

Obituaries

MRS. GENEVA LAWSON WHITTED

Mrs. Geneva Lawson Whitted, 46, 906 Eldridge street, Clearwater, died Sunday morning at Morton Plant hospital after a brief illness. She had made her home with Mrs. W. W. Blackburn in Clearwater for the past 11 years.

Her husband, Charley Whitted, died in St. Petersburg in 1915.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Moss Funeral home, Clearwater, with the Rev. Selwyn Smith, of the Calvary Baptist church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery in St. Petersburg.

Whitted Funeral Rites Tomorrow

Clearwater, June 28—Funeral services for Mrs. Geneva Lawson Whitted, 46, of 906 Eldridge street, who died yesterday morning at Morton F. Plant hospital following a brief illness, will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Moss Funeral chapel. Rev. Selwyn Smith, First Baptist church pastor, will officiate.

Interment will be at the family plot in the Greenwood cemetery, St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Whitted was the widow of Charlie Whitted, who died at St. Petersburg in 1915. She made her home here with a cousin, Mrs. W. W. Blackburn.

SHELL FENCE BUILDER DIES AT AGE OF 90

Came to This City Twenty Years Ago from Lake County

Owen Albright, a pioneer resident of this city, who was known to thousands of tourists visiting this city each year, as the originator of the shell fence surrounding his home, 140 First street north, died at the age of 90 at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He was confined to his bed for more than a year as a result of an accident at that time in which his hip was broken.

Mr. Albright was a native of Lancastershire, England, and came to this city in 1901, following a severe freeze in 1900 in which virtually his entire nursery business in Lake county, Fla., was destroyed. For several years he was devoted to constructing the shell fence and in cultivating flowers. The fence, with its two artistic pagodas, is one of the show places of the city and has been a medium of advertising for the city on many occasions.

Of a Large Family.

He is the last of 16 children of his family. One brother, Joseph Albright, died in England recently at the age of 97.

For 17 years his daughter, Mrs. Kate Nicholson, principal of the city kindergarten, lived with him. She came here from Iowa. Mrs. Nicholson and her daughter, Agnes Nicholson, who is studying piano and organ at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and Mrs. Nicholson's brother, W. L. Albright, commercial traveler, who is expected here from Chicago, soon survive. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until Mr. Albright arrives. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery here.

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DEATHS and FUNERALS

DANIEL E. ARNOLD.

Daniel E. Arnold, 78 years old, died yesterday afternoon, at his home in Stahl's Way. He had lived here for 10 years, coming from Westfield, N. Y. His widow and several children survive him. S. D. Harris, undertakers, had charge of the funeral which was held this afternoon from the residence, conducted by Kilt Carson post, G. A. R., of which Mr. Arnold was a member.

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AARON ASHTON.

The death of Aaron Ashton occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home on Fifth avenue in this city. Mr. Ashton had been ill with typhoid fever for some time past, but was considered out of danger. Then he was overtaken with perforation of the bowels, and death followed soon.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, and was one of the largest attended funerals ever seen in this city. The remains were interred in the Greenwood cemetery.

Aaron Ashton was born in South Wales, England, 23 years ago and came to this country seven years ago. He spent several years in Pittsburg and about four years ago he came to this city, where he has been engaged as clerk in several of the stores. Last April he made a trip to Pittsburg and brought back a handsome and accomplished young lady as his bride, who survive him to mourn the loss of her beloved husband.

Mr. Ashton was held in high esteem by everybody who knew him, and the whole city mourns his early departure. His bereaved wife has the sincere sympathy of the whole community. He was a member of the Fraternal Union of America, and many of his lodge brethren attended his funeral.

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Mary Anderson

Mrs. Mary Catherine Anderson, 71, 136 Ninth Ave. NE, died Friday (Sept. 26, 1909). Born in East Lansing, Mich., she came here 70 years ago from there. She was manager of the Singlehurst Hotel, was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the St. Petersburg Little Theatre. She is survived by her husband, Einar (Andy); a son, Richard S. of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Cherian of Potomac, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Frances H. Joyner of St. Petersburg; and six grandchildren. Simmons Funeral Home is in charge.

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MRS. I. P. ALLEN.

Mrs. I. P. Allen, 36, died Monday afternoon at her home, 723 Thirteenth street north. She was the mother of C. P. Allen. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Harris chapel. The Rev. Juniper of the Congregational church will conduct the service. Interment will be at Greenwood cemetery. The Harris Undertaking establishment has charge of the arrangements.

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JACK ASKEW PASSES AWAY AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS

Was City Sewer Supervisor and Had
Many Warm Friends Here—Six
Children Survive Him.

After a severe illness of several days, Jack Askew, supervisor of sewers for the city, died last night at 9:30 o'clock at his home on Fourth avenue north. He had been sinking for three days and the attending nurse marveled that he lived so long. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Harrington. The local lodge Knights of Pythias was in charge of the funeral and the burial under the direction of S. D. Harris, was in Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Askew is survived by his widow and six children, the oldest 13 years old.

Mr. Askew had been employed by the city for 13 years. He was widely known, especially among the older residents and was very popular. He was quiet and industrious and worked hard, being always ready to answer a call, night or day. He did fine work during the big rain of last August. Mr. Askew was a Mason, a Woodman and a Knight of Pythias.

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John W. Askew Dies Following Long Illness

Death claimed John W. Askew, city plumbing inspector and well known St. Petersburg man, last night. Mr. Askew's demise occurred about 10 o'clock and though his serious illness had prepared his friends for the shock, the news of his death caused gloom among his host of friends in the city. The funeral will be held today at 2 o'clock from the residence, the Rev. C. E. Harrington officiating and the K. of P. lodge giving their services at the grave. Interment will be at Greenwood. Undertaker Harris has charge.

Mr. Askew is one of the best known men in St. Petersburg and as a popular employee of the city his acquaintance was far and wide. Long residence in the city had also made him widely known. He was 47 years old and leaves a wife and six children, the oldest being but fifteen. He was a prominent member of the Masonic and K. of P. orders.

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A. Babcock Dead

A. Babcock passed away Saturday evening at six o'clock at the Bay View Hotel on First street south, death resulting from an attack of heart failure. He had been somewhat ill for several days from stomach trouble and became suddenly worse Saturday. Pursuant to telegraphic advices received from his son in Syracuse, N. Y., the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery by Funeral Director H. P. Bussey.

Mr. Babcock came from Syracuse last fall and resided at Bradentown for a few months, then moving here and boarding with E. M. Ashley on south Ninth street. Last week he moved to town and was found sick in a small house down on the beach Friday, from which he was removed to the Bay View Hotel by Officer Butler.

Word was sent to his son in Syracuse and a telegram was received asking that all possible might be done for him in the way of medical aid, which was done. He was nearly seventy-seven years of age at the time and was too feeble to withstand the attack.

He owned some property in Syracuse from which he realized a small annual income. Two sons and a daughter reside in Syracuse.

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A Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to thank the many valued friends who so kindly extended aid and sympathy during their recent bereavement, the illness and death of a beloved wife and mother.

H. H. Baldock,
Mrs. C. H. Lee.

Obituary was not located,
only card of thanks.

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DEATH CLAIMS M. E. MINISTER

The Rev. Charles Balson Terminates Long Life of Gospel Work

The Rev. Charles Balson, a well known local resident and retired minister, died yesterday afternoon at 2:45 at his home, 443 Fourth avenue south. At the bedside were his wife, and his only living children, John W. and C. Wesley Balson, the former of Whittier, Cal., and the latter of Oberlin, O. The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 3 in the First Avenue Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Balson came to St. Petersburg in 1908 and has been widely known in church and business circles of this city. His intelligent interest in the best things of the city's life has attached to him a large number of friends from the most substantial elements of citizenship. He has been an active worker in the First Avenue Methodist church and has frequently occupied the pulpit. He was a preacher of unusual personality, speaking in a refined, literary style and with impressive earnestness. His power in the pulpit continued unweakened to the last year of his life.

The Rev. Mr. Balson had also been active as a real estate investor and salesman and was held in esteem for his fine business judgment and high integrity. He was born in England more than 79 years ago and came to this country when thirty-one years of age. He began preaching at the age of 17 and continued in this calling until his retirement some years ago. His ministerial work was located principally in Missouri and Nebraska.

He married his present widow in 1903 at Steubenville, Ohio.

In the death of the Rev. Mr. Balson this city loses one of its representative citizens, and the church loses one of its most valued leaders.

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Obituary

MRS. ROSA BARNES.

Mrs. Rosa Barnes, of 820 Third avenue south, died yesterday afternoon at the City hospital following a short illness. Mrs. Barnes was 71 years old and had been a resident of St. Petersburg for 11 years. She is survived by a husband, Zalmon Barnes and one son, Charles, both of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Endicott Funeral chapel at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with Rev. E. E. Reynolds, pastor of the First Avenue Methodist church officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

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Death of Mrs. J. D. Bates.

Mrs. J. D. Bates died suddenly on last Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Bird, on Tenth street south. She was attacked by cerebral hemorrhage while attending a meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists, and after a few hours, quietly passed away.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Mr. Chapman having charge of them. The body was interred in Greenwood cemetery, by S. D. Harris. Mrs. Bates was one of the early settlers of the peninsula and is survived by many relatives and friends. Her husband and three children are here, Mrs. M. C. Bird, Mrs. William Bates, and Mrs. Shackleton.

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AGED RESIDENT DIES IN TAMPA

J. D. BATES BUILT TWO OF THE
OLDEST HOTELS IN THE
SUNSHINE CITY.

J. D. Bates, one of the oldest and most known residents of St. Petersburg, died in Tampa yesterday morning and his body was brought to St. Petersburg today for burial. He was 80 years old and has spent 25 years of his life here. He had been living in Tampa for the last year. He was a Seventh Day Adventist and was one of the leaders of that organization in this city. His wife died seven years ago and was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Bates came here 25 years ago and was the builder of two of the hotels of this city. He first built the Bellmont and later the Bayshore. They are the oldest hotels in the city today. He also built several other houses that have been demolished since.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at the S. D. Harris undertaking parlors. The body will then be taken to Greenwood cemetery where it will be laid beside the wife. The pall bearers will be W. F. Divine, C. Durant, George Edwards and Graham. Mr. Bates is survived by six children: Mrs. N. C. Bird and Mrs. W. Shackleton, of this city, and W. Gold, of Tampa, and U. G. Bates, C. W. Bates and W. H. Bates.

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DIED—

Mrs. Nancy N. Barr died Wednesday at her home on Ninth street in this city from meningitis. Deceased was 49 years of age. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery by Undertaker H. P. Bussey.

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AUTO ACCIDENT CAUSES DEATH

CHARLES J. BEATTY, UNCONSCIOUS FOR EIGHT DAYS, DIES OF HURTS.

Charles Johnson Beatty, aged 29 years, who had remained in an unconscious condition for more than a week at Faith hospital, following injuries sustained when the automobile he was driving on the gulf beach turned over, died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. His death had been expected hourly since Monday.

Beatty's machine turned over, it is believed, when it struck a soft spot in the sands of the beach. He suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries, and never regained consciousness after being taken to the hospital. The accident happened April 19.

A painter and motion picture operator by profession, Beatty came to this city from Knoxville, Tenn. The widow, Mrs. Leola Beatty, a small son, Rollie B. Beatty, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Beatty, as well as one brother survive.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the residence of the parents, 326 Seventeenth avenue south. Rev. S. W. Walker and the Elks lodge will conduct the services. Burial will be made in the Greenwood cemetery. The funeral arrangements were made by the J. W. Wilhelm Funeral home.

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Death of C. W. Bell.

Mr. C. W. Bell, a Confederate veteran, died at his home on Sixth street north Sunday morning about six o'clock. He had been suffering for some time with heart trouble, and a paralytic stroke about two weeks ago in combination with this was responsible for his death.

The deceased was born in Alabama has lived in Florida thirty years, and in this city about three years. He is survived by a wife, three sons, Chas. W. Bell of Tampa, Renzie and Jesse Bell of this city and a daughter, Mrs. S. Wilder.

The funeral services took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and were in charge of Rev. Hilburn of Sutherland, a close friend of the deceased. Zollicoffer Veterans, of which Camp he was a member, attended in a body. Interment was made at Greenlawn cemetery.

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OBITUARY

MRS. R. F. BIBB

Mrs. R. F. Bibb, 82, died Friday at 11:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Boswell, Fifteenth avenue north. Mrs. Bibb was well known here, having made her home in this city with her daughter for 21 years. One daughter, Mrs. Boswell, of this city, and one son, Henry Bibb, of Birmingham, Ala., survive. The funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock in the First Methodist church and will be in charge of Rev. W. J. Carpenter. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

AGED CITIZEN ANSWERS CALL OF HIS MAKER

John A. Bethell Oldest
Pioneer of Pinellas
County Is No More

Went to Last Peaceful
Sleep Monday After-
noon—Was War Vet-
eran and Upright Citi-
zen—Funeral Today

The death yesterday afternoon at 4:30 of John A. Bethell, aged 80, at his home, Big Bayou, marks the passing of the oldest living settler of Pinellas county. Mr. Bethell died of old age, after a lingering illness of one year. The deceased is survived by a widow and eight children, all with the exception of one living in St. Petersburg. They are Charles M. Bethell, Clifford O. Bethell, William C. Bethell, John A. Bethell jr., Mrs. W. H. Jones, Miss Cora G. Bethell, Mrs. Alma Matterson and Miss Florence Bethell, of Savannah, Ga. Miss Bethell arrived on the 9 o'clock train last evening.

The funeral services will be held with solemn high mass this morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church. Rev. Father Tyrrell will officiate. The body will be interred at Greenwood cemetery by the Harris Undertaking establishment.

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AGED CITIZEN ANSWERS CALL OF HIS MAKER (Continued from page one.)

One year ago Mr. Bethell's health started to fail him. He received expert medical attention but his condition continued to grow worse. Eight weeks ago the deceased was confined to his bed, from which he never arose. For the past two weeks he had been sinking rapidly and was unconscious from Saturday noon until the time of his death. His death was expected by members of the family. When Mr. Bethell realized he must die, he prepared from time to time an autobiography. Recently he wrote a touching epitaph which showed how calmly and peacefully this devout christian man looked upon death. These lines were the last written by Mr. Bethell. The epitaph reads:

How calm is the rest of the Dead;
How deep is the slumber they sleep.
When the eye hath no tear-drop to shed,
The heart no sorrow 'oer which to weep.
What is honor, what fortune or fame?
A fleeting breath
Compared to thy slumber, oh, beautiful Death.

Born in Key West

John A. Bethell was born in Key West, Monroe county, Florida, July 21, 1834. He located at Pinellas in 1856, embarking in the business of fishing for the Cuban market. Mr. Bethell followed the water for a livelihood from his boyhood, indulging in wrecking, coasting, piloting and kindred operations. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the southern army, in company K, Seventh Florida regiment. At the close of the war he went to Tampa, where he married Sarah C. Haager, in the year 1866. In 1867 he returned to Pinellas, where he lived ever since. Mr. Bethell bought land, built a home and set out an orange grove. Some time later he entered the mercantile business. He was agent for

the lumber schooners plying between this port and Pensacola.

Was Highly Respected

The deceased was highly respected and admired by all who knew him. He was recognized as one of the most valuable sources of early and authentic history of local character, and the fact that he had preserved in book form his most interesting recollections will be recalled in the mentioning of the booklet the history of Pinellas Peninsula, written by Mr. Bethell in 1914.

In the publication are mentioned all the early settlers and men of prominence, many of whom are living today. Mr. Bethell was perhaps the only man here, who was familiar with the topography of the section before and after the storm of 1848, which destroyed everything in its track along the west coast and washed down the light house on Egmont key.

Post Master Many Years

The deceased was justice of peace for three and a half years, during Governor Drew's administration. He was also postmaster for fourteen years. He leaves many friends, both here and in different parts of the country, who mourn his demise, recognizing him as a true friend, a beloved citizen and a man who has done much for the state of Florida.

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Mrs. Rachel Binnie.

Mrs. Rachel Binnie, wife of Mr. Henry Binnie, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bates, south of town on Saturday, the 4th inst. The funeral was held at the Bates home Sunday morning, Rev. G. H. Northrup officiating and the remains were interred in the Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Binnie was one of the community's most esteemed young women, and the bereaved young husband and her family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. A little daughter but a few hours old survives and is doing nicely.

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Death of Wm. Blackwood.

William Blackwood, an elderly resident of the city, was taken Sunday evening with pulmonary hemorrhage, and died within a very short time. The funeral was held Tuesday, at Oakwood cemetery. Mr. Blackwood had been ailing for years, but he was out and around the very day of his death, and the news of his sudden attack was a great surprise to his friends.

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JOHN D. BONA.

Funeral services of John D. Bona, 71, who died at 3:33 Monday afternoon in his home, 223 Thirteenth avenue south, were held at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Rev. Riordan, priest of the Catholic church, officiated. Burial services were held in Oaklawn cemetery, under direction of the Endicott Funeral company.

The widow, two sons, J. E. and Louis Bona, of this city, three daughters, Mrs. G. Harold, Pass-a-Grille, Mrs. R. D. Harding and Miss Catherine Bona, survive.

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LOUIS BOPP, JR.

Louis Bopp, well known resident, arrived yesterday morning with the body of his son, Louis Bopp, Jr., who died in Massachusetts Sept. 29 of Spanish influenza and pneumonia. Funeral services will be held this afternoon. The services will be held at Greenwood cemetery by the Elks, the procession to leave the Harris chapel at 3:30. The dead man was a member of the Texas Rangers and saw service on the Mexican border. Mr. Bopp, Sr., has spent three winters here and is very well known.

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JOHN C. BLOCKER

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John Blocker Dies In North Carolina

Attorney John C. Blocker, 60, for more than a quarter century one of the most prominent figures in the public life of the county, died today at his summer home in Hendersonville, N.C., after months of failing health that had forced him to retire from the practice of law in St. Petersburg.

Mr. Blocker served from 1926 till 1951, when Republicans assumed control of the county commission, as county attorney. During most of his tenure the commission was all-Democratic and Mr. Blocker not only became a major factor in its decisions and policies but was a recognized power in the local Democratic party.

WAS PIONEER

Outside the field of politics and public life, Mr. Blocker, member of a pioneer Pinellas family, was widely recognized as an historian of this area and of the state. A major work, that he had expected to bring to publication, was a three-volume history of the county. He was a past president of and long active in the affairs of both the St. Petersburg Pioneers Assn., and the St. Petersburg Historical Memorial Society.

In 1952 he was president of the Florida State Historical Society.

Mr. Blocker was born here Dec. 13, 1896, son of John J. and Nina Blocker. He attended the first public primary school established in the city. Finishing his college preparatory course at Georgia Military Academy, he went to Washington and Lee University, where he took his A.B. degree.

WAR VETERAN

His education was interrupted by service in World War I as a second lieutenant in the 82nd Division, going through the St. Mihiel, Meuse and Argonne drives.

At war's end he took a special course in the Universite de Mon-

pelier, in France. On return to the United States he took his law degree at Cumberland University, and started practice here in 1925.

One of Mr. Blocker's last sallies into the field of county affairs was a strong attempt through the courts five years ago to have the County Budget Commission, whose controls he had previously fought, declared to have been established without constitutional warrant. He won his contention before Circuit Judge Orvil L. Dayton Jr. but the decision was reversed by the State Supreme Court.

HEADED BAR

Mr. Blocker was a Presbyterian, an Elk, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Sons of the Confederacy. He had been president of the State Association of County Attorneys and in 1953 served as president of the St. Petersburg Bar Assn.

Mr. Blocker in 1935 was exalted ruler of Elks Lodge No. 1224. He had been chairman of the legal aid committee of the Florida State Bar Assn. In 1952 he served as city attorney for Safety Harbor.

He leaves his wife, his mother, Mrs. John C. Blocker Sr.; three daughters, Miss Margaret Ann Blocker of Hendersonville, Miss Sally Blocker of St. Petersburg and Mrs. Bernis Colley, Atlanta; a granddaughter, Ridgeley Ann Colley, and a sister, Mrs. George W. Bartlett.

WELL KNOWN MAN GOES TO REWARD

PAUL BOECK DIES AT HIS HOME
ON CENTRAL AVENUE—
FUNERAL TOMORROW.

Paul Boeck, who for many years conducted a photograph gallery here, died at his home 534 Central avenue at 4 o'clock this morning. His death although not unexpected, came as a shock to his many friends.

Mr. Boeck was born in West Prussia, Germany, in 1860 and moved here from Manatee seven years ago, having moved from his home in West Prussia to that city in 1909. He was in the dye business at Frankfort the Marne, Germany before coming to this country, holding a very responsible position which was in part the cause of his illness. He travelled extensively over Europe and the entire East, his business taking him to remote corners of the world. Failing health caused him to retire from this business and he moved to the United States and opened a photograph gallery in Manatee, where he had purchased property, hearing of the health-giving qualities of this section of the country. He received his education in Stettin, Germany and was held in the highest esteem by his friends. His illness covered a period of two years and in the past year he grew continually worse. He was a member of the German army reserve force, but, owing to his illness was not qualified to act as a reservist.

His death was the result of periculous anemia, from which he has been a sufferer for many years. He is survived by a sister, Miss Elizabeth Boeck, who made her home with him. She will continue the business which Mr. Boeck left at 534 Central avenue.

The funeral services will take place at the home at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

PAUL BOECK DIES OF LONG ILLNESS

Former Citizen of Germany Succumbs at His Home on
Central Avenue

Paul Boeck, well known as a photographer died Monday morning, at his home on Central avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets, after a long illness. Although his death was not entirely unexpected it was a shock to his friends.

The deceased was born in Prussia in 1860 but he had resided in this city for about 7 years, he coming here from Manatee. He was a widely traveled man, his business having taken him to all quarters of the globe. His failing health is believed to have been responsible, at least to a certain degree by his business, he having been connected with a big dye house in the old country.

The deceased resided with his sister, Miss Elizabeth Boeck, who will continue the photographic business which he founded.

The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the home, and interment will be made at Greenwood.

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JASPER BOZEMAN CALLED BY DEATH

PIONEER RESIDENT AND CON-
TRACTOR DIES AT AGE
OF 61 YEARS

Funeral services for Jasper W. Bozeman, 61, pioneer resident, who died Sunday morning at 5:20 o'clock at his home, 2945 Tangerine avenue south, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home.

Elder M. L. Gilbert, Dade City, Primitive Baptist pastor, will officiate and interment will be at Greenwood cemetery. The Walters-Baynard Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bozeman, a contractor and builder, had been a resident here for 43 years, coming to St. Petersburg in 1891 when the city was only a small fishing village. He played a prominent part in early development of the city.

He was born in Leesburg and spent the greater part of his life in the state. He built a number of homes and business buildings here and had a wide acquaintance among oldtime residents.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Esther Westfield Bozeman, with whom he lived; one brother, Warren E. Bozeman, this city; one sister, Miss Mary E. Bozeman, Tampa; three nephews, Thurman and Richard Bozeman, this city and Elmo B. Bozeman, Tampa; and two aunts, Mrs. Mattie Anderson and Mrs. S. R. Westfield, this city.

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SUICIDED IN TAMPA BAY.

MR. R. G. BRADLEY, OF THIS CITY

During a Period of Mental Derangement
Drowns Himself in the Waters
of Tampa Bay.

The entire community was greatly shocked during the latter part of last week to learn of the absence and supposed suicide of Mr. R. G. Bradley, and on Monday morning when the dreadful supposition was converted into a reality by the finding of his remains.

Mr. Bradley was an old and well known and esteemed citizen who had lived for some years with his family in a cozy home on First street a short distance north of the city, and with the selling of garden and other home produce had made a comfortable living and had become a familiar figure to all residents of the place. Not a strong or healthy man for some years, it had become known some weeks ago that his mind also had partially succumbed to the general breaking down process. On Thursday evening of last week he disappeared from his home, and from his mental condition as well as previous intimations he had given when he failed to return it was feared he had gone down to the bay which is but a short distance from the Bradley home, and drowned himself.

All search for him or his remains were fruitless until Monday morning, when Capt. Gardner found the body, washed ashore on the beach between the Coffee Pot bayou and Smack's bayou. The circumstances and cause of death were too obvious to necessitate a formal coroner's inquest and the body was at once turned over to Undertaker H. P. Bussey for burial. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, Rev. E. J. Gates of the Methodist church south officiating, of whose church the deceased had been a member, and the remains interred in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Bradley was 63 years of age and had come to Florida for his health about 15 years ago. A wife and several children survive him and are the recipients of the sincerest sympathy of a large number of friends. Two sons by a former wife are prominent attorneys of Alabama, one of them, Judge Bradley who is clerk of the circuit court of Jefferson county, Ala., having been here but a week ago to look after his father's condition and arrange some of his business affairs.

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MORTUARY

EDITH BOWREN

Miss Edith Bowren, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Bowren, 3826 Fifteenth avenue south, died Friday night at the Mound Park hospital following a short illness. A brother, Raymond, and two sisters, Pauline and Opaline survive. Arrangements are being made by the J. W. Wilhelm company.

Obituary

EDITH BOWREN

Miss Edith Bowren, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Bowren, 3826 Fifteenth avenue south, died Friday night at the Mound Park hospital following a short illness. A brother, Raymond, and two sisters, Pauline and Opaline, survive. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the J. W. Wilhelm Funeral home. Rev. Watson will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

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DEATH CLAIMS "OLD BRAD" FORMER MAYOR AND PIONEER OF THE CITY

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Dr. J. G. Bradshaw Ends Life of Great Usefulness After Short Illness With Wife and His Children at Bedside—Fought Battle With Adversity and Won

An illness of a few weeks resulted Sunday night in the death of Dr. J. G. Bradshaw, one of St. Petersburg's pioneer citizens and first mayor under the commission form of government. Dr. Bradshaw, or "Old Brad" as he was lovingly known by his host of intimate friends here, died at 9:30 Sunday evening with his widow and two daughters at his bedside in his home on Ingleside avenue. He was aged 64 years, three months and 21 days.

Up until the time of his fatal illness Dr. Bradshaw was in active charge of his drug store on West Central avenue which he purchased a year ago after his retirement as mayor of the city. Little hope was entertained for his recovery when he became ill, but owing to a strong constitution he rallied and appeared to be recovering. His brother, Colonel Bradshaw, of Orlando, who hastened here when he first took sick, returned to his home. But shortly afterward he declined rapidly until his death Sunday evening.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from the residence, with the Rev. J. P. Host, an old friend, and the Rev. W. J. Garrison, officiating. The pall bearers will be close friends of the family. Dr. Bradshaw is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Ernest J. Mansfield and Miss May Bradshaw. Two grandchildren also survive.

Battle With Adversity.

Dr. Bradshaw first saw the light of day September 2, 1853, at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Later his parents moved to Chattanooga and after a short residence there moved to Cleveland, Tenn. This was about the opening of the Civil war. The family then refused to Griffin, Ga., and after a year at that place was forced to abandon the home occupied, because a federal battery was planted in the back yard. With the prospects of being right in the thick of a battle the family fled to Perry, Ga., and lived there until the close of the war, going then to Fort Valley, Ga., where a few years were spent. The doctor's father was then made president of the Macon Female college at Covington, Ga., which position he held for a period of 14 years during which the family lived at Covington.

The doctor hardly knew what a boyhood home really was and he attributes his longing for a home, such as he possessed here to that fact. The family was kept on the move when he was a youngster and for a time was only about two jumps ahead of the troops.

Finally in 1873 Dr. Bradshaw left home and came to Florida arriving in Orange county with just \$11.40, all of his earthly possessions, in his pocket. He was then 20 years of age and had devoted much of his time to a study of chemistry and pharmacy. Arriving at Apopka he decided to locate there and did so, later being employed at Oakland, where he did all of the prescription work for the Orange Belt railroad, now a part of the Atlantic Coast Line railway from here to Sanford.

Soon after arriving in Orange county Dr. Bradshaw realized that an investment in raw land, and the development of a citrus fruit grove would

pay big returns he made a start. Everything went well and he prospered. He saved his money, shunned evil companions and held strict attention to business. The grove flourished, reached maturity and came into full bearing. In the fall of 1895 Dr. Bradshaw was reputed to be worth anywhere from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for his citrus grove that year was a big producer. Then came the "big freeze" of that year and inside of 24 hours Dr. Bradshaw had nothing. The freeze had ruined his crop and grove, and disheartened, he set out immediately to retrieve that which he had lost.

Came to St. Petersburg.

It was just after the "big freeze" that he loaded his drug store, in a freight car, tore down his house at Orlando, and loaded it on a freight car and moved to St. Petersburg. The doctor said he arrived here with his family, a small stock of drugs, a little cash and a bale of bibles big enough to discourage any man. He set about the discharge of obligations contracted before the big freeze and he kept on discharging them one by one and as the years went by he was able to pay off every dollar which he owed.

With such a record he turned his face to the future and again came the desire more pronounced than ever, to own the home of his boyhood dreams, and a new start was made. The doctor picked up a little property here, a little there and finally he found himself possessed of the lot which the government selected for a federal building site and it was purchased. The proceeds of the sale to the government made possible the realization

of the life long desire to live in a real home and the erection of the handsome mansion where he died was the result.

Dr. Bradshaw did not attribute the success of his life solely to his own efforts for as he himself said, "You know there is Mrs. Bradshaw, she was the mainstay and from her I derived encouragement and a helpfulness at a time when it was needed and she is entitled to just as much credit for bringing success out of ruin as I am."

Although he was not a prohibitionist, in the strictest sense of the term as it is generally accepted Dr. Bradshaw never took a drink of liquor and to this fact he attributed much of his success. When a young man he had no use for the members of a wild crowd and although he was frequently embarrassed and even ridiculed, by companions for his refusal to indulge he preferred to "stick to business."



DR. J. G. BRADSHAW.

L. F. BRANTLEY DIES IN N. Y. OF INFLUENZA

Local Boy Serving in Merchant Marine Vic- tim of Epidemic

Louis F. Brantley, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunn I. Brantley, died last night in a New York hospital, of Spanish influenza, the first St. Petersburg victim of the epidemic sweeping the country. Young Brantley was a sailor in the service of the merchant marine, and left St. Petersburg less than a month ago.

A wire was received by the parents here late last night bringing the sad news. The message read: "We regret to inform you that your son, Louis F. Brantley, died there tonight of Spanish influenza."

The family received a previous wire Tuesday stating that the sailor was sick with the malady. Neither telegram gave any details.

Young Brantley enlisted as a sailor about September 15 on the steel ship *Nomeki*, which was built in Tampa. The boat had just had time to make one trip to New York, when Brantley caught the disease.

The surviving members of the dead sailor's family consist of a mother and father, two brothers and one sister. The father is Bunn I. Brantley, engineer on the *Genevieve*, of the Home line. An older brother, Edwin P. Brantley, is a sergeant in the Coast Artillery company at Fort Dade. The sister is named Dorcas and the younger brother, Delbridge. The family lives at 534 Fifth street north, and has resided in St. Petersburg for many years. There are a number of relatives living at Gulfport. All the male members of the family are seafaring people.

WILLIAM BRANTLEY

Funeral services for William Brantley, who was killed in an automobile accident in Tifton, Ga., will be held at the Endicott Funeral chapel tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. William A. Cooper, pastor of the First M. E. church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Greenwood cemetery.

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MORTUARY

MRS. NETTIE B. BROWN

Mrs. Nettie B. Brown, widow of William Edley Brown and former resident of this city, died Wednesday at her home in Hendersonville, N. C., it was learned here Thursday.

The body will arrive this evening. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Endicott funeral home.

Mrs. Brown, who had lived here up until a few years ago, is sur-

vived by two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Miller of Tampa and Mrs. Clifford Livingston of Lakeland, and a son, Shirley Brown of Hendersonville.

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TWO RESIDENTS DIED YESTERDAY

HENRY P. BUSSEY, OF ST. PETERSBURG, AND MRS. AMELIA GEORGE, OF GULFPORT.

Henry P. Bussey died yesterday morning at his home at 317 Fourth avenue north. The funeral will be held at the residence at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, with Rev. J. W. Harris, pastor of the Baptist Temple, officiating. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery with the members of the G. A. R. assisting the pastor. Mrs. Bussey is the only survivor. The deceased was 71 years old.

Mr. Bussey was one of the best known of the early settlers of St. Petersburg. He came to this place when it was a mere fishing village. After locating here and making St. Petersburg his permanent home, Mr. Bussey purchased considerable property, much of which he held till his death. As an extensive property holder, Mr. Bussey was known as one of the wealthiest men in the city.

Later Mr. Bussey engaged in the undertaking business here, the Bussey block on Central avenue, between Third and Fourth streets, standing as a marker of the first establishment in St. Petersburg. Some years since his health gave way so that Mr. Bussey was unable to continue in business.

During the civil war, Mr. Bussey served as a soldier in the Federal army. After the war, he engaged in business in the North till coming to St. Petersburg for his health. During the past few years, Mr. Bussey has been withdrawn from business affairs of the city so that only the early settlers remember him. Mr. Bussey planned and opened Greenwood cemetery in connection with his undertaking business.

Gulfport Resident Dead.

Mrs. Amelia George passed away at her home in Gulfport at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the age of 78 years. The funeral was conducted at the residence at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, with Rev. E. O. Henderson, pastor of the Southern Methodist church of Gulfport, officiating. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery immediately following the funeral. Two daughters, one of them here and the other one in Texas, survive the deceased.

Mrs. George was buried beside the remains of her son, Edward, who was killed by a foreigner here about five years since. Mr. George was constable at the time and took the prisoner to lock him up for another officer whose wife was ill. Mrs. George was a notable pianist. Despite her advanced age, she is said to have displayed remarkable technical and musical ability on this instrument. She was well known among the residents of Gulfport, where she and her daughter have lived for the past four years.

Bodies of both Mr. Bussey and Mrs. George were prepared for funeral and burial in the Harris undertaking par-

G. A. R. TO ATTEND BUSSEY FUNERAL

One of Pioneers of St. Petersburg Passed Away at His Home Sunday Morning.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the funeral of Henry P. Bussey, age 71, who died at his home, 317 North Fourth avenue, Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock from the Baptist Temple. Dr. J. W. Harris, pastor of the church will officiate, and members of the G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member, will assist. The interment will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Bussey was one of the oldest residents of the city, coming here a number of years ago and engaging in the undertaking business. He owned extensive property here and was considered one of the wealthiest men in the city. The Bussey block, between Third and Fourth streets on Central avenue, was built by the deceased and was one of the first business buildings in the city.

Mrs. Bussey, wife of the deceased, is the only surviving relative.

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ELIZABETH S. CALLENDER

Miss Elizabeth S. Callender, who came here from Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, New York, 19 years ago, died Sunday morning at 2:50 o'clock at her home, 149 Eighth avenue north. She was a member of St. Mary's church, the Catholic Daughters of America and St. Mary's Guild. Survivors include a brother, Thomas S. Callender, with whom she lived. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic church with Father J. J. O'Riordan officiating. Interment will be at Greenwood cemetery. The Catholic Daughters of America meet Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock at the Endicott Funeral home to offer prayer. The Endicott company is in charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Lina Bussey, Pioneer Resident, Dies In 79th Year

One of St. Petersburg's pioneer residents died early this morning in a local hospital. She was Lina D. Bussey, 78.

Mrs. Bussey came to St. Petersburg with her husband, the late Henry P. Bussey, 58 years ago from Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Bussey started a photographic studio when he first came here, and in 1895 he opened the first funeral home at 318 Central avenue, now The Palms Memorial. Mr. Bussey owned Greenwood cemetery until it was sold to the late Senator Samuel D. Harris.

Mrs. Bussey is survived by two sisters, Mrs. N. J. Patrick and Mrs. S. Lewis King, both of St. Petersburg; and a brother, Thomas Franklin Waggoner, Portland, Ore., now in this city.

Services will be held Friday at 3:30 p. m. in The Palms Memorial chapel, Rev. Dr. Earl B. Edington officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

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LAURA BESSIE CALHOUN.

Miss Laura Bessie Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Calhoun, of 536 Fourth avenue south, died last night at 7:30 following a short illness of pneumonia. She was 21 years old and was a teacher in the fifth grade of the Roser Park school. She came to St. Petersburg with her parents from Macon, Ga., eight years ago. She is survived by her parents and five sisters, Mrs. Paul Shiver, of Bradentown and Mrs. Alice Goodyear, Miss Ruth, Miss May and Miss Sallie Calhoun, of St. Petersburg. No funeral arrangements have been made.

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DEATH CALLS DAVISTA MAN

Lee Carey, Former Member of Police Force, Dies

Lee A. Carey, resident of Davista for the past seven years where he was employed as policeman, died in the City Hospital Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Funeral services in charge of local Masonic lodge will be held at 4:30 Sunday afternoon at the Endicott chapel. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Carey had been ill for a few days and was taken to the hospital shortly before his death.

Mr. Carey came here more than eight years ago from Union City, Tenn. At one time his father was governor of that state.

Two sons, George and Sam Carey and two daughters Alice and Ann Carey, survive.

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Mrs. Mary A. Carter.

Mrs. Mary A. Carter, the wife of Chas. P. Carter, died Tuesday at the age of 65 and after having been an invalid for 25 years.

The remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery, the Rev. B. Margeson, pastor of the M. E. church, south, officiating. She is survived by a husband, son and two step sons.

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CAULFIELD — Edward William, 83, of 448 11th Ave. N., died Tuesday, February 24th, 1970. Born in Wildwood, Florida, here 72 years. He was a retired boat captain. Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Marguerite J. Edgar, Denver, Colo.; his brother, Hubert E. Caulfield, St. Petersburg; his sister, Mrs. Eula Moore, St. Petersburg; 2 grandchildren, and 1 great-granddaughter. Services will be held Friday at 10:30 A.M. at the Anderson McQueen Funeral Home with Dr. Paul R. Horton, officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday, from 2 to 9 P.M. at the Anderson McQueen Funeral Home, 2201 9th St. N.

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Mrs. Caulfield Dies; 46-Year Resident

Mrs. Stella May Perry Caulfield, 78, a 46-year resident of St. Petersburg, died yesterday at her home, 448 11th Ave. N.



A native of Texas, Mrs. Caulfield moved to St. Petersburg from Chattanooga, Tenn. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Caulfield

Surviving are her husband, Edward W.; a daughter, Mrs. A. T. Chitwood, Denver; two grandchildren and three nieces, including Mrs. Art Windmuller of St. Petersburg.

Arrangements are being announced today by The Palms Memorial.

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MRS. MARGARET CHADWICK DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Descendant From Revolutionary
War Hero Lived Here For
Several Years

Mrs. Marguerite Caldwell Chadwick, 71 years old, who had been a resident in St. Petersburg since 1916, died last night at her home at 623 Ridge avenue south, after an illness of several months. Her husband, William Burtch Chadwick, died in this city in 1918. Before coming here, Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick lived in Chester, Pa., for 25 years where Mr. Chadwick was general manager of the city water company during that time.

Born in Vincennes, Ind., Mrs. Chadwick was the daughter of John Moore, and of Mary A. Cald-

well Moore. Her father was one of the first mayors of Vincennes and was a veteran of the War of 1812, while her maternal grandfather was a Connecticut soldier in Washington's Revolutionary army.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick were always enthusiastic boosters of St. Petersburg and were among the first to build in the original subdivision of the old Suwannee Grove.

A son, E. Wallace Chadwick, an attorney in Chester, Pa., survives Mrs. Chadwick. He and his wife were with Mrs. Chadwick at the end.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic church with the Father J. J. O'Riordan officiating. The body will lie in

state at the Chadwick home on Ridge avenue after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the J. W. Wilhelm Undertaking company.

BYRON COLEMAN FIRST TO DIE HERE OF "FLU"

Pneumonia Following Attack in Georgia Proves Fatal

The first death in St. Petersburg from Spanish influenza occurred last night about 12 o'clock. Byron Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Coleman, of 323 Sixth street south, died at that hour. He arrived from Georgia Monday night in a serious condition and was unable to throw off the attack of pneumonia which followed the influenza. The father, who was out of the state, was called and did not reach St. Petersburg until last night. The deceased is survived by his mother, father and younger brother, Jesse. He was about 20 years old. The funeral will probably be held this afternoon, but the exact hour had not been set when the Times went to press.

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FRANCIS S. CONE.

Francis S. Cone, 87 years old, died at 1:15 o'clock this morning, at his home, 425 Sixth street south. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Inez Cone, also of this city. Funeral services, held late this afternoon, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Carnine. Interment was in Greenmount cemetery. Mr. Cone's wife died here some years ago and is buried in the same cemetery. Mr. Cone had been a resident of St. Petersburg for more than nine years.

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ONE OF OLDEST CITIZENS DEAD

ASA COMBS WAS 94 YEARS OLD
AND MADE HOME WITH HIS
DAUGHTER.

One of the oldest men in St. Petersburg, Asa Combs, formerly of South Thomaston, Me., died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Thayer, 930 Fairview avenue, of this city, his age being 94 years.

Besides his daughter he is survived by three grandchildren, Lucretia M. Thayer, of St. Petersburg; Harold E. Combs, of Rockland, Me., and Mrs. William Clement, of Everett, Mass.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Harris Undertaking parlors at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Kerrison Juniper will officiate at the service. The burial will be in the Greenwood cemetery.

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C. N. CRAWFORD LAID TO REST BY ELKS YESTERDAY

HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNER-
AL AT DETROIT HOTEL
IN THE AFTERNOON.

FLORAL TRIBUTES IN GREAT NUMBER

Last Rites Said Over Remains of
Popular Hotel Man and Cit-
izen Well Loved By All
Who Knew Him.

With the services in charge of the Elks lodge, of which he was a beloved member, the funeral of Curtis N. Crawford was held yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the Detroit hotel, the interment being in Greenwood cemetery.

The funeral was the largest ever held in St. Petersburg and the attendance was a testimonial of the esteem in which Mr. Crawford was held. The Elks attended in a body, as did the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was also a member.

The body arrived at the hotel shortly before 3 o'clock from the Harris funeral parlors, where it was taken yesterday morning when it arrived on the early train. From the Harris parlors to the hotel it was accompanied by the pall-bearers, James E. Norton, one of Mr. Crawford's closest friends; T. A. Chancellor, president of the First National bank; H. C. Dent, of the Dent & English company; L. C. Hefner, merchant; G. T. Hallsback, county commissioner and A. T. Blocker, former exalted ruler of the Elks.

The hearse drove to the Central avenue entrance of the hotel and the lowered casket was carried into the lobby between lines of uncovered men.

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Elks Arrive in Body.

The parlors of the hotel filled rapidly with people, many of them bringing floral offerings which were placed on and around the casket. The casket was opened and stood just inside the lobby facing west.

Shortly afterward the Elks arrived from the home. The procession was headed by the band. The members of the lodge filed into the hotel and took their places in the parlor. Rev. E. E. Madeira, chaplain of the lodge, read a short prayer and the officers of the lodge conducted the short formal service. Mrs. E. L. Robinson sang a beautiful solo, being accompanied by Mrs. Alice Buhner at the piano.

Eulogy By Judge Sellers.

The services were short and entirely in charge of the Elks. Judge Ray V. Sellers, esteemed lecturing Knight of the lodge, delivered a brief eulogy, extolling the virtues of the deceased, touching on his great love for humanity and his deeds of kindness of which little was generally known. He cited one specific instance where Mr. Crawford had been the mainstay of an aged couple, and how he disliked ostentation in charity.

After the service the members passed around the casket and laid sprigs of evergreens on the form they all loved. Each member paused before the opened casket and looked for the last time on the face they had grown to love in their years of association. Following this ceremony the Elks filed out and were followed by the Knights of Pythias and then the other friends, including representatives of the Pythian Sisters and the Eastern Star, of which orders Mrs. Crawford is a member.

Outside the hotel the sidewalks were crowded and again heads were uncovered as the casket was borne out and placed in the hearse.

The Elks headed by their officers, formed four abreast in the street, the band proceeding ahead of them. Behind the band came the hearse and then the carriage with the pall-bearers. In another carriage were Mrs. Crawford, her sister, Mrs. Staley, H. C. Crawford, of Gainsville, and other relatives and in a second carriage was G. B. Hayward and others. Other carriages and automobiles followed.

Band Played Funeral Dirge.

The cortege moved west on Central avenue and the band struck up a funeral dirge, Sweet Repose. At the

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C. N. Crawford Laid to Rest By Elks Yesterday

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half-past the marchers moved down the street lined on each side by hundreds of people, toward Greenwood cemetery, where the brief grave-side ceremonies were performed and Rev. Madeira said a last prayer over the remains.

Such a crowd never in the history of the city turned out to honor the memory of any man. Mr. Crawford, as Judge Sellers said in his eulogy, numbered his friends by the hundreds, and probably five hundred people were present at the funeral. From other cities scores of telegrams of condolence were received and many of the travelling men who were in the city yesterday attended the funeral, they all being close personal friends of Mr. Crawford.

A touching feature of the funeral was the genuine grief shown by the employees of the hotel. They gathered at various points from which they could witness the ceremony and few of them were dry-eyed. People of every station attended the service, many of them making the long trip to the cemetery and such a genuine exhibition of general grief is seldom seen.

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P. V. Cunningham



P. V. CUNNINGHAM
... cemetery trustee.

P. V. Cunningham, 88, last of the six Cunningham brothers who formerly owned the Cunningham Brothers Hardware Store on Central Avenue, died Tuesday (Sept. 25, 1973).

The store next to Union Trust National Bank, was in existence from 1921 to 1966, when Union Trust bought the property.

A native of Fletcher, N.C., Mr. Cunningham moved to St. Petersburg in 1912. He resided at 265 Eighth Ave. NE, St. Petersburg, living there since 1913. At that time there were

only five houses between his house and the Snell Isle bridge.

A trustee for Greenwood Cemetery, Mr. Cunningham raised the endowment for the small, quiet cemetery on Ninth Street at 11th Avenue S.

Mr. Cunningham was a trustee for 61 years of the First United Methodist Church and later trustee emeritus and the church treasurer for 20 years. He was formerly a member of the Kiwanis Club of St. Petersburg.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Roy E. Tanner of St.

Petersburg, and a sister, Mrs. Herbert T. Davis of Treasure Island.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church. John S. Rhodes, East Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Former Hardware Owner

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city merchant.

charge of funeral arrangements.

W. E. CUNNINGHAM SUCCUMBS AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

DIED AT HIS HOME ON NINTH
STREET, SUNDAY

Was Fine Example of Self Made
Man and a Devout Christian.
Funeral This Afternoon.

After a prolonged illness, lasting over a year, W. E. Cunningham, passed away at his home on Ninth street south, near Rowe's corner, at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. Mr. Cunningham was 53 years of age and with his family had been a resident of this city for about a year and a half, coming here from Jefferson City, Tenn.

The funeral will occur this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the South Methodist church, Rev. M. H. Norton, officiating. The following gentlemen have been named as honorary pallbearers and are requested to meet at Harris' Undertaking Parlor this afternoon at 1:30: T. A. Chancellor, R. M. Hall, B. T. Boone, John N. Thorn, A. T. Blocker and N. E. Ingrams. By request of the father the six sons will act as pallbearers. Interment will be made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Cunningham was a son of Captain Solomon Cunningham, who served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and who lost his life in the battle of Fredericksburg. Notwithstanding the hardship and scanty accommodations for education experienced during the war, Mr. Cunningham by diligent study and under embodying sacrifices obtained a fair education. After his graduation he became clerk and manager of a general merchandise business for an uncle at Fletcher, N. C., which position he filled with unusual success and honor for a period of nine years. Leaving this position he entered the mercantile business for himself at Fletcher, where from the beginning his business prospered and continued to prosper for a number of years, due, as adjudged by his friends and acquaintances to his personal gentlemanly character, square dealings and for fair and honest treatment to all.

Cunningham Con't

Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Alrie Saphria Gulce, October 31st 1880 and they were blessed with a large family of children, six boys and two girls, all of whom are living and were present at the time of his death.

In 1901, the family removed to Jefferson City, Tenn., with a view of better educational advantages for the children. A few years later, due to the failing health of Mr. Cunningham, they came to Florida and settled in St. Petersburg about a year ago.

Mr. Cunningham was a member of the Methodist Church South, having joined when a small boy. He was a devout Christian from his youth and an ardent worker for the church. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, his home lodge being at Jefferson City.

Those of the immediate family surviving are, his wife, Mrs. Cunningham; his sons, Ernest G., William E. Jr., P. Vernon, Howard E., C. Cuthbert and Davis B., his two daughters, Marguerite and Elizabeth, and his sister, Mrs. James Reese, of Asheville, N. C., all of whom were at his bedside when the end came.

The numerous friends of the family and the entire community join in extending their sincerest sympathy to the members of the family.

Nettie Cunningham; 80, Active In Church Work

Mrs. Nettie Frasier Cunningham, whose husband P. Vernon, is the sole surviving trustee of the Greenwood Cemetery, died today (Oct. 18, 1968). She was 85.

Born in Rocky Valley, Tenn., Mrs. Cunningham came here 56 years ago from Jefferson City, Tenn. She resided at 265 Eighth Ave. NE.

Active in church work for 53 years at First United Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Cun-

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ningham donated the present console organ to the church in 1965.

Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Circle No. 1, Women's Society of Christian Service and a former member of the Southern Women's Study Club. She and her husband had just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Oct. 11.

Surviving, besides her husband, is a daughter, Mrs. Roy Tanner, St. Petersburg.

John S. Rhodes Inc., East Chapel, is in charge.

CAPT. E. T. CURRY, EARLY SETTLER IN COUNTY DIES

Civil War Veteran and Pioneer of
Pinellas Peninsula Passes
Away.

One of the pioneer settlers on the Pinellas Peninsula, Capt. E. T. Curry, 80 years old, died at his home, 790 Ninth avenue north yesterday morning, after an illness of more than two years.

Capt. Curry, a veteran of the Civil War, settled in Tampa in 1857. He married Miss Florence Townsend that same year and one year later moved to the Pinellas peninsula. He was a member of the Methodist church and for the past several years was secretary of Camp Zolliber, United Confederate Veterans.

Surviving Capt. Curry are his widow and three children, Charles Curry, Theodore Curry and Mrs. W. E. Lowe.

Funeral services will be held at the parlors of the Endicott Funeral company tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. S. W. Walker, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

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REMAINS REMOVED—

On Monday last the remains of the late W. J. Davis were taken up from the Greenwood cemetery by Undertaker Bussey and shipped to Mr. Davis' old home at Crawfordsville Ind. where they will be permanently interred. Mr. Davis died at his home in this city on July 11, 1890. The remains were accompanied north by Mr. W. T. Whittington of Crawfordsville, one of the executors of the Davis estate, who was in the city on that and other business connected with the estate.

A keen sorrow came to many people of St. Petersburg on Friday of last week when it was learned that Col. C. M. Davis was suffering from a stroke of apoplexy and that he could not recover. He lingered until 8 a. m. Saturday, just about 24 hours from the beginning of the attack, and then quietly passed away.

Col. Davis was one of our oldest and most respected citizens, and would have been 80 years old on his next birthday anniversary, July 1. He was a South Carolinian by birth, and had lived on Pinellas peninsula about 10 years, coming first to Bayview and several years ago removing to St. Petersburg. He was a kindly, genial old man, respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and four sons by a former wife, F. E. Davis of this city, L. H. Davis, sheriff of Jefferson county, Ga., W. W. Davis, also of Georgia, and J. D. Davis of Orange county, this state. The last named was able to reach here in time to attend the funeral.

Col. Davis was an elder of the Presbyterian church, from which place the funeral was held at 2 p. m. Sunday, Rev. W. W. Powell officiating, and the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery by undertaker H. P. Bussey. One of the largest funeral concourses ever seen in St. Petersburg attended the last tributes paid to the beloved husband and father and respected citizen.

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Death Claims Old Veteran.

Frank DeLong, a veteran of the civil war, died yesterday morning from a complication of diseases. He had lived here for many years, and was a well known figure to not only the towns people but many tourists. He is survived by a wife and daughter.

Rev. J. W. Harris had charge of the funeral services, which were held under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, Monday afternoon.

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DR. MARY T. DAVIS

In the death of Dr. Mary T. Davis, on last Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 1906, another of the prominent pioneers of St. Petersburg has passed away.

She was a woman of unusually strong personality. When the professions were not generally supposed to be the field of work for women, she decided to become a thoroughly equipped physician, and with this in view became a student in the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa., under the special tutelage of the late Dr. Louis W. Roed, Surgeon General of the state, where she graduated with honor. But not content with theoretical knowledge alone, she entered the hospitals of Philadelphia and spent three years in acquiring the best practical knowledge of the physician; thus combined with the keen perception and sympathetic nature of woman, gave her the qualities that are so much needed in the practice of medicine, and the reputation of being a good doctor wherever known. After leaving Philadelphia she practiced her profession at Norristown, Pa., then at Knoxville where she was highly esteemed by the physicians and elected by them a member of the State and County Medical Association, this being an unusual honor to be conferred on a woman in the South at that time, but her conferrers all conceded that her professional skill and ability could in no wise be questioned.

Mary T. Davis Con't

In 1890 having visited Florida with an invalid friend, she was charmed with St. Petersburg, and decided to make it her home. For years there was no better known person among the people here, nor one whose professional services were more generally sought after. Five or six years ago failing health compelled her to give up her medical practice, paresis, an incurable disease having slowly but surely crept upon her, until the time of her death. She was born in Plymouth Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1841, the daughter of Reuben W. and Anna B. Davis, of a quaker parentage.

Her near paternal relatives, all of whom reside in and near Philadelphia, are of the old Quaker stock. Owing to the fact that she was so distant from the burial places of her parents, and that her friendship ties of recent years were in St. Petersburg, it was her request that she be buried here in her beloved adopted home. She was a woman having many friends wherever she resided; her deeply sympathetic disposition whenever there was suffering, her frank manner, her generosity, her love for dumb animals, were all marked characteristic of Dr. Mary Davis. Her life was a most active one, and her loss, when she dropped out of this community, has been greatly felt.

Her funeral, considering the necessary brevity of the notice, was largely attended by the old residents of the town and surrounding country. The services in her own home on First street and North First avenue were conducted by the Rev. J. P. Hoyt, of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Estella Harrison, director of the musical department of the St. Petersburg schools, rendered most beautifully as a solo the song, "Asleep in Jesus." Other hymns were sung by friends under the direction of Mrs. Jessie McPherson.

The pall bearers who bore the casket, flower-strewn with Florida's most lovely blossoms, were all old friends of "Dr. Mary," glad to render this last service. Just as the sun sank in the west her body was lowered to its last resting place in Greenwood Cemetery. As the setting sun marked the close of a perfect day, so ended the work of this beautiful life.

A FRIEND.

CHARLES G. DEW IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Death Follows Futile Search for Relief From Affliction

Charles G. Dew, a resident of St. Petersburg for the past four years, died yesterday morning at 10, at his home, 233 Fifth avenue north, following a lengthy illness. The funeral will be conducted this morning at 10 from the Harris undertaking chapel, with the Rev. S. A. Koen officiating. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Dew was a native of Tennessee, having been born in Gibson county of that state, January 7, 1865. In early life he engaged in farming in Tennessee and Louisiana. He also spent some time in Texas, where he was engaged in the oil business. In recent years he has been in failing health and has visited various sections of the country seeking relief from the affliction which finally resulted in death yesterday.

Four years ago he came here hoping that the climate would be beneficial, and since has spent his time in St. Petersburg and in Texas and New Mexico. About four months ago Mr. Dew returned to his home from Roswell, New Mexico, where he spent last winter. Shortly after his arrival here his condition became worse and for the last month he has been confined to his bed. During his life Mr. Dew was an active worker in the Presbyterian church. He belonged to no fraternal orders.

Surviving Mr. Dew are his widow and six children, Bessie, Maude, Doris, and Roy, Joe and Jack, all at home. Two brothers also survive, R. C. Dew, Sr., and J. C. Dew, both of Trenton, Tenn.

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MRS. DENT DIES WHILE ON VISIT

Funeral Services for Pioneer Resident to Be Held This Afternoon

Mrs. Martha Ann Dent, 57, wife of William Dent of St. Petersburg, died Thursday in Jacksonville at the home of her brother-in-law, W. E. Baker after an 11 days illness. Mrs. Dent went to Jacksonville in February to visit relatives.

Mrs. Dent was born in Hoboken, Ga., but had lived here for 35 years. She was a member of the First Baptist church.

Besides her husband Mrs. Dent is survived by three daughters, Mrs.

Vera Marshall and Mrs. Ray E. Dugan of St. Petersburg and Mrs. Frank C. Lane of Cincinnati; her mother, Mrs. S. A. White of Jacksonville; five sisters, Mrs. W. E. Baker and Mrs. Alma Ward of Jacksonville, Mrs. C. M. Wright of Folkston, Ga., Mrs. Vannie Darling of Waycross, Ga., and Mrs. H. F. Price of Kissimmee; two brothers, J. F. White of Raiford and Wilber White of Dowling Park and one grandson, Dent Marshall of St. Petersburg.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Walters-Baynard funeral chapel with the Rev. David M. Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist church in charge. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

The Sage Of Cabbage Key, Silas Dent, Dies At 76

"I've made my peace with the Lord and I'm waiting for Him to take me in His own good time."

Yesterday at 2:15 a. m., the famed Hermit of Cabbage Key received the Lord's call.

Silas Dent, who often remarked, "Civilization, take it away!" died in the Elizabeth Adams Restorium at the age of 76. He had been a patient there since Aug. 18.

But Silas, who has a bushy beard

chat with him and they were welcomed ashore, but more especially if there were children in the party, for Silas liked children.

At Christmas time in years past, as this year, Silas' little supply of petty cash went into presents for small fry who had come to know and hail him on his trips ashore.

He grew a cedar tree near his house, a shapely spiraling tree, and each Christmas season "decked it out," donned a Santa Claus suit and handed out presents to the laughing, dancing youngsters.

Silas never drank or smoked.

Before his illness of leukemia tied him down in August, he boated once a month to Pass-a-Grille from his key to sell his hand-made fly swatters, made of palm fronds, to tourists. With this and his \$65 a month pension from Florida, Silas said he "got along very well."

His favorite pastime was reading the *Bill*'s and he once told Hal Boyle "I ain't felt blue since 1912, and I forget now what worried me then."

Silas had been ill on and off for a number of years. In 1910, he moved in with a niece, Mrs. Margaret Wilson of Dania, but modern design proved too much and he said "Civilization is too dangerous."

He returned to his key and last Spring was stricken with anemia. He received blood transfusions, gained his strength and returned home.

But in August, he became ill again and came to "the City" for treatment. He has been in and out of Mound Park Hospital for blood transfusions since he became a patient at the restorium.

Living on the island with Silas has been Claude McCall, a shrimp fisherman, Mrs. McCall and their son, Terry.

Survivors include his niece, Mrs. Wilson; a cousin, Walter Dent, 2918 Hartmouth Avenue North, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary G. Stiles, 501 32nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg; a brother, Noah, and sister, Bessie, both of Rosemead, Cal.

Burial will be here in Greenwood Cemetery.



SILAS DENT

and looks like Santa Claus, observed Christmas shortly before he died.

Last week, his Pass-a-Grille friends bought him a little white Christmas tree and decorated it with candles, cards and envelopes of money.

Silas, who has played Santa Claus to island children for years, became Santa Claus again before his death. He gave \$5 of the donations to his three-year-old friend, Terry McCall, and \$1 each to the Restorium's six attendants.

The white tree and trimmings which were beside his bed at his death, will be with him at Wilhelm's Funeral Home. Arrangements will be announced.

Pass-a-Grillians brought the tree over to the restorium and Tuesday night. Old Silas seemed to know he wasn't long for this world.

So he asked restorium attendants to read him his cards, he cause he said "I want to know what's in them before I die." He got his wish.

The internationally known figure has been the subject of many magazines and columnists, with Associated Press Hal Boyle as one of his closest friends.

Old Silas, native of Douglas, Ga., found out the Tampa Bay area had a good climate for hermits. So in 1909 he left Georgia and settled on what is now Cabbage Key.

There he took up residence in his house of cedar tree poles, walls and roof of thatched palm fronds and a floor of scraps of lumber salvaged mostly from driftwood and bits he ferried from the mainland and keys.

While Cabbage Key was his home, thanks to its having been homesteaded by a brother, all keys along the Florida West Coast were his stomping grounds and the waters around them his second element.

Silas was not a lonely hermit. Many liked to drop by and



SILAS DENT

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DILLABERRY — Mary E. Dillaberry, age 81, passed away Saturday, May 1 at a local hospital. She resided at 1100 Second Avenue North, coming here fifty-five years ago from Ocala, Florida. Mrs. Dillaberry is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sydney Thornton and a grandson Raymond Thornton of St. Petersburg. Friends may call at Rhodes Funeral Home, 635 Fourth Street North, where services will be conducted by the Reverend James L. Duncan, Tuesday afternoon, May 3 at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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VETERAN RESIDENT DIES AT HIS DAUGHTER'S HOME

**L. M. Dinkins Passes Away Early
This Morning—Came Here 13
Years Ago from Carolina.**

L. M. Dinkins, aged 81 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Henry, Second street north, this morning at 3 o'clock. He had been a resident of this city for the past 13 years, having come here from his home in Caldwell county, North Carolina, in 1903. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Henry at 3 o'clock this afternoon. He is survived by his widow, two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Sutton and Mrs. J. J. Ormond, of Fort Mill, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Henry, and four grandchildren. The Harris undertaking parlors have charge of the funeral arrangements.

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MRS. DURHAM PASSES AWAY

**HAD BEEN RESIDENT OF ST.
PETERSBURG FOR PAST
23 YEARS**

Mrs. Grace Durham, a resident of this state for 36 years and of this city for 23 years, died last night at 12:30 o'clock in a local sanitarium after a lingering illness that had left little hope for her. She will be buried in this city, but funeral arrangements are being left incomplete pending the arrival of her sons, Dudley and Gray Haddock, from New Orleans.

Mrs. Durham was born in North Carolina on Pamlico Sound, and came to this city about 1901. She was the daughter of Col. W. H. Tripp, who was an officer in the Confederate army during the war of the states. She was born about the time he returned to North Carolina after the war. Since coming here she has accumulated
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MRS. DURHAM PASSES AWAY

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considerable property, including a home at 610 Fourth street north.

She leaves two sons, Gray and Dudley Haddock, who have been working on the Associated Press at New Orleans and are expected to arrive in this city tomorrow morning. Funeral arrangements have been taken in charge by the Endicott Funeral company.

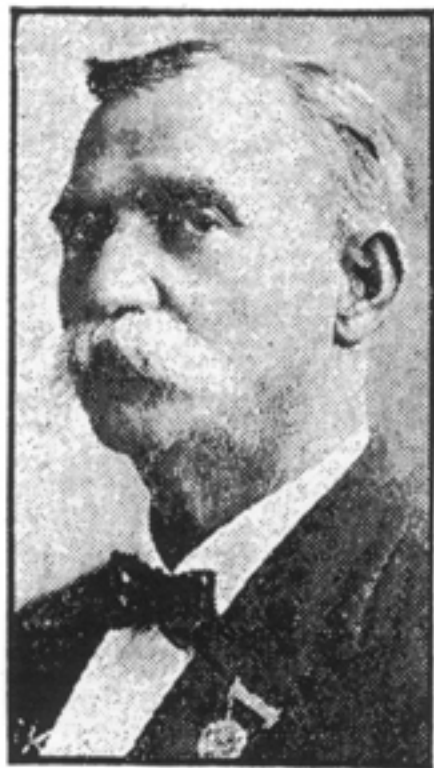
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DEATH SUMMONS

WILBUR DIVINE

PIONEER RAILROAD MAN AND
CIVIC WORKER DIES AT
HOME HERE

Wilbur Fish Divine, 67 years old, resident in St. Petersburg for the last 39 years, and prominent in political and business life in the city, died last night at 8:30 o'clock at his home, 925 Eleventh street



W. F. Divine

north, following two years' illness as the result of arthritis. Mr. Divine's condition became serious two weeks ago.

Born in Sharon, Miss., Mr. Divine came to Florida when he was 15 years old with his brother-in-law who located in Bartow. He spent the first five years in the state near Bartow as a cowboy and then went into the railroad business with the

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DEATH SUMMONS WILBUR DIVINE

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Florida Southern railroad. He came to St. Petersburg as baggage man on the first passenger train which pulled into this city, a train on the old Orange Belt railroad. Following this he became conductor on the railroad and continued to work in this connection for 10 years.

In 1905, Mr. Divine became city clerk of St. Petersburg, holding this office 11 years. His duties as city clerk at this period in the city's development, included that of city clerk, clerk of the council, clerk of city court, tax collector, license collector, collector of water rents, registration officer for city and county, collector of dog licenses, issuing building permits, collector of paving certificates and a notary public with authority to marry which he used in marrying scores of couples. He also issued marriage licenses. During the last three years of his service he was director of finance under the commission form.

On retiring from public office in 1915, Mr. Divine went into the real estate business with offices in the Hall building. For a time, the firm of Donovan and Divine was established.

Mr. Divine was a veteran Knight of Pythias and was the keeper of records and seals for the lodge for more than 25 years. He was a life long member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Survivors include his widow, and three children, Mrs. Harry F. Stern, who is the wife of a prominent business man here, and member of the Dent & English firm; Mrs. George M. Bassett, St. Augustine, who is the wife of a prominent state attorney, and Wilbur F. Divine, public accountant in West Palm Beach.

Funeral arrangements will be in charge of the Knights of Pythias and are being completed at the Epdycott Funeral home.

BABY PASSES AWAY.

Iida M. Easton, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Easton, died Saturday afternoon at the home on Sixth avenue south and the funeral services were held yesterday at 5 o'clock, the burial being under the direction of J. W. Wilhelm, in Greenwood cemetery.

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Mrs. Luella Endicott

Mrs. Luella Endicott, 87, died yesterday morning in a Clearwater hospital. She was born in Powhatan Pl., O., and lived in Seminole.

She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Harold Trott, and a nephew, R. B. Mangold, both of Largo.

Services will be tomorrow, 4 p. m., in the Wilhelm - Booth Chapel with the Rev. Bascom Carlton officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

DEATH CALLS MRS. ENGLISH

WELL-KNOWN ST. PETERSBURG
WOMAN PASSES AWAY AT
HOME OF SISTER

Mrs. Mary English, one of the best-known women in St. Petersburg, died yesterday afternoon in Pittsburgh, at the home of a sister, according to a telegram received this morning by a friend. The news of Mrs. English's death was a great shock to her friends here, as they did not know that she had been ill. Mrs. English had been spending the summer in Pittsburgh with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Neeld.

Mrs. English was past grand matron of Florida of the Order of Eastern Star, and was prominent in two affairs of that order here. She was widely known among the Masons of Florida. Her husband, the late W. H. English, was for many years a leading business man here. He died many years ago.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the body of Mrs. English will be brought here and the burial will be Monday afternoon from the Endicott funeral home. The time will be announced later.

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OBITUARY

OTIS V. ESTES

Otis V. Estes, of 417 Fourth avenue south, died yesterday morning in the city hospital after an illness of several weeks. He was 82 years of age and was formerly a sergeant in the United States Army, having served in the Civil war and in the Indian campaigns under General Custer. He remained a bachelor until three months ago, when he was quietly united in marriage to Mrs. Matilda Estes, widow of his late brother. Mrs. Estes was a resident of New York state at the time of the marriage.

Sergeant Estes was a man of wide experience and had traveled all over the United States and in many foreign countries. A few days before his death he told his wife that St. Petersburg was the finest city he had ever lived in. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon from the Estes residence. The Rev. Charles E. Harrington will officiate and W. F. Armstrong will have charge of the arrangements.

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W. H. ENGLISH DIES SUDDENLY AT FUNERAL ON EVE OF HIS BIRTHDAY

Prominent Business Man Drops Dead Just as He Prepares to Take Part in Knight Templar Cer- emony as Tribute to J. R. Craven, Whose Death Was First in the Commandery

On the eve of his sixty-third birthday anniversary and while attending the funeral of a brother Knight Templar, the first member of Sunshine commandery to die, Willison H. English, of the Dent & English company, dropped dead at the S. D. Harris chapel shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Death was due to heart failure.

Services conducted by the Knights Templar had just begun as a last tribute to J. R. Craven, and Mr. English was preparing to take part in his official capacity as senior warden when he suddenly collapsed. He fell from his chair against W. W. Birchfield, who, with C. H. Bon, both prominent in Masonic orders, picked up the stricken man and carried him to a cot in an adjoining room. Physicians were summoned, but life was extinct when they arrived, death apparently having been instantaneous. Mrs. English was called, as was H. C. Dent, Mr. English's business partner. While the shock of finding Mr. English dead so soon after they had seen and talked to him alive was a severe one, both bore up under the strain with remarkable restraint.

Only a little over an hour before his death Mr. English had been with his wife at their home, 80 Second avenue north, where they had luncheon together and planned the details of a social function which was to have been held last night. Members of the Whist-Literary club were to have been entertained as they were last year, informally honoring Mr. English's birthday, which would have been today.

He left home, apparently as well as usual, and hurried to the store on Central avenue, entering by the rear door, as was his custom, shortly before 2.

With a word to his business partner, Mr. Dent and to others in the store, he stopped only a minute or two before going out the front door and on to the Masonic temple where he donned his Knight Templar uniform and proceeded with other Knights to the chapel of Undertaker Harris, where the funeral was to take place. The ceremony has just begun when his sudden death interrupted.

Willison H. English had been identified with the business circles of St. Petersburg for 16 years, during all of which time he was a partner of H. C. Dent in the clothing business which bore his name. He was for a number of years a member of the park board and always active in the affairs of the city. He was one of the firm supporters of the waterfront improvement program and took a prominent part in the early plans for the system which is just now nearing its completion.

Mr. English was born near Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 4, 1854. He was engaged in various business enterprises in Pennsylvania and other northern states for many years after attaining his majority there. It was while engaged as a traveling salesman that Mr. Dent met Mr. English in Titusville, Fla., and the friendship that began there developed into one that resulted in their forming a partnership and engaging in business in St. Petersburg.

Mr. English was always prominent in Masonic circles and held various offices in the order. It was seemingly fateful that he should die while taking part in a Masonic ceremony.

He leaves no immediate relatives except his widow. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been announced.

A. J. Farthing.

Died, at his residence in this city, at 6 o'clock on the afternoon of the 3rd inst., Mr. A. J. Farthing, of heart failure, after a brief illness of 24 hours. The funeral was held Wednesday under the direction of undertaker H. P. Bussey and the remains interred in Greenwood cemetery. A very large concourse of people accompanied the remains to the cemetery. Mr. A. J. Farthing was born near Durham, N. C., 73 years ago. At the age of 22 he removed to Texas, residing at Quitman and later at Gainesville, that state. After a residence of 27 years in the Lone Star state he moved to Dade City, Florida, and two years ago established his home at St. Petersburg, where he engaged in blacksmithing and wagon-making as the senior member of the firm of Farthing & Binnie. For 50 years he had been a preacher of the Christian church. Not in good health for many years, he still lived a life of laborious industry and passed the allotted term of three score and ten.

Mr. Farthing was a kindly Christian gentleman, and left a large circle of friends. His second wife and four children, three in Indian Territory and one in Texas, survive him.

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FLEMING FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the body of W. S. Fleming who died here Thursday will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Harris chapel. The Rev. W. W. Williams of the Episcopal church will be in charge. Interment will be made at Greenwood cemetery. G. S. Fleming, a son and Mrs. Savage, a daughter of Mr. Fleming, arrive Sunday night for the funeral.

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AGED MAN PASSES AWAY.

Kendrick Fields, aged 73 years died this morning after a short illness. A wife and one daughter, who lives in Tampa, survive the deceased. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. M. H. Norton, pastor of the Southern Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery. The deceased has been a resident of St. Petersburg 13 years.

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DEATH CLAIMS JUDGE FRAZIER

MANY MONTHS OF ILL HEALTH
TERMINATES SUDDENLY FOR
WELL KNOWN RESIDENT

Judge Erasmus Frazier died at his home 476 First avenue north 3 o'clock this morning. Though Judge Frazier has been in ill health for many months he died suddenly. At 9 o'clock last evening, he was reading and seemed lively and cheerful as he has for months past. One of the attendants in the home addressed him and commented on a sick man exerting himself in such a way, to which Judge Frazier replied by making a grimace at her and laughing at the solicitation. The attendant went into the next room for a minute and returned to find Judge Frazier in the midst of a terrific convulsion. The attending physician was called, and but for powerful stimulants administered, death probably would have resulted at once. By hyperdermics, life was prolonged to the middle of the morning.

A wife and three daughters survive the deceased. Arrangements for burial and funeral have not been made pending the arrival of relatives from Kentucky and Indiana. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery, and probably Sunday or Monday, the date to be announced definitely later. S. D. Harris will direct the burial, with Rev. C. M. Cook, pastor of the Christian church, conducting the services.

Judge Frazier was born in Shelby county in Kentucky in October, 1837. He studied law and was a practicing attorney throughout his life till health forbade, with the exception of the four years he spent in the Confederate army during the Civil war. He early allied himself with the Christian church, and was an active member and officer in the local church till recently, when health became too poor for him to continue.

Judge Frazier and his family came to Florida 23 years ago. He has been a resident of St. Petersburg for the past 10 years, during which he has been a prominent figure in the life of the city. For several years, Judge Frazier was justice of the peace in St. Petersburg.

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Edgar Ferdon, Pioneer Architect, Builder Of Many Landmarks, Dies

(From yesterday's Final Edition)

Edgar Ferdon, 63, well-known architect and resident here for nearly 30 years, died suddenly at his home, 2345 1-2 First avenue north, shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.



Edgar Ferdon

Mr. Ferdon was the pioneer of architects in St. Petersburg, having held first place in years of practice in the city. His work included the

planning of the American Bank and Trust company, the First National bank building (now the Florida National bank building), the Rex theater (Cameo theater), the Arcade hotel (now absorbed by the Harrison Hardware company building), the warehouse building on First avenue south and Third street, and many other buildings.

He first came to St. Petersburg in 1893 on a short business visit to plan the old Chautauqua villa, the first house built on the north side of the city, which was erected by Mrs. Molly Allen on the north-east corner of First avenue and Second street north. A short time later he came here to draw plans for the Ed T. Lewis store building at Third street and Central avenue.

His admiration for the city grew to such proportions that in 1903 he decided to move from Summit, N. J., to the city. His first residence was his parents', Mr. and Mrs. David Ferdon, pioneers here, at Ninth street and Central avenue, which was then the center of the city.

Mr. Ferdon was born in Englewood, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1868.

He is survived by his widow and four sons, Edmund and Lowell Ferdon, this city; Clarence Ferdon, Charleston, S. C., and Ormond Ferdon, student at Trevecca college, Nashville, Tenn.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Endicott Funeral home and will be announced later.

CLOSE OF AN EVENTFUL LIFE.

Ernst Geiger of Pinellas Passed Away Saturday—
Member of Prominent German Family.

The last chapter of an eventful life was brought to a close last Saturday when Ernst Geiger—once an official of the German government, a one-time millionaire, a member of one of the first families of the Empire—passed away at his little home on the waters of Big Bayou at Pinellas, far away from family and Fatherland, the victim of a severe attack of cardiac dropsy.

During the dark days of the war of 1871-72 Geiger held a high position in the engineering corps of the Prussian army under Gen. Drumendahl. Since that time for many years he held a high and responsible position in the railroad department of the Empire. He was surrounded by boundless wealth and all the luxuries that money could provide. But three years ago in company with his son Hans he left his home owing to some domestic troubles. He came to St. Petersburg, as an old friend, Capt. F. W. Ramm, resided here. He purchased a home at Pinellas and worked with his son, they devoting most of their time to oyster culture in the waters of the Bayou. In the Fatherland his wife and family remained with all the wealth belonging to the family, including some large lumber mills. His family reside at Arnstadt in Thuringen, about sixty miles south of Leipzig.

Geiger was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. He was about fifty-six years of age. He was very well liked by those who were acquainted with him and was very highly educated.

MRS. AMELIA GEORGE BURIED YESTERDAY

Funeral of Well Known Woman
Held From Her Home
at Gulfport.

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia George who died at her home at Gulfport at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning, was held yesterday from the residence with the Rev. E. O. Henderson, pastor of the Southern Methodist church of Gulfport, reading the service. Interment was at Greenwood. Mrs. George is survived by two daughters, Miss Pearl George, living here, and the other in Texas.

Mrs. George was well known in St. Petersburg where she lived until removing to Gulfport four years ago. She was the mother of Edward George, who was killed here about five years ago in the performance of his duty as constable, and her remains were buried beside his grave.

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DIED—

Mr. C. W. Graham died on Tuesday the 22nd inst at his residence on Second street south, the funeral being held at the house Wednesday. Rev. C. M. Gray of the Episcopal church officiating. Mr. Graham was well advanced in life and had been an invalid for many years. He was an estimable man and is mourned by a widow and a large circle of friends.

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Ruth Harvey Fleet, member of a pioneer family in city

By CRAIG BASSE
Times Obituaries Editor

ST. PETERSBURG — Ruth Harvey Fleet, a member of one of the city's prominent pioneer families, died Wednesday (Aug. 22, 1990) at Golfview Nursing Home. She was 88.

Born in Thomasville, Ga., she came to St. Petersburg as an infant with her parents, Lucile Edmondson Harvey and C. A. Harvey; a sister, Estelle; and a brother, Charles "Lester."

Her father, an early real estate investor, is credited with developing Bayboro Harbor and naming it.

He was famed for his enthusiastic promotion of the harbor project, which won final federal approval in 1914, but he died several months before dredging of the channel began. The harbor was completed in 1923.



Ruth Harvey Fleet

After attending local schools, young Ruth Harvey graduated from the Colonel School in Washington, D.C. She married Charles Carvel "Rox" Fleet of Dumont, N.J., whose family spent winters at their home on North Shore Drive.

He was active in real estate during the Florida boom and later was a president of the Hotelmen's Association. He died in 1941.

Mrs. Fleet was a charter member of the St. Petersburg Junior League and belonged to the Stuart Society of the Museum of Fine Arts.

Survivors include a son, Charles "Bud," two daughters, Lucille Fleet Ford and Ruth Fleet Thurman, all of St. Petersburg; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be private. Burial will be in the family plot at Greenwood Cemetery.

The family suggested memorial contributions to the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, Stetson University College of Law or a favorite charity.

Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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RESIDENT HERE 45 YEARS DIES

James A. Griner Saw City Grow From Fishing Village

James A. Griner, 70, one of the pioneer residents of Pinellas county, died Monday afternoon at 2:15 at his home on the John's Pass road.

Griner had lived in the county 45 years and had watched the city grow from a fishing settlement to one of the leading winter resorts in the United States.

He had been in the best of health but had been a sufferer of heart disease which caused his death.

Three sons, James D. Griner, George A. Griner and Joe H. Griner and daughters Mrs. M. H. Carruthers, Mrs. Carrie Gaylor, Mrs. Herbert Beers and Mrs. Ida Ferrell, survive.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The Endicott Funeral company will have charge of the services.

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PIONEER RESIDENT CALLED BY DEATH

James Davis Griner, 48, Suffers
Stroke of Paralysis And Dies
Six Hours Later

James Davis Griner, 48, pioneer resident of St. Petersburg, died suddenly Thursday afternoon at his home, on Twenty-fifth avenue and Seventh street north. He suffered a stroke of paralysis Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and died six hours later.

Mr. Griner was born in St. Petersburg and has lived here all his life. He has been employed by the city for the past 13 years in the water works department and for the past six years was superintendent of the plant. He resigned only a short time ago because of ill health.

The widow, two daughters, Mrs. John Hay and Mrs. John O'Berry and two sons, Charles and Davis survive. Mr. Griner also leaves two brothers, George and Joe Griner and four sisters, Mrs. L. H. Caruthers, Mrs. Carrie Gaylor, Mrs. H. R. Beers and Mrs. Ida Ferrell.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Endicott Funeral company.

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DEATH CLAIMS SERGT. GRAHAM IN BORDER CAMP

Word Comes as Home- folk Plan Reception for Soldier Lads

While Mrs. Philip Graham was attending a meeting Monday night at Williams park of the mothers, wives and sweethearts of the boys of the Second Florida Infantry, who were planning a banquet in honor of their home-coming, Col. Webber, at Laredo, Tex., was sending her a wire telling here of the death of her young husband, Sergeant Philip Graham.

Tuesday night, at her pretty bungalow home, Ingleside avenue, the rays from an electric lamp fell on the crumpled and tear-stained telegram, which read:

"Mrs. Philip Graham — Serg. Graham died this morning from acute nephritis. Wire directions at once for disposal of remains. If you want his body sent home, it will be done at the government's expense. Signed, Col. Webber, Camp Hospital, Laredo, Texas."

Beside the yellow paper, the contents of which blighted the hopes of an aged mother, a young wife who is not yet twenty-one years of age, and caused two babies to cry as though their hearts would break, was a letter from the young Sergeant Graham on March 5th, the birthday of his little daughter, Margaret, aged three.

The letter was full of terms of endearment and he said he was suffering with a sore throat, but he knew that he would soon be home and he would be so happy. "I guess it is more homesickness than anything else," he said.

That was the last letter he wrote.

Every preparation was made for his return to his former duties as mail carrier at the local postoffice. His suit was ordered and his bicycle had been shipped.

Philip Graham, who was 23 years of age, was a member of the hospital corps attached to the Second Florida

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DEATH CLAIMS SERGT. GRAHAM IN BORDER CAMP

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infantry. He was known and loved by almost every one in St. Petersburg.

He answered the call to the colors last June. He has had three furloughs and his last visit home was during the holidays, when he came home and helped to trim a Christmas tree that was loaded with pretty things for his baby girl, Margaret, and had a gun and soldiers for his baby boy, Philip Graham, Jr.

Graham was born in Chicago, but was reared and schooled in this city. While a high school student he met Miss Harriet White, an Indianapolis (Ind.) girl, who was wintering here. It was a case of love at first sight, and when she went back to her Hoosier home he did not forget the pretty girl with the pink cheeks, the wavy brown hair and the blue eyes, and after a time he went to Indiana and claimed the sweetheart of his school days. They were married in May, 1913.

She, the two children and his mother, Mrs. Jessie Graham, survive him.

Mrs. Graham, the younger, is anxiously awaiting some news that will explain in detail her husband's unexpected death. Her brother, Richard White, is with the same regiment and should be with the boys who arrived in Jacksonville Monday night to be mustered out.

"I do not see why Richard has not wired me. He, too, has been ill, and maybe he has not been able to accompany his regiment to Jacksonville," said Mrs. Graham.

It will take the body four days to arrive in St. Petersburg from Laredo.

"Poor Philip will probably be buried before the boys come marching home," said the pretty wife tearfully Tuesday night.

His mother is ill of heart trouble and the grief of her son's death has been a terrific blow to her.

ILLNESS FATAL TO MRS. GRINER

Funeral Services for Pioneer Resident Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary Louisa Hammock Griner, widow of James A. Griner, and a pioneer resident of Pinellas county, who died Tuesday morning at 9:05 o'clock at her home, 1825 Fifth avenue north, following a two weeks' illness.

The funeral will take place at the Endicott Funeral chapel, with the Rev. R. T. Poulson, pastor of the North Side Baptist church, and the Rev. D. M. Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery in the family lot where Mr. Griner is buried.

Mrs. Griner, who celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary April 10, had lived on the homestead property where she died for 51 years. She was one of the oldest residents of this county, having come here from Georgia, March 12, 1867, with her father and six smaller brothers and sisters. The trip was made following her mother's death, in a regulation covered wagon. The newcomers first settled on the McCloud ranch near what is now Lealman. Two years later Mary Louisa Hammock married James A. Griner, a son of a scout who had settled in Pinellas county when the peninsula was inhabited by Indians. In January, 1879, Mr. and Mrs. Griner moved to the present home site, where Mrs. Griner had lived ever since. Mr. Griner died Dec. 19, 1911.

Mrs. Griner had 12 children, five of whom are now living. She also had 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Old Settlers' association.

Surviving relatives include two sons, George A. Griner, 2530 Fourth street north, and Joseph H. Griner, 2903 Ninth street north; and three daughters, Mrs. Frances E. Curuthers, 427 Thirty-first avenue north; Mrs. Mary E. Beers, 694 Twenty-seventh avenue north; and Mrs. Ida Farrell, who resided with her mother in the old homestead.

MRS. EDGAR HARRISON

Passed Away at Advanced Age Monday Evening

Mrs. Edgar Harrison, the wife of Ex-Mayor Edgar Harrison, passed away Monday evening after a lingering illness at the family residence 120 Second avenue north.

Mrs. Harrison was born in Uniontown, Pa., November 18, 1832 and was the daughter of Capt. Thomas Tatten, the founder and first editor of one of Pennsylvania's oldest newspapers.

On the 6th of October, 1857 Mr. Edgar Harrison and she were united in marriage.

The two removed to St. Petersburg in 1896 where their sons, Messrs. E. P. and J. Frank had established the firm now known as the St. Petersburg Hardware company. Here they have resided ever since.

She is survived by her husband Ex-Mayor Edgar Harrison, the two sons, two sisters and a brother.

The funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday afternoon, the pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a valued member, the Rev. W. S. Milne, officiating. Many beautiful flowers and other floral tributes of the esteem of her many friends were in evidence. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

Death of Major Halstead.

Early this morning Major Alfred Halstead was found by the attendant who has assisting in caring for him, dead in his bed, the end having come sometime during the night. For years he has suffered with dropsy, and for the last three months has been confined to the house. The end was not unexpected, and every evidence shows that he quietly slept his life away.

Major Halstead was 64 years of age, and a native of New York State. He came to Florida sixteen years ago and settled at Glen Ethel, where he had an orange grove. During the freeze some years ago his grove was ruined and he moved to St. Petersburg nine years ago, and has recently lived at 57 Sixth avenue north.

Major Halstead was a member of the U. S. army from 1861-1869 rising from a private to the rank of major.

So far as is known here, his only relative is a nephew by the name of Conner, who is living in Washington.

Funeral services will be held under the auspices of the G. A. R. today and interment made at Greenwood cemetery.

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SUDDEN SUMMONS FOR G. B. HAINES

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN AND
LAND OWNER PASSES AWAY
AT HIS HOME HERE.

George B. Haines, one of the best known citizens of St. Petersburg, died at his home, Central avenue and Third street, yesterday evening shortly after 6 o'clock. Mr. Haines was stricken ill while on an auto trip to other parts of Florida and, returning home last Saturday, collapsed. Physicians were called at once and diagnosed his condition as an advanced case of typhoid malarial fever.

Mr. Haines suffered another relapse and his heart action grew gradually weaker until death ensued, but his condition was such that not even the oxygen treatment was availing.

He is survived by Mrs. Haines. Funeral arrangements have not been perfected and it will not be known definitely when the last rites will be held, until the arrival of Mrs. Haines' brother-in-law, Mr. Frey, of Denver. The latter will leave Colorado tonight and is expected to reach St. Petersburg Tuesday. It is thought that the burial service will be conducted Wednesday, laterment to be made in Greenwood cemetery. The S. D. Harris undertaking firm has prepared the body.

Born in Kurtztown, Pa., in 1864, Mr. Haines moved to St. Petersburg 22 years ago and was one of this city's oldest residents. He engaged in the jewelry business and began acquiring

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SUDDEN SUMMONS FOR G. B. HAINES

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property, and at the time of his death was one of the heaviest property owners in Pinellas county. The extent of his estate is not known precisely, but he was estimated to be worth far more than \$100,000. Among his valuable holdings are the lots fronting Central avenue and extending from Third street to the Willson-Chase building, a half square on Third street south, back of the J. Bruce Smith store, stretching from Third street south to the telephone exchange and south to the A. C. L. Tracks; the property occupied by the St. Petersburg laundry on Third street south and First avenue, and numerous other properties on the south side of town. He also was

the proprietor of a citrus grove at Dunedin.

He was the owner of the jewelry store at Third street and Central avenue and lived in the apartments above his place of business. During the past several years, however, Mr. Haines had not confined himself to the jewelry trade, but was active in attending to his real estate interests and in working for a better system of roads throughout Pinellas county.

The auto trip on which Mr. Haines was stricken included visits in Haines City, Trilby and other points and occupied two weeks. He drove the machine the entire distance, and this fact is supposed to have aggravated his ailment. Mrs. Haines and Miss Jesale Knight accompanied him on the journey and his widow has the sympathy of the entire city in her bereavement. Resolutions of respect for the deceased have been prepared by the mer-

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chants and other citizens, and probable that the merchants will make some fitting observation on the day of the burial.

Injury Suffered Last Year Proves Fatal to Mrs. Hays

Funeral Services Will Be
Held Monday Afternoon
at 3 o'clock

Mrs. Mary A. Hayes who reached her 24th year in January, died early Saturday morning at her home 201 Third street north where she had been living with her companion, Miss Helen M. Smith for the past 14 years. Mrs. Hays had been a resident of St. Petersburg for the past 24 years, coming here from Arkansas.

She had been in excellent health until she fell in her room on Nov. 17 last year. It was this injury that brought on her death.

A son and a daughter, the youngest and eldest of a family of 10 children survive. They are Dr. W. J. Hays of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. R. R. Skeen of 1713 Newark street, St. Petersburg. Mrs. Hays was the mother of the late Capt. N. P. Hays, well known fishing guide who died several years ago. She leaves eight grand children and 11 great grand children. Two grandchildren, Frank Skeen and Mrs. Orlo J. Harris are residents of St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Hays came to St. Petersburg 24 years ago from Little Rock, Ark. She was born in the village of Laurens, S. C., Jan. 8, 1835. When she was 19 years old her father grew tired of living in South Carolina and with the family, he set out for the wild country of Arkansas, travelling in a covered wagon. West of the Mississippi the family passed through the Indian country but luckily they failed to meet any of the marauding bands. The journey occupied about six weeks and was made in safety.

Four years after reaching Ark-



MRS. MARY A. HAYS

ansas Mrs. Hays was married and to this union 10 children were born.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hays will be held at the Endicott chapel at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, with the Rev. A. T. Foulson and the Rev. Lincoln McConnell officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

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C. A. HARVEY DIED EARLY THIS MORNING

BAYBORO DEVELOPER AND ONE
OF ST. PETERSBURG'S BEST
KNOWN CITIZENS WAS FACTOR
IN EARLY GROWTH OF CITY.

Cary A. Harvey, one of the best known business men of the city and the first promoter of the Bayboro addition, south of the city, died at his home in Bayboro shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. His death has been expected for some time as he has been constantly growing weaker for some time as the result of his affliction.

Mr. Harvey was 44 years of age and is survived by Mrs. Harvey, and a family of three children, Estelle, Ruth and Lester. The latter arrived a few days ago from Atlanta where he had been attending school this winter being summoned on account of the death of his father being expected at any time.

Mr. Harvey was a life member of the Tampa lodge of Elks and has numerous friends in the state. The funeral will probably be held tomorrow afternoon from the Harris undertaking parlors.

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Susan Hart.

Mrs. Susan Hart, and aged and well-known resident of north Second street, died on Saturday, the 17th inst. at her home, of ill attendant upon extreme old age. She was 82 years old. The funeral was held at the house, Rev. L. D. Haines officiating, and the remains interred in Greenwood cemetery by Undertaker H. P. Busseg.

Anna C. Heinkel, Pioneer Resident, Called by Death

Was Daughter Of First Settler At Pass-a-Grille

Mrs. Anna Clara Heinkel, 74, daughter of the late Capt. Zephaniah Phillips, first settler of Pass-a-Grille, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at her home, 1943 44th street south.

In her lifetime Mrs. Heinkel saw Pass-a-Grille, the gulf beaches and St. Petersburg grow from swamp and forest into the busy community it is today. She at one time owned property from the point of Pass-a-Grille to the Don Co-Sar hotel and operated the most fashionable hotel on the gulf.

Her hotel, the Plaza, which she built in 1906, was later burned to the ground. It was at one time known as the Pass-a-Grille hotel.

Mrs. Heinkel came to Pass-a-Grille Island, then known as Long Key, in 1881 with her father from Martha's Ferry, Ohio. Captain Phillips, a Union veteran, came to this area for his health, having been directed to the Pinellas peninsula by friends. He homesteaded the southern end of the island.

During the early years there was no means of approach to Pass-a-Grille except by water, and small sailboats afforded the usual means of travel, often requiring many hours to cover a few miles. Mrs. Heinkel was instrumental in deepening a channel into the town.

Mrs. Heinkel was one of the first to realize the possibilities of the beaches adjacent to St. Petersburg and was one of the few persons remaining who engaged in the early development of that area.

Her sister, Mrs. T. A. Whitted, who still resides here, was the first woman to be married at Pass-a-Grille, taking the marriage vows there in 1887. Albert Whitted airport is named after a son of this union.

Other survivors include her husband, Rudolph F. Heinkel; a daughter, Mrs. Belle Vanderview, Titusville, and a brother, Zeph Phillips.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Palm Memorial chapel, with Dr. John P. Jockinsen officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

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With Military Honors.

Col. Frank A. Hess, of Lancaster, Pa., a retired lieutenant-colonel of the United States army, who has been a great sufferer from Bright's disease for several years, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 1 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Frank Harrison.

Rev. C. M. Gray, rector of St. Peter's Church, conducted the services at the Harrison residence, the choir rendering several beautiful selections. The G. A. R. veterans, Company G of St. Petersburg, and the 11th company of Regulars, from Fort Dade, assisted the local order of Masons in conducting the touching and impressive services.

The hearse which conveyed the remains to the Greenwood Cemetery, was draped with the national colors.

Colonel Hess's son, Frank, who arrived several days before, and his daughter, Miss Rose, who accompanied him here some weeks ago, were with him at the time of his death.

Mr. and Miss Hess have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Mrs. Alice Herrod.

Mrs. Alice Herrod died on Tuesday the 14th inst. at her home on south Fourth street. The funeral was held at the home on Wednesday, Rev. A. E. Drew, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating, and the interment made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Herrod was but 19 years of age, and was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. She leaves a husband, General Herrod, and a two-weeks old daughter.

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BODY OF MRS. S. M. HILL LAID TO REST IN GRAVE

Pioneer—Resident of St. Petersburg
Brought Back Home for Funeral
at Home of Daughter.

The body of Mrs. S. M. Hill, who died at Union, S. C., Monday morning, arrived last night on the Seaboard Air Line train. A number of relatives accompanied the body, bringing it here for burial. Those in the party were: J. C. Hill, of New Smyrna, Claude Hill, of Miami, Mrs. R. W. Jackson, of Jacksonville, Mrs. J. H. Hamilton of Union, S. C., Holly Hill, of Tampa, O. S. Hill, of Montgomery, Ala., and Mrs. J. C. Blocker, of this city. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blocker, 600 Fourth street north. A. C. Odom, Jr., had charge of the services, and they were directed by S. D. Harris. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

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WILLIAM HICKSON.

William Hickson, of 516 Eighth street north, died last night at 8 o'clock following a four weeks' illness from neuritis. He was born Jan. 26, 1846 at Blisworth, England, and came to this country in 1895 settling first at Wappingers Falls, Dutchess county, N. Y., and moving to St. Petersburg Jan. 10, 1905. He has been employed while here as a gardener. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters; the son, Frank Hickson, and one daughter, Mrs. C. H. Anson, living in St. Petersburg and the other daughter, Mrs. A. J. Wollgrove, in Northampton, England. The funeral services will be held at the Harris chapel Sunday at 2:30. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

MAN CRUSHED BY AUTO DIES IN HOSPITAL

W. J. Hill, 57, Carpenter, Is Run Over on First Avenue

**DRIVER OF CAR
SUMMONS POLICE**

**Same Machine Carried
Three Men to Gulfport
Who Lost Lives Off
Pass Week Ago**

BULLETIN.

Henry Allen, driver of the machine that struck W. J. Hill, resulting in the latter's death late last night in city hospital, was ordered placed under arrest by Chief of Police Easters early this morning, to be held pending a coroner's inquest into the accident.

W. J. Hill, 57, living on Koster street between Ninth and Tenth avenues, was fatally injured early last night when struck by an automobile driven by Henry Allen, Fourteenth avenue north, owned by P. A. Beach, Central avenue pharmacist. The accident occurred on First avenue north, in the rear of the Detroit hotel. Hill died at 11:55 in the city hospital.

The machine which fatally injured Mr. Hill was the same one used to convey Barney Williams, Jr., St. Petersburg boy, and two soldier companions from this city to Gulfport a week ago tonight, from which port they sailed for Fort Duane, meeting death by drowning off Bunches pass when their launch was swamped.

Mr. Hill was taken to city hospital in the Harris ambulance where examination disclosed that he had sus-

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MAN CRUSHED BY AUTO DIES IN CITY HOSPITAL

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tained lacerations of the scalp, several fractured ribs, fractured upper right arm and fractured right thigh, and internal injuries.

Has Headlights Dimmed.

Allen was driving around the block to get back on Central avenue without making a left hand turn on the city's main thoroughfare. He had proceeded half way down First avenue north when Mr. Hill started across the street. With the headlights on his car dimmed, and the street dark because it has no light in mid-block, Allen did not see Mr. Hill until he was within a few feet of him.

According to eye witnesses Allen blew his horn when near, but Mr. Hill was struck by the bumper and knocked to the pavement. The right front wheel of the machine passing over his body. Allen brought his car to a stop before it had traveled its length. He summoned the police. Patrolman G. P. Lawson made an investigation and exonerated him.

Hill Tells Story.

Hill, while waiting for the ambulance, said he saw the machine approaching and thought he could beat it across the street. He also stated that he lived here alone and had no relatives in this city. He said he came here from Orlando, Oct. 1, had a brother living near there, and was a carpenter by trade.

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Gentle-Spoken Pioneer

W. A. HOLSHOUSE



William Alexander Holshouser, 92, a gentle-spoken pioneer who looked only for the good in his fellowmen, died yesterday (Monday, Aug. 9, 1965) at his home, 329 Fifth St. S.

Born in Paris, Tenn., Feb. 6, 1873, he left there with his parents at the age of 10; lived first in Orlando, and then came here in 1888 and took a job in the J. C. Williams drug store.

"There wasn't much here 77 years ago," he often told friends. "They were building the Atlantic Coast Line depot, (razed several years ago) and the Hotel Detroit."

He soon opened his own drug store on Central Avenue, opposite the Detroit, and moved it nearer Central Avenue and Fourth Street over the years until around 1922 when he opened a real estate office adjacent to his residence on Fifth Street South.

He retired a year ago for health reasons but spent a few hours daily, when possible, in his office where he welcomed old and young.

He spoke often of the great growth of his adopted city. He remembered buying a lot at 537 Central Avenue in the

early days for \$191. Today it is the site of the Hotel Alexander building.

He was one of 12 men who organized the Board of Trade in 1896. In 1903 he served as president.

An advocate of advertising he began his own campaign on behalf of the city while in the drug business. He printed leaflets that would fit business envelopes and urged his customers to send them north to their friends.

He was instrumental in getting the Board of Trade to sponsor the first city booklet when a modest order of 10,000 was printed for distribution. The printing job cost \$125.

In 1905 when the chamber proposed spending \$500 for advertising booklets the City Council turned down the request for the money.

"They called the request frivolous," he once related to this reporter.

Today the city spends thousands of dollars for advertising and promotion.

Mr. Holshouser was treasurer of the City of St. Petersburg two years and secretary of the St. Petersburg School

Board three years. He had charge of building two ward school buildings and a Negro school.

A member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows most of his life, he helped build the original two-story temple building on Fourth Street South, near First Avenue, now owned by The St. Petersburg Times and Evening Independent.

He and John C. Blocker Sr., each gave the lodge \$1,200 to do the job. It later was enlarged. He held the top state IOOF office, and most of the others.

Several years ago when Orange Lodge, which he helped found, vacated the building he was active in planning the new headquarters on 16th Street North.

In his younger days he built a two-story building just west of the Thomson McKinnon brokerage building, 340 Central Ave., in 12 days. The contractor worked day and night crews to do the job.

"It was a whim of mine," he said years later. "I was so enthusiastic those days that I took 10 steps at a time."

When the city started a search for a new water source

then Mayor John Brown named him one of the committee to make recommendations. The committee's recommendation to buy the Cosme Odessa field was approved.

The pioneer citizen married Miss Catora Reynolds of Fort Dodge, Iowa, 69 years ago and she has been a partner in his enterprises since. She was co-manager of the drug business and a member of the realty staff, running the office. She also helped found two Rebekah lodges.

Holshouser was a life member of St. Petersburg Lodge, F&AM, with more than 50 years membership; a member of the Consistory and Egypt Temple Shrine, and also First Methodist Church. He was a charter member of the Greater St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, of which he had been a director.

His wife and daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Dietz, four grandsons, and seven great-grandchildren survive him.

He often remarked that he liked best of all his early days here in the drug store business. People called his place "Willy's store." It was a community gathering spot. He liked to have people around him.

Hudson Howard, Past Assistant Tax Assessor

Hudson William Howard, 80, fifty year Pinellas County resident who served as first assistant to the Pinellas County Tax Assessor and also in the St. Petersburg city assessor's office, died yesterday in Clearwater where he resided at 7 South Lake Drive.

Mr. Howard, a native of Pleasantville, Ind., formerly lived in St. Petersburg, but moved to Clearwater 14 years ago.

He worked as former tax assessor Herschel H. Sterling's aide from 1928 until 1932 and 1948 until 1960. In the interim he served with the city assessor's office.

Mr. Howard was a member of the Gold Star Pioneers and was prominent in veterans organizations in the area. He was a past commander of VFW Post 39, St. Petersburg; past adjutant of the Department of Florida, VFW; a member of Turner-Brandon American Legion Post, Clearwater and was an honorary life member of the St. Petersburg BPOE lodge 1224, which he joined in April, 1911.

Surviving are his wife, Lena W.; two brothers, Grover F., Cambridge, Ohio; Clause S., Redington Beach; and several nieces.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at John S. Rhodes, Inc., East Chapel, St. Petersburg. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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MRS. HOXIE WATCHED SUNSHINE CITY GROW FROM LITTLE VILLAGE



Late Mrs. Almeda Davis Hoxie.

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When Mrs. Hoxie passed away in the fullness of her years at her pleasant home in St. Petersburg last week she left a son and daughter from whom she had not been separated for more than six months in her entire life. Besides this son, Albert E. Hoxie and daughter Mrs. C. W. Springstead, there also survive three grandchildren, Mrs. Almeda Creager, John Hoxie Williams and Paul Hoxie; two great grandchildren, Mary Chancellor Williams and Augusta Louise Hoxie; a sister in Washington, Mrs. Amy Cole; a brother in New London, Wis., Jerome Davis.

For many years Mrs. Hoxie resided at her home, Second street and Third avenue north with her faithful friend and housekeeper, Miss Jennie Barrs. When Mrs. Hoxie came to this city it had two stores, that of Arthur Norwood at Ninth street and that of "Tine" Williams at the corner of Central and Second street. It was an all-day job to get from one store to the other through the deep sand and across a sand hill which stood where the Wilson-Chase building is now located. The Detroit hotel and the Panama hotel where the Hollenbeck is now located, were the only hostleries. Her own home was practically the only one in her neighborhood, now so closely filled with beautiful residences.

Pioneer Resident, Now Passed Away, Knew St. Petersburg from the Beginning

St. Petersburg is a young city and its older residents who have lived through the marvelous period of growth of the place, may yet have spent the greater portion of their years elsewhere. Such a person was Mrs. Almeda Davis Hoxie who passed away last week in her ninetieth year, the last twenty-six years of her life having been spent in St. Petersburg. She came to this city in 1891 and during the years since that date saw a village grow into a city, paved streets replace cow-paths in the sand, and small one-story frame buildings make way for a tourist metropolis replace with substantial commercial houses and attractive residences.

Mrs. Hoxie was born in Linckleau, N. Y., in that eastern part of the state known as the "Quaker Basin." In 1891 with her husband, John Curtiss Hoxie, she came to this city to live, having been preceded to this section by her children who are Albert E. Hoxie and Mrs. C. W. Springstead, both well known St. Petersburg residents. The Hoxies came here from New London, Wis., to which place they had emigrated as pioneers in 1855. As a young woman Mrs. Hoxie went overland by wagon from New York state to Wisconsin in that early day and her family was the third in the town where they settled. Mrs. Hoxie's maiden name was Davis. She was married in 1846 to John Curtiss Hoxie in the old home in New York state.

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ALBERT HOXIE, CITY PIONEER, DIES AT HOME

Serious Illness of Few Hours
Proves Fatal to Man Who
Came Here in 1891

Albert E. Hoxie, 59, pioneer resident of St. Petersburg and father of Paul Hoxie, vice-president of the Union Trust Co., died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at his residence, 525 Ninth avenue north.

Afflicted with heart trouble for many months, Mr. Hoxie became seriously ill late Wednesday afternoon and for several hours physicians prolonged his life with artificial respiration and stimulants.

Coming to St. Petersburg in 1891 to recover from an illness that had left him in poor health, Mr. Hoxie returned here four years later to make his permanent home. He and his family first lived in a residence on Central avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and one year later he purchased the property on Ninth avenue north and built the house in which he lived up to the time of his death.

Early Citrus Grower

Mr. Hoxie was known to all the old-time residents of St. Petersburg. He was one of the first citrus growers in the west coast section, and was advisor for the early pioneers here in their business and agricultural matters. He originally owned a 49-acre grove on the west side of Euclid boulevard at what is now Twentieth avenue north. He also owned an 18-acre tract on the east side of Euclid further north. Both properties are now occupied by fine residences.

Several years after establishing his home here, he entered the land and mortgage business and had extensive holdings. He owned much real estate here at one time but disposed of most of it before his death.

Mr. Hoxie was born in a small town near Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1851. When four years old, his family moved to Wisconsin where they lived for many years. He married Miss Augusta Schabel in New London, Wis., in 1883.

Mr. Hoxie was a director in the Exchange National Bank and the First Savings and Trust Co. in Tampa.

Mr. Hoxie is survived by his widow, and one son, Paul Hoxie; a grand daughter, Miss Louise Hoxie, who is a student at Stetson college in DeLand; a nephew, John Hoxie Williams of this city, and a niece, Mrs. Alameda Carter, Lockhart, Tex.

Funeral services for Mr. Hoxie will be held at the residence Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Theodore K. Plack, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, officiating. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers, all of whom are directors in the Exchange National bank, Tampa, will be A. C. Chavis, Francisco Arango, J. A. Griffin, George B. Howell, F. O. Knight Jr., O. W. Perkins, John O. Perry, John B. Sutton, C. C. Whitaker, Karl E. Whitaker, all of Tampa, and Dr. C. T. Young, Miami City.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Edicott Funeral company.

HOXIE DIES



Albert E. Hoxie, pioneer resident of St. Petersburg, who died Thursday morning following a lingering illness.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1931.

ALBERT HOXIE DIES AT HOME HE OCCUPIED FOR 35 YEARS

St. Petersburg Pioneer Saw His Orange Groves
Converted Into Residence Sections As
Village Grew Into a City.

In the home he had occupied for 35 years, Albert E. Hoxie died at 4 o'clock this morning after a long illness of heart disease. Death came after doctors had kept him alive for hours with artificial respiration and stimulants. He was taken ill late yesterday afternoon and for a time was conscious. He knew that death was near and talked to his son Paul Hoxie regarding his affairs and plans for the future. Later he became unconscious and died without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Hoxie is survived by his widow and one son, Paul Hoxie, and

early pioneers of this section in many matters. The home at 525 Ninth avenue north was purchased in 1896 and Mr. Hoxie lived there continuously up to the time of his death. Mr. Hoxie was one of the first citrus fruit growers in this section of the state and was regarded as an expert.

Mr. Hoxie saw St. Petersburg grow from a mere village into a city. He saw his orange groves cut up into building lots and become residence sections with many fine homes scattered over them. He originally owned a 49-acre grove on the west side of Euclid boulevard at what is now 20th avenue north. He also owned an 18-acre grove on the east side of Euclid further north. The grove on the west side joined the Bartlett tract. Both tracts of land now are dotted with fine residences. Many of the trees that Mr. Hoxie planted have been left standing and still are bearing heavily.

Mr. Hoxie was born in a small town near Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1851. When he was four years old his family moved to Wisconsin where they lived for many years. Mr. Hoxie's father was in the lumber business and he went into business with his father after he grew to manhood. He acquired a fortune in that business. He married Miss Augusta Schabel in New London, Wis., in 1883.

After an attack of typhoid fever that left him in poor health, Mr. Hoxie came to St. Petersburg in 1891 to recover from the effects of that illness. In 1896 he came to St. Petersburg to live. He and his family first lived in a residence on Central avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets. The following year Mr. Hoxie bought the property at 525 Ninth avenue north and there built the house in which he lived up to the time of his death.

Mr. Hoxie raised citrus fruit here for many years but mainly as a diversion as he had extensive holdings in bonds and mortgages. At one time he owned much real estate here but had disposed of all of it before his death, except the home site. He owned the property at Second street and Second avenue north where the Tourist Center now stands but that had been sold. Mr. Hoxie was a director in the Exchange National bank and the First Savings and Trust company in Tampa.



Albert Hoxie

a granddaughter, Miss Louise Hoxie who is a student at Stetson college in DeLand. She is now on her way here having been notified this morning of the death of her grandfather. A nephew, John Hoxie Williams of this city and a niece, Mrs. Alameda Carter of Lockhart, Texas, also survive. No arrangements for the funeral have been made and will not be until Mrs. Carter is heard from. The Edicott Funeral company has charge of the arrangements. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, alongside Mr. Hoxie's sister, Mrs. C. W. Springstead.

Mr. Hoxie was a pioneer in St. Petersburg and was known to all the old timers here. He was highly regarded by everyone who knew him and was an adviser for the



Mrs. Augusta Schaefer Hoxie, 75, for 40 years a resident of St. Petersburg, died here yesterday.

MRS. HOXIE, 75, PIONEER LOCAL RESIDENT, DIES

**Saw City Grow From Tiny
Hamlet of 150 Persons;
Funeral on Tuesday**

Mrs. Augusta Schaefer Hoxie, 75, who came to St. Petersburg 40 years ago when it was a thriving village of 150 inhabitants, died at her home, 525 Ninth avenue north, yesterday afternoon at 3:56 o'clock. She had been an invalid for the last four years.

Mrs. Hoxie came here with her husband, the late Albert E. Hoxie, Jan. 1, 1895. A short time after they arrived here they moved into the house in which she died yesterday. It is one of the oldest in the city.

At that time 525 Ninth avenue north was "way out in the country," according to old timers. The main business section was on Central avenue between Ninth street and the bay. The progress of lower Central avenue, however, was badly impeded by a swamp between Second and Third streets in which several feet of water stood during the rainy season.

Her husband, who died here four years ago, bought many acres of citrus groves in the vicinity of Ninth street north and Fourteenth avenue which he held for nearly 25 years.

Mrs. Hoxie was a devout member of the Lutheran church. Before the local Lutheran church was established, she used to take a boat to Tampa Saturday, stay for church Sunday and then return home Monday.

When the local Trinity Lutheran church was formed 25 years ago, she joined, making her one of the few charter members. Outside of church work she had few other activities.

Mrs. Hoxie was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and came here from New London, Wis.

She is survived by a son, Paul A. Hoxie, well known local business man and active in American Legion affairs; a sister, Mrs. Kate Schmidt of New London, Wis.; a granddaughter, Mrs. W. C. Kuleel of this city and a great grandson, W. C. Kuleel Jr.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home with the Rev. T. K. Finck officiating. The body will lie in state from 10 o'clock until time for the services.

The Ralph G. Cooksey funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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JUDGE J. C. HOXIE

Passed Quietly Away Wednesday Morning After a Prolonged Illness.

Judge J. C. Hoxie, one of the best known citizens of this section, passed quietly away at 8:55 a. m. Wednesday after an illness extending over a period of nearly fifteen months. Two weeks ago he began to get worse and rapidly sank until his death Wednesday.

Judge Hoxie, though born in New York state, spent most of his life in Wisconsin where he was a leading lumber dealer. After retiring from business he removed to St. Petersburg. He was justice of the peace during nearly all of the fourteen years which he has resided in the city. He has also served with dignity and capability as president of the city council for many years. He was 79 years of age at his death.

The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Orange Lodge, No. 85, I. O. of O. F., of which he was a member, conducted the burial ceremony.

Obituary

E. B. IRVIN

E. B. Irvin, 537 Eighth avenue south, for 15 years a resident of this city, died very suddenly this morning at a local hospital. Death came as the result of an illness that had lasted but a few days. He came to this city about 15 years ago from Watertown, N. Y., and up to a few years ago had been actively engaged in business. He at one time owned a grovery business and was later associated with the Squier Lumber company. For two years he had charge of the paint department of the Avery and Roberts Marine Ways, leaving their employment a year ago. He is survived by his wife, Hannah Irvin. Funeral arrangements have not been completed by the Endicott Funeral company.

Ed. T. Lewis, Civic Leader, Dies at Home

City Pioneer Was
68 Years Old

Edson T. Lewis, 68, well-known local civic leader and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home, 647 Thirty-fourth avenue south, following a long illness.

Mr. Lewis came to St. Petersburg 32 years ago and has since been associated with many civic beautification projects. He was prominent in local business and fraternal circles and also was well known in Tampa.

Born in New Milford, Pa., in 1872, he came to St. Petersburg March 7, 1888, by narrow gauge road from Fernandina to Tampa



EDSON T. LEWIS

and from Tampa to Pinellas in a small sailboat that carried mail, passengers and freight and made one trip a week. The trip from Pinellas to St. Petersburg was made by team.

His family was among the first to arrive in St. Petersburg and the property purchased by the Lewis family from Jacob Baum for \$50 was the first small tract of land sold for home building.

Mr. Lewis was employed first

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MORE ABOUT— LEWIS

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by George L. King as engineer in his saw mill and later accepted a position in Ward's general store. On Oct. 3, 1888, he accepted a position with J. C. Williams Jr. in his general store and remained with him until the spring of 1892 when he opened his own business in partnership with Edward Durant. This was known as Lewis and Durant and was successful from the start.

His first step in public affairs was taken in 1892 when he took a decided stand for grading and filling in the swamp dividing the heart of the town and located between Second and Third streets. It was under Mayor H. W. Hibbs' administration that real public improvements began in the building of the city and it was then that Mr. Lewis, with other progressives, accepted the city bonds in his store as cash in order that this work might continue. The first school was built about this time and it was during his administration that hogs were barred from the city streets.

SIDEWALKS FOR CITY

Board and oyster shell walks were the next consideration and at his own expense Mr. Lewis took several of the council to see a black tar walk which was being put down by H. B. Plant in Port Tampa. It was at this time as city councilman that Mr. Lewis introduced the pressed sidewalk ordinance which was fought bitterly but finally passed.

He took an active interest in water and sewer projects and also gave strong support for brick paving the city streets. This fight became so bitter that an injunction was filed against him and others in the Tampa courts for using the city's money for brick instead of mail. Mr. Lewis and his friends won out and brick paving continued.

He also was interested in city fire protection and succeeded in persuading the city to procure fire and chemical engines, hook and ladder horses and a paid fire department. He was appointed by the city council to purchase from E. H. Tomlinson the old city hall building and Manual Train-

ing school for the city. As chairman of the finance committee, he placed the city affairs on a systematic financial basis, built suitable quarters for its offices and commodious chambers for the council. While chairman of the waterworks committee, the system was thoroughly chartered and back water rents collected, the first deep well was sunk, the city given a new water supply and the meter system inaugurated.

He introduced the bill to have Central avenue widened and was appointed by the council to make settlements with the people on this street.

As a representative in the council from the waterfront boosters, headed by the late J. M. Lewis and the late W. L. Straub, he joined the campaign for securing and beautifying the waterfront and yacht harbor. He also served as chairman of the light committee of the Board of Trade and helped in the installation of the present white way system.

His private enterprises were the establishment of Lewis and Durant in 1889 and in 1894 the firm of Ed T. Lewis.

With others he established the National (later Central) bank in 1904, the C. W. Green Marine Hardware company of Tampa, the Citizens Ice and Cold Storage company, the Lewis Burton company, the Central American Shipping and Transportation company of Tampa, the Central and South American Import and Export company of Tampa.

FRATERNAL LEADER

For many years he was connected with the Citizens' Ice and Storage company and was an extensive property owner here.

He was a member of St. Petersburg lodge No. 139, F. and A. M., was the first exalted ruler of the local Elks lodge, a member of the Sunshine Commandry, the Selama Grotto, the Knights Templar, Egypt Temple of Tampa, the Yacht club, was a charter member of the Pass-a-Grille Yacht club and a member of the Lakewood Country club.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nellie D. Lewis; one son, Leon D. Lewis, this city; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Pennington, Mt. Vernon, Wash., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by The Palms Memorial.

LEON LEWIS STRICKEN FATALLY AT YACHT CLUB

Leon D. Lewis, prominent St. Petersburg businessman and yachtsman, died unexpectedly of a heart attack about 7:30 o'clock last night en route to St. Anthony's Hospital.

Mr. Lewis, 53, arrived at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, walked upstairs to the "bridge", rested momentarily, and continued into the lounge, where he was found a few moments later by fellow yachtsmen, gasping for breath.

He was a member of a pioneer St. Petersburg family. His parents, E. T. and Nellie Demarest Lewis settled here in 1888. Mr. Lewis was born July 28, 1896.

He attended St. Petersburg schools and was graduated in 1917 from Rollins College with an A. B. Degree. He enlisted in the Navy and served eighteen months during World War I at Hampton Roads Naval Base.

Following the war he established the Citizens Ice and Cold Storage Company. He telescoped it to twelve plants in the county by 1925 and in 1926 sold his holdings for \$3,000,000.

Active in civic affairs, he was a member of a special committee which in 1939 recommended the purchase by the City of the water supply system owned by the Pinellas Water Company. The water fields are located in the Cosme-Odesa region.

He constructed a string of stores on Third Street North between First and Second Avenues in 1935 and maintained investment offices at 139 Third Street North.



LEON D. LEWIS

He resided at 647 34th Avenue South and is survived by his wife, Eva D. Endicott Lewis, whom he married here Nov. 29, 1920.

He served the St. Petersburg Port Authority since its creation by City Council in 1939. In 1947, he was elevated from vice chairman to chairman. The Authority, which managed ferry service to Manatee County and furthered plans for a lower Bay Bridge, is no longer active.

Mr. Lewis was a former director of the local American Red Cross, president of the Red Cross Life Saving Corps, commodore of the Yacht Club, a member of the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lakewood Country Club, Propeller Club and Bath Club.

Cooksey's will announce funeral arrangements.

Nellie D. Lewis, Pioneer Resident, Dies At Home

Mrs. Nellie Demarest Lewis, mother of Leon D. Lewis, chairman of the local port authority, died at 6:10 o'clock last evening at her home, 647 34th avenue south.

Mrs. Lewis, resident of St. Petersburg for 54 years, came here from Englewood, N. J. She was the widow of Ed T. Lewis.

She was a member of Trinity Methodist church, Eastern Star, Princess Hirihiagua chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and St. Petersburg Yacht club.

Arrangements, in charge of Cooksey's Inc., will be announced.

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LEROY A. LYON DIES IN CHICAGO

Body Arrives Tonight and Funeral Will Be Held Saturday

Word was received in St. Petersburg yesterday that Leroy A. Lyon, of this city, former commander of the G. A. R. post here, had died in a hospital in Chicago, where he went August 26 for treatment for a complication of diseases. The body will be brought here for burial, arriving on the A. C. L. train tonight.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Armstrong Undertaking company's chapel. The Rev. S. A. Keen, pastor of the First Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, will conduct the rites and military ceremonies will be conducted by the Kit Carson post of the G. A. R. Members of the Woman's Relief Corps will attend in a body. Burial will be in Oaklawn cemetery.

Mr. Lyon, who was 71 years old, was well known here. St. Petersburg had been his home for 12 years. He came here from Fitzgerald, Ga. He was born in Cynthiana, Ky. He had long been in poor health. He was an old Union soldier and formerly was commander of the G. A. R. here.

The Lyon home here is at 1403 Ninth avenue north. The surviving relatives are the widow, one son, Leroy H., and one daughter, Miss Le-Roine, the latter of New York and the former of St. Petersburg. Members of the family will accompany the body here. Members of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps will meet the body at the train tonight.

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MARTIN, ELOUISE C., 94, of St. Petersburg, died Thursday (Feb. 17, 2000) at Westminster Shores Health Center.



She moved here from Live Oak in 1913 when she was 7 years old. She was a schoolteacher who was the daughter, wife and mother

of St. Petersburg dentists. She was a graduate of St. Petersburg High School and attended Wesleyan University in Georgia. She was an 87-year member of First United Methodist Church, where she belonged to United Methodist Women and taught the third-grade Sunday school. She also belonged to the Women of Rotary and the Pinellas County Dental Society Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons, Dr. Charles P. and Clyde W., both of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Patricia McLaughlin, Lake Placid, and Juanita "Nita" Scartz, Roswell, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild. John S. Rhodes, East Chapel, St. Petersburg.

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MRS. MARIA MATTHEWS

Mrs. Maria Matthews, of this city, died March 4, in a sanitarium at Hudson, Wis., where she had been taken for treatment. The body was shipped here, and, under the direction of the S. D. Harris undertakers, will be interred in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Matthews is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Backus, Tarpon Springs, and Mrs. Rose Staley, of this city, and a son, Izac Matthews, Toronto, Can.

PARALYSIS FATAL TO FIRST MAYOR OF ST. PETERSBURG

David Moffett, Church Worker, Politician and Prohibitionist, Dies Suddenly Following Stroke—Saw City's Evolution

David Moffett, 230 Lake drive, St. Petersburg's first mayor, died Tuesday afternoon as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

In the morning, a few hours before his death, Moffett was slightly ill and walked to the home of his family physician, Dr. John Peabody, members of his family said.

His wife, Mrs. Janie Moffett, and daughter, Miss Purl Moffett, were with him when he was stricken.

Mayor 26 Years Ago.

Moffett served one term in the office of mayor twenty-six years ago, when the town was incorporated. Since then, he has taken an active part, especially in the community's affairs.

Four years ago, the commission form of government was adopted to replace the old system used when Moffett was mayor.

Saw City Grow.

Moffett watched St. Petersburg grow from a small group of a half dozen houses to a city of the present size. When he came here from Bloomington, Ind., in 1882, the present site of St. Petersburg was called Point Pinellas Post Office.

A church worker and an advocate of prohibition, Moffett devoted considerable of his time to re-

ligion. He was a deacon for life in the First Congregational church and a year ago resigned the chairmanship of the board of trustees of the church on account of ill health.

Was Prohibitionist.

For many years he advocated prohibition and was one of the leaders in the fight in this community to adopt that reform.

Moffett was born in Indiana, near Bloomington, in 1842, and would have been 79 years old in April. He came to Pinellas county thirty-nine years ago, at the age of forty.

Married Twice.

In 1889 his first wife, Mattie Moffett, to whom he was married in 1868, died. Two years later he married Janie Mitchell of Opelika, Ala., who survives.

Four children also survive, Mrs. W. J. McPherson, Reese Moffett and Miss Purl Moffett of this vicinity, and Wade Moffett of Marton, Utah.

One brother, Dr. James Moffett, a Presbyterian minister of Cumberland, Md., is also living.

Funeral services will be held at the Congregational church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

J. A. POTTER IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS



THE LATE J. A. POTTER.

After an illness of six months J. A. Potter, prominent in the public affairs of St. Petersburg for many years, died at his home, 229 Second street south, yesterday morning at 9:30. He returned to his home only about five weeks ago after having spent several weeks in the north in the hope of benefitting his health.

Mr. Potter came to St. Petersburg about 10 years ago from Peoria county, Illinois, where he had been an active citizen during most of his life. He resigned the position of supervisor of Hallett township when he left Illinois to take up his residence here. He had retired from active business when he came to Florida but became identified with business interests here and was for a time director in the American Bank & Trust company. He took an interest in political affairs

and served as a member of the city council. He was chairman of the hospital board which built the local hospital and served on the waterfront and street committee of the council. In 1916 he was a candidate for city commissioner.

He is survived by his widow and four children. A son, A. U. Potter, lives at Tampa, a daughter, Mrs. Edna McWhorter, in Jackson Center, O.; another daughter, Mrs. W. W. Kemp, at Daytona Beach and the youngest daughter, Helen, a member of the home here.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2 p. m. Monday. Dr. J. P. Hoyt will conduct the services at the house and Kit Carson Post, G. A. R., will have charge of the ceremony at the grave in Greenwood cemetery.

ROWLAND IS DEAD IN BATTLE CREEK

WAS PIONEER BUSINESS MAN
AND PROMINENT CITIZEN OF
ST. PETERSBURG.

E. B. Rowland died in the Battle Creek sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., last night after a protracted illness covering a period of years. But little information could be secured as to the cause of death or the final illness as no answer was given to repeated telegrams to the nurse. Funeral arrangements are yet pending though it is thought that the local lodge of Elks will take charge of the body and either have it interred here or at his old home in New York.

Mr. Rowland was one of the pioneer business men of the Sunshine City, having located here between twelve and thirteen years ago when he came from Detroit, Mich. He was born in Tully, Onondaga County, in New York, March 29, 1854. He came to St. Petersburg in moderate circumstances and gained a name as a successful and honorable business man through his sterling qualities and abilities. He was engaged in the real estate business and his name is closely identified with the progress of St. Petersburg.

Mr. Rowland left for the north, accompanied by his nurse, about six weeks ago. Though he has been in poor health for years and it was known that he was to enter the hospital upon arriving in Battle Creek, the news of his death was unexpected. But little could be gained here of talking of himself and no relatives his life history as he was reserved in who survived him would give any information. A divorced wife Mrs. Emily Rowland and their daughter, Miss Hazel, survive him in St. Petersburg.

FUNERAL OF MRS. CARRIE E. RUSTON

The funeral yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Carrie E. Ruston, mother of Mrs. E. N. Kelsey, was one of the most impressive and largely attended ever held in the city. The services at the Kelsey home, corner Second Avenue, North and Eighth street, were conducted by Rev. M. H. Norton, of the Southern Methodist church and a short service was held at the graveside in Greenwood cemetery.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy attended the funeral in a body, as did the Confederate Veterans and the Order of the Eastern Star.

The latter order laid the customary evergreens on the casket before it was lowered into the grave and John Goodnough sounded "Taps" as the remains were placed in their last resting place.

The floral offerings were many and particularly beautiful, attesting the high esteem in which Mrs. Ruston was held. One exceptionally beautiful tribute was a Confederate flag made of flowers, carrying out the design and colors of the Stars and Bars.

Mrs. Ruston is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. N. Kelsey, of this city and Mrs. H. T. Watson, of Anna Maria; one sister, of Texas. Mrs. Lucky was here at the time of the death.

The pall-bearers were T. A. Chancellor, A. T. Blocker, W. H. Brooks, F. S. Singlehurst, C. C. Wilder and D. B. Cunningham.

RYLL, FRANK MAYNARD, 88, of St. Petersburg, died Saturday (March 16, 2002).



He came here in 1935 from his native Nunda, N.Y. He was a funeral director and a past president and secretary of Palm Memorial Fu-

neral Home in St. Petersburg and was the administrator of Greenwood Cemetery. He graduated from Cincinnati College of Embalming, attended Alfred University and graduated from the University of Florida in 1939. He was a member of the Florida Funeral Directors Association, National Selected Morticians Association and the Pinellas County Funeral Directors Association, where he was president in 1959. He was a member and usher of First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, St. Petersburg Country Club and was a 50-year member of the St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marjorie; two sons, Frank M. Jr., Tallahassee, and Roger M., Gotha; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. John S. Rhodes, East Chapel, St. Petersburg.

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RYLL - Frank Maynard, 88, of St. Petersburg, Florida, died Saturday March 16, 2002. Friends may call Monday, March 18, 2002, from 4-6 P.M. at John S. Rhodes East Chapel, 635 4th Street North. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, at 11 A.M. in the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church, 212 3rd Street North. Interment will be private in Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial may be made to Kiwanis Club of St. Petersburg, for youth investment, P.O. Box 12686, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731.

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DEATH CLAIMS SPRINGSTEAD, CITY PIONEER

**Man Active in Many Business
and Civic Affairs Dies
at Age of 74**

C. W. Springstead, 74, resident of St. Petersburg for the past 42 years, died Thursday morning at his residence, 701 Twenty-fourth avenue north, after a lingering illness.

Born in Fond du Lac, Wis., July 11, 1858, Mr. Springstead came to Florida about 1880, settling in Brooksville. He moved to St. Petersburg in 1890, the year the town was founded.

Having faith in the growing city, he bought 92 acres which he planted in citrus fruit and engaged in the citrus business for many years. His present home is located in this grove which he sub-divided into a residential section as the town expanded.

Springstead was actively identified with all the civic improvements of early St. Petersburg, being connected with the board of trade and Chamber of Commerce for years. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Yacht club, and one of the founders of the old First National bank. He was a member of the Elks lodge, Masonic orders and Lions club. Springstead was married in 1888 to Mrs. Kittie Hoxie Williams, who died several years ago.

He leaves two brothers, J. E. Springstead of Palmetto, and F. A. Springstead of San Diego, Cal.; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lund of this city; a niece and five nephews; an adopted son, John Hoxie Williams, of this city; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Alameda Williams Carter of Lockhart, Tex., and one granddaughter, Mary Chancellor Williams, of this city.

The funeral services will be held at the home, 701 Twenty-fourth avenue north, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J. A. McClure officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, with the Wilhelm Undertaking company in charge.

SUCCUMBS



C. W. SPRINGSTEAD

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Illness Fatal to Mrs. Springstead

Mrs. Kittie H. Springstead, 69, wife of C. W. Springstead, former president of the First National bank, died Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock at her residence, 701 Twenty-fourth avenue north, following four years of ill health.

Mrs. Springstead came here 35 years ago from New London, Wis., and was a charter member of the G. A. R. and Town Improvement organizations of this city.

She is survived by her husband, a son, John H. Williams, of this city; one daughter, Mrs. Alameda Carter of Texas, who is in St. Petersburg at this time, and a brother, Albert Hoxie, also of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at the residence at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Evan Edwards, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Endicott Funeral company. Interment will be at Royal Palm cemetery.

DEATH ENDS CAREER OF WELL-KNOWN MINISTER

*Pastor Emeritus of First Avenue
Methodist Church Succumbs
To Age Last Night*



REV. J. O. THOMPSON, D. D.

The Rev. J. O. Thompson, D. D., pastor emeritus of the First Avenue Methodist church, died last night at 8 o'clock at his home, 758 Third avenue south. Definite funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but services will likely be held at the First Avenue Methodist church on Sunday afternoon.

Death came to Dr. Thompson just one day more than a year after the passing of his wife, who died September 27, 1915. Owing to the infirmities of old age, his health has been failing for some time and the death of his help-mate was a heavy blow from which he never recovered. Although able to be up and about until Wednesday of this week, he was feeble, and death came soon after he was confined to his bed.

Dr. Thompson was 83 years old on June 9. He leaves of his immediate family only an adopted daughter, Mrs. Annie E. Bell, who lived with him. He came here 10 years ago from West

Virginia and for a time shortly after his arrival was actively engaged in the ministerial work of the First avenue church. He has been prominent in church affairs despite his advancing years and until a few months ago was a regular contributor to the various church publications. Before coming to St. Petersburg he held the position of secretary of the West Virginia board of agriculture and was editor of a weekly newspaper at Keyser, W. Va.

He was a native of the state of Maine and was captain of a Maine company in the Federal army during the Civil war. Active in G. A. R. affairs, he at one time was department commander of the Florida G. A. R. He was also a member of the Masonic order, although not active in that organization during the latter years of his life.

Kit Carson Post, G. A. R., will take an active part in the funeral services. S. D. Harris, undertaker, will have charge of the funeral.

AGED MINISTER GOES TO REWARD

DR. J. O. THOMPSON PASSES AWAY
AT HOME—WIFE DIED JUST
A YEAR AGO.

The Rev. Dr. J. O. Thompson, pastor emeritus of the First Avenue Methodist church, passed to his heavenly rest last night at 8 o'clock at his home, 758 Third avenue south. The funeral services will be conducted by Kit Carson post, G. A. R., tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Avenue Methodist church; probably conducted by the Rev. S. A. Keen, pastor of the church.

Dr. Thompson was active in church matters almost to the point of death, as last Sunday evening he offered the closing prayer. He had been confined to his bed since Wednesday evening.

Dr. Thompson was born June 9, 1834, at Waldo, Me., from which city he entered the army to aid in the Civil war. He was finally discharged with the rank of captain. He was one of the survivors of the famous battle of Gettysburg. Instead of following the civil pursuits he turned his talents to the ministry and entered the Methodist seminary from which he was ordained and accepted the call to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Elliot, Me. During this pastorate in 1862 he married Miss Ellen C. Caldwell, of Oxford, Me. She died just one year and one day before his death. For the last 20 years of her life Mrs. Thompson was a helpless invalid and was attended solely by Dr. Thompson with loving care. Since her death he gradually declined.

Following his pastorate at Elliot, Me., he was called to Woodford corner, now known as Westbrook, Me., and then to Little Compton, R. I., where in close proximity to the ocean at the cape he gathered untold material for his later poems and hymns. He then moved to Keyser, W. Va., where he edited and published The Mountain Echo, from which he accepted the post of secretary of the board of agriculture being stationed at Charleston, W. Va. It was from this post that he came to St. Petersburg 11 years ago. Upon arrival in this city he connected himself with the First Avenue church and was extremely active in all church matters. His contributions to church papers and his treatises on religious subjects have been spread broadcast. The hymn, "Far and Wide the Fields are Teeming, with the Sheaves of Ripened Grain," which he considered one of his masterpieces, will be sung at his funeral services. His latest writing of the subject of Christian Science was finished but one week ago and sent to the South-Western Advocate.

Dr. Thompson was at one time department commander of the Florida G. A. R. He was a strong member of the Masonic order.

He is survived by his niece, Annie E. Bell, whom he adopted as his daughter in later life. S. D. Harris, undertaker, will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

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