

## DEATH OF REV. WILLIAM ERVIN ALLEN

Rev. William Ervin Allen died at his home in the Mashburn Gap April 6, 1930. He was 83 years old in January before his death. The funeral services were from his home, April 8.

Brother Allen was born January 16th, 1847. He was married in 1874 to Miss Sarah Cale Mashburn, and to this wedlock were born three children as follows: Mrs. Texanna Banks, of Marshall; Mrs. Savada Blankenship, of Asheville; and Mrs. Joe Alice Robertson, of Fairmont, Ga.

He was converted at the age of 29 years, and was baptized by Rev. W. A. Robertson. He then joined the Concord Baptist church of Yancey County, but for the past 16 years he has been a member of Davis Chapel church, and was an active member until about 3 years ago, when his health failed him.

Before his death, Brother Allen requested that Rev. N. H. Griffin and Rev. Cecil Reece conduct his funeral. They were assisted by his pastor, Rev. Henry Rice. He also requested that the 14th chapter of St. John be read.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. William Allen of Marshall, the above named children, four sisters, Mrs. Louise Crane of California; Mrs. Tommy Crane, of Flag Pond, Tenn.; Mrs. Gabriel Coats of Flag Pond, Tenn.; and Mrs. Jess Baxter, of Marion, N. C.

He is also survived by the following nephews: D. C. Allen, of Gaffney, S. C.; Robert Allen, Kings Mountain, N. C.; Guss Allen, Gastonia, N. C.; George Allen, Buckner; and Clauzell Allen, Waverly, N. C. He had 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Brother Allen was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served as a soldier in the Civil War.

Mr. Allen, or "Uncle Bill," as he was sometime called, will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain, for God knows best.

His suffering was great, but he waited patiently for the end, when he could see his friends in Glory, to say good-bye no more.

He was laid to rest in the County home cemetery, near his home.

The pallbearers were, Messrs Arthur Crows, Bob Crowe, Cammy Davis, Joe Taylor, Oscar Davis, Rossie Readway, and Johnnie Davis.

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