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ball, and Mr. Ervin Ball, From Caney Fork: Mr. Jim Massey and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Wood-

time until now. My term of Clerk expires December 6, 1910. July 23rd, 1903, I was married to Miss Annie May Winslow at Johnson City, Tenn. On the 30th day of August, 1904, Leo De Soto White, my only child, was born. In 1905 I was tendered the Clerkship to the Canal Zone, but owing to my wife's grandmother's condition, who was living with us at that time, could not accept. I was favorably spoken of by the powers that be as a probable successor to H. F. Harkins, then collector of the fifth Judicial district. In 1908, I was an alternate for the State at large, attended the convention at Chicago and was one of the boys who nominated President Taft June 17, 1908. During my term as Clerk, I looked after hundreds of orphans and spent a great deal of time looking after old confederate soldiers. Joined the Baptist church when I was a boy 15 years old. I have always tried to be active in church matters and at present am chairman of the board of deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School. Am a member of the school committee at present; am secretary of French Broad Lodge No. 292 and Marshall Chapter No. 51; of Pythias; Odd Fellows and member of the Juniors, Knights D. O. K. K.'s. On June 6th, was elected President of the Citizens Bank, one of the prettiest little banks in the State with \$25,000.00 paid in capital and \$50,000.00 authorized capital. At the State convention at Greensboro in 1910, was nominated Corporation Commissioner by acclamation with hopes of being elected. Have always tried to be active in all public improvements. Through my efforts, the money for the Court House was raised. Have always been active in politics, being at the head of some of the largest republican rallies ever had in Madison County.

ard Treadway, from Marshall: Miss Ossie Payne, Miss Rector, and Mr. Oliver Ferguson.

Mrs. Ella Rector visited her mother, Mrs. Joe Baldwin, Sunday.

Rev. Robie Payne was a guest at the home of Mr. Jim Hensley, Sunday.

Miss Emaline Ball spent the week-end with Miss Emma Freeman.

Mr. H. H. Edmonds and family from Asheville spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Dave Freeman. Sunday morning the Edmonds family, Mrs. Dave Freeman and little son, Roy Freeman, motored to Pine creek, where they enjoyed the day with friends and relatives. Miss Ella Stines is quite sick at present. We hope she will be able to be out again.

We are having a good Sunday School at Lower Bear Creek. Rev. Mr. Fines preaches each Sunday at eleven o'clock.

From Gabriel's Creek
We regret that because of lack of space, we are compelled to hold this news until next issue.—The Editor.

SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

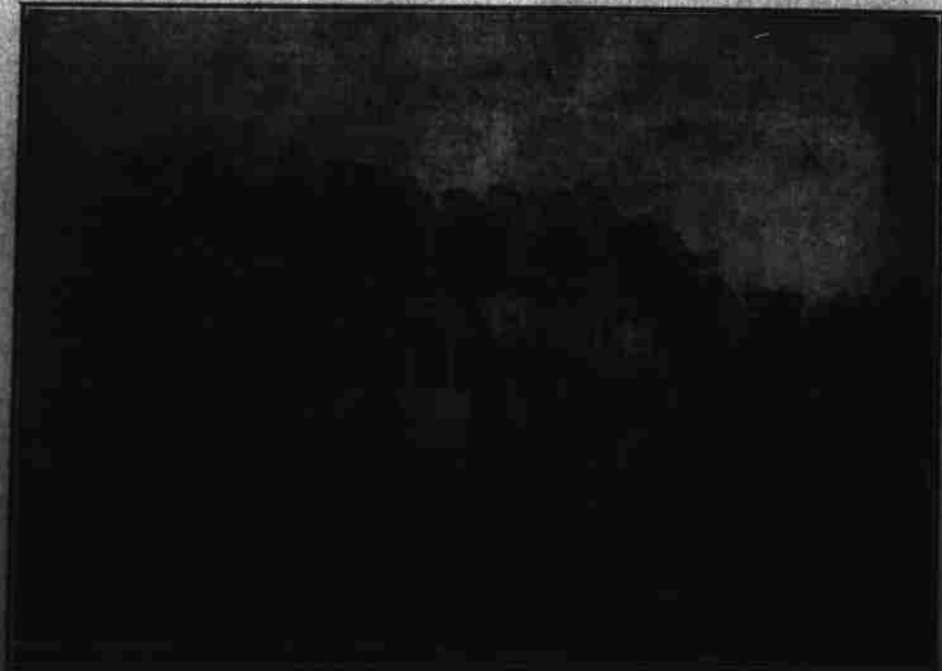
There will be preaching at the Methodist church in Marshall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Special music will be rendered.

Every one is cordially invited to attend the morning worship.
C. B. NEWTON,

CHICKEN DINNER AT MARS HILL SATURDAY

The Parent-Teachers Association of Mars Hill, will serve a chicken dinner on Saturday evening, February 14, from five until eight o'clock. Plates will be served at 50c each in the Masonic Hall on Main street. The object of the supper is to help buy a piano for the new Junior High School.

COME AND HELP THEM.



The former residence of the late J. H. White.