

From the March 25, 1896 LaFayette Sun:

Mrs. **J. W. Langford** of near Marcoot died last Saturday and was buried Sunday. We have not learned the particulars of the death.

From the April 8, 1896 LaFayette Sun:

In Memory of Mrs. **Nancy Pearson**.

The subject of this sketch was born January 8, 1817. She died March 16, 1896 at the home of her son, Mr. **J. M. Pearson**, near Marcoot, Ala. She was the daughter of **Wm.** and **Elizabeth Finley**, was married to Mr. **Richard** (Note: Should be **Richmond**) **Pearson** early in life. They lived happily together for over 60 years, reared a large family, being blessed with four girls and seven boys, all of whom lived to be grown, besides three children who died in infancy. She lost three sons in the Civil War, two since. She leaves two sons and three daughters and her husband, besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her departure. While we deplore her absence from us, yet nearly sixty years of a consistent Christian life is sufficient evidence of her acceptance in the sweet beyond. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church Nov. 11, 1843, where she remained until death. There was never a charge brought against her. Mrs. **Pearson** had been a patient sufferer for several years; all that could be done to stay the rider of the dark horse, was done by loving hearts but all in vain. She died without a murmur or regret, having served her country long and faithfully by being a faithful wife and mother. She and "Uncle Richmond" had lived in Chambers County as loyal subjects of State and County for over sixty years. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved, especially to the aged husband, who is now about 84 years of age. **R. H. G.**

(Note: Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**Nancy M. Pearson**, Jan. 8, 1817 – March 16, 1896". She is buried next to her husband **Richmond Pearson**. gb)

From the February 9, 1898 LaFayette Sun:

Just as we go to press we learn that Mr. **J. H. Jarrell**, of Marcoot is dead. No particulars.

From the February 23, 1898 LaFayette Sun:

Called Home to Rest

On last Wednesday morning, the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, **John H. Jarrell**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **G. W.** and **Melisse Jarrell**, of this county, was called to separate from all earthly friends and relatives for a time, and to fall asleep in Jesus to rest until his Savior comes the second time, and to fall asleep in Jesus to rest until his Savior comes the second time to raise the dead and take them to the place he has prepared for his people. He was born October 4, 1858, and in 1879 was married to Miss **T. C. Alsobrook**, and to them was born three children, all now living. He united with Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church in 1891, and was a devoted member there until his death, and was there buried on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant in the presence of a host of friends and relatives after preaching by the writer. It was indeed a sad moment, but God be thanked and praised for giving to the bereaved family grace for such an hour and strength to bear up as Christians should, and though weeping, can look to God and cast all their cares upon Jesus, who careth for them. We pray God to be to them a strong hold in every time of trouble and a present help in time of need. **J. T. Satterwhite.**

From the March 2, 1898 LaFayette Sun:  
Union – February 24

Within a stones throw of Macedonia church, on the gentle slope of the hill, is a newly-made grave. Within its walls of clay, calmly reposes the husband, the father, the good son, the neighbor **John Jarrell**.

Disease preyed on him for three weeks with ruthless hand. The angel of time severed the cord, and from timely things he passed into eternity, ne'er to return as he was.

Among the hills of West Chambers, nestled in a grove of oaks, stands the pretty cottage from which he was lately borne. Within this home today dwells a grief stricken wife and three fatherless children. To them we extend our sincerest sympathy.

In many respects, Mr. **Jarrell** was an exemplary man; jovial, courteous, of unquestionable honesty, a high toned Christian gentleman, making friends as he made acquaintances. To his aged and venerable father, who so keenly felt the loss of his son, and to all his kinspeople we extend our warmest sympathy. C.Y.K.

From the December 21, 1898 LaFayette Sun:  
**Clifford Barber**

On November the 8<sup>th</sup>, **Clifford Eugene**, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. **A. E. Barber**, of Marcoot, died and his soul went to the God who gave it. The little fellow had dwelt on earth about two and half years, and during that time he won all by his gentleness, innocence and purity. To his father and mother he was a precious jewel, but to God he was the setting for the Heavenly crown. There is hope in the heart to father and mother, for a blessed day is coming when they shall see the little one again. In God, you should trust, for he it is who can wipe all tears away and comfort the broken heart. If faithful the meeting will be joyful.

From an abstract of the records for Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church  
Died - Brother **Richmond Pearson** – July 7, 1900

From “Allie Abernathy’s Scrapbooks 1893 – 1923” (Undated)  
“Uncle **Richmond**” **Pearson** Dead.

Mr. **Richmond Pearson**, one of the oldest citizens of this county, died at the home of his son, Mr. **J. M. Pearson**, at Marcoot Monday evening. “Uncle **Richmond**”, as he was known, was a most highly esteemed citizen and was loved and honored for his many Christian virtues. His burial took place yesterday afternoon, the services conducted by Rev. **J. T. Satterwhite**. To the bereaved relatives and friends we extend sympathy.

From “Allie Abernathy’s Scrapbooks 1893 – 1923” (Undated)  
**Richmond Pearson**

The dear old Father in Israel, whose name head this memorial, was indeed a great and good man. He was one of the first settlers of Alabama, coming to this state when quite a young man and was one of the last of his generation to pass over the river of death. He was born in Monroe County, Ga., November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1813, and died the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1900, being at his death four score and seven years old (87). He was confined to his bed only a few days before his death. His remains were consigned to the silent grave on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 1900 at the church cemetery at Macedonia Church by the side of his companion, who died March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1896. Elder **J. T. Satterwhite**, his beloved pastor, conducting the burial services. He raised a large family of children, leaving two sons and

three daughters to mourn his death, together with all who knew him. Uncle **Richmond** and his wife joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sharan (sic) in Chambers County near Wickerville (now Denson) in the year 1840, where they lived a few years and then moved near Darien Church in Tallapoosa County, where he was ordained to the office of Deacon of Darien Church in the year 1851, then moved near Macedonia Church, Chambers County, in 1874, where his membership was when he died, living all this time a devoted member and Deacon, and never in all his life having any charge against him in church or state.

His life as a father, husband and neighbor was a model of Primitive manhood; thus a life long and useful, who can fill his place?

May God help us all and stimulate us to imitate his walk, and to discharge our Christian duties with the same patient life that he lived and may the memory of him be ever fresh to all our hearts.

Therefore be it resolved by Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church in conference assembled:

1. That by the death of Father **Pearson** our church loses an ancient landmark and shining light and whose life had fully matured and was indeed ready for the harvest.
2. To the dispensation of the Great I Am in this bereavement, we bow submissively to His will, feeling that he had filled his mission on earth and to die as he had lived, was but the beginning of his eternal bliss and happiness.
3. To his devoted sons and daughters who survive him and all relatives, we tender our sympathy in this bereavement, and for consolation point them to his unblemished life he has lived, cheering thought of his happiness on high, where there is room for all who do God's will.
4. That a page be preserved in our church book sacred to his memory and that our clerk make suitable inscription thereon.
5. That this memorial and resolutions be placed upon the minutes of our church book and a copy be sent to the gospel Messenger and one to the LaFayette Sun for publication. **G. W. Gammell, W. C. Lowe, Sr., R. C. Germany**  
(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**Richard Pearson**, Nov. 5, 1813 – July 16, 1900". He is buried next to his wife. gb)

From an abstract of the records for Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church

Sister **Janie Pearson**, wife of Brother **J. M. Pearson** – July 28, 1900

From "Allie Abernathy's Scrapbooks 1893 – 1923" (Undated)

Death of Mrs. **J. M. Pearson**

At the home of her husband, **J. M. Pearson**, near Marcoot, last Saturday morning, there passed from earth to Heaven the spirit of Mrs. **Janie Tucker Pearson**. This elect lady had been a sufferer for some months, but so early a demise was not expected by her family and friends. During her suffering she was ministered to by loved ones and skilled physicians. Her going away leaves a vacant spot in the home that is hard to fill. Mrs. **Pearson** was the third child of Mr. **Jeff Tucker** and Mrs. **Elizabeth Tucker**. She left a broken hearted husband and five children to mourn her departure. To these and all other relatives we offer earnest sympathy. The last sad rites were performed at Macedonia last

Saturday afternoon, Rev. **J. T. Satterwhite**, her pastor, delivering an impressive sermon. An immense concourse of friends and relatives were present to pay a sad farewell to the departed.

(Note: Per "Surveys of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**Mary Jane Pearson**, Wife of **J. M. Pearson**, Aug. 9, 1855 – July 28, 1900". She is buried next to her husband.)

From the November 27, 1901 LaFayette Sun.

Mr. **Dave McCarley**, of one Chambers' best citizens, died at his home above town Saturday last. The burial took place Sunday morning. Rev. **W. T. Hollingsworth** preached the funeral sermon and laid the body away to await the great final judgment. A more extended notice will appear next week.

(Note from cemetery book: **D. D. McCarley** Oct. 26, 1830 – Nov. 23, 1901)

From another part of the November 27, 1901 LaFayette Sun.

Marcoot. - "Uncle" **Dave McCarley**, an aged gentleman, died at his home Saturday and his remains interred in Sweet Home cemetery. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

From the February 4, 1903 LaFayette Sun:

Death of a little Babe.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1902, as the golden sun was beginning to paint the eastern sky, the death angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W. L. Harmon**, and wafted the spirit of their little babe to its heavenly home. It stayed only a few weeks on this earth, and the divine power saw best to transfer this dear little flower from earth to heaven. Remember Jesus said, "Forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Time alone can heal the broken hearts.

This little jewel is now basked in the sunshine of the golden shore and will never know the stormy paths of life and the little feet will never be bruised and torn by the rugged pathway of this earth and is secure within the golden gate.

This little treasure was untouched by the faintest shadow of sun. Only remember bereaved ones, that the broken ties may be reunited in the after while.

**Susie L. Harmon**, Marcoot, Ala.

(Note: Per Don Clark, this child is buried in the Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. gb)

From the March 11, 1903 LaFayette Sun:

Marcoot - We note with regret the death of Mrs. **Mollie Maley**'s little babe. We extend our sympathy.

Hootalocco - The little daughter of Mrs. **R. C. Maley** and was buried Wednesday. She was only five months old, but brightened the little home, that now is so dark. A tender bud transplanted in the great Beyond. "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." We deeply sympathize with this dear mother, for just a few short weeks ago she was bereft of a dear companion. But may she look to Him for guidance and comfort who says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

(Note: See the obit for **Reuben Cumbee Maley** who died Feb. 6, 1903 and was buried in the old Rock Springs Cemetery, where the baby's mother was buried in 1947. The child may also be buried in the old Rock Springs Cemetery.)

From an abstract of the records for Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church  
Died – Sister **M. E. Jarrell**, wife of Brother **G. W. Jarrell**, April 20, 1903  
From the April 29, 1903 LaFayette Sun:

Marcoot. - The angel of death has darkened another home in our vicinity by removing the spirit of Mrs. **G. W. Jarrell** to its final reward. She was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Macedonia, and we have all reasons to believe her spirit is now anchored on the “ever-shining shore.” When her summons came, she was like one who had lain down to pleasant dreams. To the grief stricken ones who are bowed down in deepest sorrow, look to the Lord for mercy for strength to bear your grief. (Per “Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama” there is a tombstone for her that reads: “Malissa Sutton Jarrell, Wife of George W. Jarrell, June 2, 1838 – April 20, 1903”. gb)

From the July 29, 1903 LaFayette Sun:

Chiggersville - Miss **Mattie Heath**, an aged and highly respected lady of Marcoot, died on last Sunday after an illness of several weeks. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Macedonia on Monday following her death. We join with the community in sympathizing with the bereaved family. (Based on this information she died July 26, 1903.)

From another part of the July 29, 1903 LaFayette Sun:

Hootalocco - Miss **Mat Heath** an aged and highly respected woman, died at her home near Marcoot last Sunday and was buried at Macedonia on Monday. She had been in feeble health for some time, and her death was not unexpected. Peace to her ashes.

From the October 14, 1903 LaFayette Sun:

Mrs. **Carrie Lashley**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Lashley**, died at her father’s home near Marcoot last Monday and was buried at Macedonia on Tuesday. The bereaved have our sincere sympathy.

From the January 20, 1904 LaFayette Sun

Marcoot.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, the death angel visited the home of Mr. **Eb. Davis** and carried his spirit home to eternity. He had suffered only a few days. He was a faithful member of Rock Spring church. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his sad departure. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. **W. C. Bledsoe**.

(Note: Per “Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County Alabama” there is a tombstone in the Rock Springs Cemetery that reads: “William E. Davis, Mar. 22, 1835 – Jan. 10, 1904”. gb)

From February 10, 1904 LaFayette Sun:

Death at Five Points – It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. **Louis Trammell**, of Five Points, which occurred Monday night. Mrs. **Trammell** was formerly Mrs. **Odessa Jarrell**, of Marcoot, and had been married only about a year. She leaves an infant only a few weeks old. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and relatives.

From the August 10, 1904 LaFayette Sun

Chiggerville - The infant of Mr. and Mrs. **William Childress**, near Marcoot, was buried at Macedonia last Sunday. We offer sympathy.

From the January 16, 1907 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Marcoot - Again the Angel of Death has visited our community and claimed for its victim, Mrs. **Mollie DeLoach**. She was a good Christian lady loved by all. She leaves two daughters, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

From the January 8, 1908 issue of The LaFayette Sun

A Good Man Gone

Mr. **Prate Sims** died at his home on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1907, aged 80 years and 6 months. He was one of the most prominent citizens in his community. His death is deeply deplored by a large circle of friends and relatives. He leaves a wife and 9 children, Mr. **Thomas Sims**, of Marcoot, Messrs. **Joe Sims, Henry Sims, Lewis Sims, Bill Sims, Buddie Sims**, Mrs. **Price** and Mrs. **Walden**, and other friends to mourn his departure.

He was a man of noble purposes, always ready to build up his community, but he has gone to never return. God in His great Wisdom called him home, where there is no sorrow, no parting, but everlasting life with God and His angels.

There is an end to all toiling some sweet day.

**Ada Sims**

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**J. P. Sims**, Father, June 24, 1827 – December 24, 1907. The newspaper clearly shows his death as being on December 14<sup>th</sup>. gb)

From an abstract of the records for Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church

Died: Brother **G. W. Gammill** – August 24, 1908.

From the September 2, 1908 issue of the LaFayette Sun

After an illness of a few weeks, Mr. **George Gammell** died on the night of August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **John Blanton**. During his late years he had been in very feeble health. His death was caused from a complication of diseases coupled with his old age. He was a devoted member of the Macedonia Primitive Church and until his failing health always taken active part in church work. Once upon a time, he was one of Chambers County's most progressive farmers and was a public spirited, enterprising citizen and ranked among our first-class school teachers. Mr. **Gammell** and family moved to Birmingham and he and his companion were back here on a visit to the old homestead, and his death occurred while here. Rev. **J. T. Satterwhite**, Rev. **Morgan** conducted the funeral services in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. His remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery.

From the September 16, 1908 issue of The LaFayette Sun

A Tribute of Love

In loving remembrance of our dear Uncle, Mr. **G. W. Gammill**, who passed away on the night of Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

His home was in Birmingham, but spent his last days at his old home near Dudleyville.

He was 76 years old and had been in feeble health for many months.

He joined Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church when but 16 years old, and has lived a Christian life ever since. He loved his church and attended services regularly until his health failed him.

Uncle **George** was loved by all who knew him, and was always willing to help those in need. He had kind words and loving smiles for all whom he met and was both a kind father and loving husband.

Having been married twice, his last wife being Miss **Annie Alford**, they lived happily together until death separated them. He reared a family of 13 children, 11 of them living and two had gone on before him on that bright shore.

He bore all his sickness and trouble with much Christian fortitude. We could not realize how much we would miss his cheerful presence before death claimed him as its own.

He found the battles of life bravely and finished his course, and has gone to reap his rich reward.

His remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery, the funeral services were conducted by Revs. **J. T. Satterwhite** and **W. P. Morgan**.

Weep not dear loved ones for him who has gone on before to dwell in peace and happiness forever more.

He has only gone to rest,

To sleep in Jesus forever blest.

He has left a vacancy in our home and has filled one above.

Written by his niece, **Annie D. Jackson**, Marcoot, Ala.

From the September 9, 1908 issue of the LaFayette Sun

In Memoriam

In memory of our dear father and grandfather, Mr. **B. J. Adair**, who was born in 1833 and died at his home, near Tallassee, Ala., Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1908; aged 75 years. He had formerly lived in Chambers County, near Marcoot, and is well known there.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Macedonia and had lived a Christian life through his many long useful years.

He leaves a wife and six children, Mr. **Jim Adair**, of Dudleyville, Mrs. **J. D. Sessions** of Milltown, Mrs. **Elijah Lindsey**, of Kenwood, La., Mr. **J. B. Adair**, Miss **Lula Adair** and Mrs. **W. C. Cotton**, of Tallassee, and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The remains were laid to rest in Chanie Creek Cemetery, Sunday morning.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.” – Rev. 14:13.

His place on earth is vacant, but heaven has one more, and we hope to meet our loved one on that bright and peaceful heavenly shore.

His gentle, loving voice is still, his kind deeds no more will be, for we believe he's with his Savior, there to spend eternity.

Dear loved ones do not weep for him, but be what God would have you to be, and you, too, some day will be permitted to spend with him eternity.

His Grandson

From an abstract of the records for Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church

Died - Brother **B. J. Adair** – August 1908.

From the October 29, 1908 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of little **Diamond Boyd**. She was born Nov. 25, 1904. Her gift of humor and sweet, cheerful disposition helped to make a happy home.

On the evening of Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, at her home, **Diamond**'s spirit was wafted to its resting place by Him whom we believe too gracious to be unkind. Her sweet smiles are yet remembered by her father, mother, brothers and sisters, which cause them to be saddened by the thought of not having them with us any more, yet we rejoice to know that her sufferings, which were many, are ended, and that she has gone to her loving home of happiness. We bow in humble submission to the Lord's will and rest assured that our loss is **Diamond**'s eternal gain.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.

God is His wisdom has recalled  
The boon His love has given;  
And though the body slumbers here,  
Her soul is safe in Heaven.

M.E.B.

From another part of the October 29, 1908 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Wood Shop - The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Will Boyd**, on Sunday afternoon the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, and took the spirit of their little daughter, **Diamond**, to her heavenly home. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Antioch Church. Rev. Mr. **Stewart**, of your city, spoke comforting words to the sorrowing relatives and friends. May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones and help them to live, so as to meet their dear one in heaven.

From the November 11, 1908 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memory

Lines dedicated to the memory of little **Diamond Boyd**, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Will Boyd**, who died Oct. 1908, at her home near Marcoot, Ala.

She was laid to rest in the Antioch Cemetery on the day following her death, Rev. **E. M. Stewart** conducting the funeral services.

Little **Diamond** had suffered only a week, when God called her to a better world, and now

No earthly piercing crown of thorns  
Will ever pierce her little brow,  
No starless night, no sunless morn

Will ever greet her now.

For ere the touch of sin could blight  
Or sorrow's shadows cloud her way.  
God kindly took her from earth's night  
To Heaven's eternal day.

We know that the pearly gates of Heaven  
For her had swung ajar;  
That she had heard the angel strains  
From that beautiful land afar.

Little earth bud blooms in Heaven,  
Little blue eyes weep no more,  
Little feet have crossed the river,  
And wander with Jesus on the golden shore.

May God bless and comfort the stricken family. C. S.

From the January 13, 1909 LaFayette Sun

Marcoot - Mrs. **Irvin** was buried at Macedonia last week. Elder **W. B. Morgan** conducting the funeral.

From the January 13, 1909 LaFayette Sun

Marcoot - Mrs. **Mary Parker**, a highly esteemed lady of near Buffalo, and one of the oldest members of Macedonia Church was buried here Sunday, funeral conducted by her pastor, Elder **Satterwhite**.

From another place in the January 13, 1909 LaFayette Sun

"At the Peak" - Mrs. **Parker**, who has been living near Buffalo for some time, died last Saturday morning after a serious illness of several weeks. She has been in feeble health for a number of years and bore her sufferings with genuine Christian fortitude. She leaves two children, Mr. **John Parker** and Mrs. **Doc Coggins** to mourn her sad departure. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Macedonia, of which church she had been a consistent member for many years. Elder **Satterwhite** conducting the funeral services in an impressive and spiritual manner. We extend sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

From another place in the January 13, 1909 LaFayette Sun

Sandy Ridge - Last Saturday morning the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Doc Coggins** and took from them their beloved mother, Mrs. **Mary Parker**. She leaves two children and several grandchildren to mourn her departure. Her remains were laid to rest in Macedonia cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. **J. T. Satterwhite**.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries of Chambers County Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: Mrs. **Mary E. Parker**, May 29, 1841 – Jan. 9, 1909.)

From the March 3, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Wise - In memory of little **Leila Will Hill**, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. **Norman Hill**, of Marcoot. This precious little jewel was only here to brighten their home six weeks. Dear **Norman** and **Jessie**, grieve not for little **Leila Will**, she has only gone on to open the way to eternal bliss for you. Look to God who never errs and He will give you comfort. May you live each day to meet your little darling, who is safe at rest with Jesus.

From the May 19, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Marcoot Community Loses a Good Woman

Mrs. **Bartlett**, a highly respected lady of Marcoot, in Beat 4, departed this life last Wednesday and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Macedonia on Thursday following her death. Elder **Morgan** conducting the funeral services. She was 79 years old and had been a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 59 years. She is survived by three children, Mrs. **John L. Davis**, Mr. **Thomas Bartlett** and Mrs. **Clay Daughtrey**. Her many friends join us in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

From another part of the May 19, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Mrs. **Sene Bartlett**, one of our oldest settlers died Wednesday at 12 o'clock and was buried at Macedonia church Thursday. She had been a consistent member of Macedonia Church for nearly 60 years. Funeral services were conducted by Elder **W. B. Morgan**.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**L. M. Bartlette**, April 20, 1830 – May 11, 1909 (sic)." gb)

From the July 28, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Marcoot - Mrs. **Bill Bailey** was buried Wednesday at Macedonia. Funeral services were conducted by Elder **Morgan**.

From the August 4, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Mrs. **Lela Bailey**

The angel of death has again visited our community, and hearts are plunged into sadness and gloom.

About 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 20, the spirit of Mrs. **Lela Bailey** winged its flight into the great Beyond, a resting place in which she has found peace to her soul.

Mrs. **Bailey** was about 28 years of age. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Ameus (sic, Emmaus?) and has been a consistent member ever since.

She lived a quiet Christian life, being a woman of kind disposition; was much respected by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, 5 children, her father, mother, two brothers and six sisters. We commend the bereaved ones to God's care and protection, for He doeth all things well.

The burial services were held on the day following her death, being conducted by Rev. **W. B. Morgan**, and the interment made in the Macedonia cemetery.

A loved one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled. – Her Niece, I.

From the August 25, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Marcoot - The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. **Al Bailey** was buried at Macedonia Thursday.

From the November 24, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Death of Mr. **Carter**.

Mr. **G. W. Carter** died at his home near Marcoot Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The deceased was a prominent farmer at this section, and his death robs the county of a good citizen. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Marcoot yesterday.

From the December 8, 1909 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memory.

On Monday the 22 of November that grim reaper "death" came and claimed as its victim **Geo. W. Carter**. He was born Nov. 22, 1846, and died Nov. 22, 1909, age 63 years. He served his country in the war of the 60's, a faithful soldier.

He was married November 21, 1867 to Miss **Elizabeth Foster** and to them were born three children, two sons and one daughter, the daughter having died several years ago. His wife died in April 1907. He is survived by five sisters and one brother and a host of other relatives.

To know Brother **Carter** was to love him and his friends were numbered by the scores. He was an honest, upright, and a truthful Christian man in every sense of the word.

He moved from Tallapoosa to Chambers County in 1888. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Bethlehem, Tallapoosa County in July 1890, and shortly afterwards moved his membership to Macedonia Church, Chambers County, where he remained a faithful and worthy member until his death. He was a great lover of sacred vocal music, having taught several singing schools, and served his church as chorister for many years. The church will miss him. He has ended a most useful life and will be sadly missed by all, but while his work on earth is ended and he is at rest, his works do follow him. But his reward is now rest forevermore, amid the stream of everlasting peace, joy and happiness of the majesty on high. He was buried by the side of his wife in Macedonia Cemetery, the writer trying to speak some words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved loved ones.

May God in his mercy bless and comfort the bereaved and give us all zeal to trust Him more while we live and after death carry us home to Heaven.

**W. B. Morgan**, LaFayette, Ala., R. 6

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**G. W. Carter**, Nov. 22, 1846 – Nov. 22, 1909")

From the August 10, 1910 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Death of Mrs. **W. W. Still**

Mrs. **Annie Still**, the wife of Mr. **W. W. Still**, was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1840. When sixteen years of age, she joined the Mt. Sion (sic) Baptist Church, afterwards uniting with the Rock Springs Church, of which she was a member for fifty years. She was married to Mr. **Still**, May 6, 1860. She died on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1910, and was buried on the day following at the Rock Springs Cemetery. A large congregation of

relatives of friends met to pay their respect to her memory. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. **W. C. Bledsoe**, assisted by Rev. **E. M. Stewart**. Mrs. **Still** was greatly beloved by her neighbors and friends. A woman of fine Christian character, a devoted wife and mother, the kindest of neighbors, she will be greatly missed. She leaves the bereaved husband and six children to mourn her irreparable loss. She has entered into the blessed rest of Heaven, leaving to husband and children the priceless heritage of a life of faith and trust in Him to whom she has given her love over a half century. May the God of all comfort minister to the bereaved in this time of great sorrow. – Old Pastor.

Also from the August 10, 1910 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Sikes - Mrs. **Will Still**, of near Marcoot, died last Thursday. she had gone to attend the barbecue and died very suddenly. Her remains were interred at Rock Spring Cemetery. Mrs. **Still** was about 60 years old and leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her sad departure. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all.

From the September 14, 1910 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memory.

In memory of my grandmother, Mrs. **Annie Still**. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1910, an angel came and took away our loving grandmother. She was kind and good, and oh, how we miss her. It is sad to all of us but we have to bear it. Her body was laid to rest in Rock Spring Cemetery. She will no longer be here with us. She was a great pleasure to us, and we all hope to meet her in the beautiful city of Heaven. – **Roy Stewart**

From the October 5, 1910 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memory of Mrs. **W. W. Still**

The spirit of my dear mother was quietly borne to its resting place August 4, 1910. Her body was interred in Rock Spring Cemetery the day following. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. **W. C. Bledsoe**, assisted by Rev. **E. M. Stewart**, from the text, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Tis hard to be submissive to the death of one we loved so much, but we know the good Lord knows best and suits such blessings unto us as seemeth good in His sight. As we looked on her sweet face, we were reminded how her kind hands had labored for the comfort and pleasure of those most dear to her. Never was there a more faithful companion, loving mother or kind neighbor. She found pleasure in administering to the poor and needy. Hers was a sunny life. She had such a cheerful disposition, that a feeling of inspiration was experienced by most every one with whom she med. Mother’s pleasant greetings are so much missed by father, children, neighbors and friends. As mother had heart trouble for several years, she has intimated to us at different times, that she was liable to die suddenly and with heart failure. We were of the same impression, still it was a great shock to us. Just to think we will never more see her sweet face or hear her sweet voice in this life. But “His way is not our way”.

We are bereft of such a great treasure, one who was always ready to give us counsel, which was for our good, one in whom we could always confide and one whose presence made the atmosphere of the home so much enjoyed by father and children. And now to visit the home and see the many things that were arranged by her precious hands, what a feeling of sadness comes to our hearts. Then we are made more and more to sympathize with our grief stricken father and praise the Lord for the hope of meeting with mother in that bright home where there comes no darkness and where there will be no more parting of father, mother and children. – Mrs. **Mottie Stewart**.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Rock Springs Cemetery that reads: "**Annie Still**, Jan. 3, 1940 – Aug. 4, 1910." She is buried next to her husband and other family. gb)

May 10, 1911 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Marcot - We were very much grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. **Rena Wilkerson**. We extend to the bereaved ones our most heart felt sympathy.

From the May 17, 1911 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Dudleyville - Mrs. **Rena Wilkerson**, wife of Mr. **Billie Wilkerson**, died at her home near our town, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She had been sick for quite awhile and hopes were entertained for her recovery, but her case proved incurable. She was a good woman; but God who gave her the power to live a Christian life here, also gave her grace to meet the life to come. We feel assured her sleep in death is sweet. Blessed are they who keep his commandments, that they may have a right to the Tree of Life, and enter in through the gates into the City of God.

From the June 7, 1911 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memory.

Death's resistless hand has again visited our sphere and claimed as its victim, Mrs. **Lerena Wilkerson**. Sister **Wilkerson** was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **L. M. Roberts**; was born May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1871, died May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1911. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church, when a young lady and remained a devoted and faithful member until death. She was very much concerned about the church's welfare and loved the privileges of the church. To say that she was a good woman only mildly expressed it, for all who knew her were her friends, and to know her was to love her. While a noble life was lived and the good works here on earth ended, yet they will follow her. She was a devoted wife, affectionate mother and obliging neighbor. She leaves a husband and seven children, father, mother, four brothers and four sisters and a host of friends to mourn. She was buried at Macedonia, where the writer tried to speak a tribute of respect to her and condolence to the bereaved. A large concourse of people followed her to her last resting place. May God's mercies rest on the heart-broken husband and children, to give comfort and reconciliation, and may He comfort all the bereaved, and cause them to look upon Him who can make whole, and finally carry all His suffering saints home to Heaven, where no sickness, sorrow, suffering nor deaths ever come.

Her old pastor, **W. B. Morgan**.

June 21, 1911 issue of The LaFayette Sun

In Memoriam.

Mrs. **Rena Robert Wilkerson** has gone to live with God. What a blessed thought. The tired frame no longer suffers, but is free from all earthly cares and quietly rests. The sweet spirit (as we believe) is basking in the sunlight of God's presence.

This dear friend and schoolmate of our childhood dates, how well we remember her quiet, gentle ways, so kind and ready to make any sacrifice for the pleasure of others. How e loved her, but we feel sad to think that we never told her how dear she was to us.

We deeply mourn the loss of our Christian friend and sympathize with her loved ones in their sad bereavement.

By one who loved her.

**B. L.**, LaFayette, Ala.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**Serena Elizabeth Wilkerson**, daughter of **L. M. & Antionette Roberts**, May 6, 1871 – May 2, 1911."

October 25, 1911 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Marcoot - Sorry to hear of the death of the little babe of Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Edge**.

Also in the October 25, 1911 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Moorefield - Messrs. **John** and **Norman Hill** were called to Chiggerville yesterday morning on account of the serious illness of the little child of their sister, Mrs. **Joe Edge**.

Little **Mattie Lou Edge**, who was born July 1<sup>st</sup>, died Saturday night. Her little body was laid to rest in the Macedonia Cemetery late Sunday afternoon. Precious little one, god knew just when to pluck you from His footstool and transplant your spirit to His beautiful home above. The mother, who is still sick, may she be resigned to God's will. We will miss little **Mattie Lou**. O, those beautiful bright brown eyes will never look at us any more. We will cherish the memory of this little one and know that we can meet some day, if we will live right, in a better world than this.

October 30, 1912 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Death Claims **G. W. Hart**

Mr. **T. W. Hart**, a prominent citizen of this county, died suddenly last Friday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock, while plowing in a field within 100 yards of his home on LaFayette Route 6. He was alone at the time, but his little grandson went to the field a few minutes later and finding his grandfather lying on the ground, called other members of the family.

Mr. **Hart** was in his 67<sup>th</sup> year and had resided in this county since boyhood. He is survived by his wife and five children, **Kenny Hart**, of Columbus; Mrs. **Joe Orr**, of Buffalo, Route 2; Mrs. **J. W. Howell**, of Penton; Mrs. **W. W. Carter**, of LaFayette Route 6; and Miss **Jessie Hart**, of LaFayette Route 6; three brothers residing in Texas; one sister, Mrs. **Frank Farr**, of LaFayette Route 6.

The funeral services were held at Macedonia Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, conducted by Elders **J. T. Satterwhite** and **W. B. Morgan**.

From the January 15, 1913 issue of The LaFayette Sun

**G. W. Hart**

In loving memory of my dear friend and neighbor, Mr. **G. W. Hart**, who was born July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1845, and died at his home near Marcoot, Ala., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1912. He was married to Miss **Ophelia Key** Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1871. To this union were born two daughters, his wife dying Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1875, leaving him with two little motherless girls. On July 5<sup>th</sup> 1876 he was married to Miss **Mary Bonds**. To them were born three children, one boy and two girls. His faithful wife and all his children survive him. Mr. **Hart** had been in feeble health for more than a year, yet his death was a great shock and caused much sorrow to his neighbors and friends, as he died very suddenly, while in his field at work.

Words cannot do justice to this good man. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He lived a clean, beautiful life, and his home was indeed a happy one.

He never united with any church, but was a very strong Primitive Baptist in belief and we are sure had a good hope in Christ and we believe he is today sweetly resting with the Savior and free from the sinfulness of this sorrowful world.

He was kind to all, one of the best neighbors, an honest, up-right citizen, and one of the nicest men it was ever my privilege to know. The funeral services were conducted at Macedonia church by Elders **J. T. Satterwhite** and **W. B. Morgan**, using Hymn No. 602 in Lloyd's hymn book. "There is a land mine eye hath seen, etc.," his favorite song, after which his body was laid to rest in the church cemetery, amidst a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends. May the Lord comfort and bless his bereaved family is our prayer.

His devoted Friend, **S. A. Jarrell**.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County Alabama", there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**George W. Hart**, July 4, 1845 – Oct. 25, 1912, Co. F, 61 Alabama Infantry, C.S.A.". He is buried next to his wife and other members of the Hart family.)

From an abstract of records for Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church

Died - Brother **Augustus Clay Finley** – March 11, 1913

March 19, 1913 issue of The LaFayette Sun

At his home near Marcoot on last Tuesday morning at about 5:00 o'clock, occurred the death of **Augustus Clay Finley**. He was a Confederate veteran, having been a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Confederate Regiment of Wheeler's Calvary. He was born and raised in Chambers County and had raised a family of seven or eight children, all of whom are grown except two by his last wife. He was a member of Macedonia Church, and was buried there last Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Elders **Satterwhite** and **Morgan** conducting the services. Peace to his ashes.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery for "**Augustus Clay Finley**, Co. C, 6<sup>th</sup> Ala. Cav. C.S.A. (sic), no dates." gb)

From a transcript of the original notes of Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church

June 6, 1913 - Book 4 Church Register shows "**B. H. Brand**, deceased. Husband of **Orpha Brand**."

July 5, 1913 - "Also record the death of Brother **B. H. Brand**, who departed this life June 6, 1913."

June 11, 1913 LaFayette Sun

Stroud - Last Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. **B. H. Brand** died at the home of Mr. **T. A. Mobley**, near Marcoot, and the body was brought to Mt. **Pisgah** Saturday for interment. Elder **J. T. Satterwhite**, of your city, conducted the funeral services. Mr. **Brand** was well known in this community, having lived here several years.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "B. F. Brand (sic), Nov. 25, 1833 – June 6, 1913".)

January 7, 1914 LaFayette Sun:

Mrs. **Roberts**, who died at the home of her son, Mr. **Tom Morbley**'s (sic) near Marcoot, Dec. 24, was buried at Mt. **Pisgah** Thursday Dec. 25. Mrs. **Roberts** leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

June 10, 1914 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Death of **W. T. Harmon**

There died at his home near Marcoot on Monday of last week Mr. **W. T. Harmon**, who was about 78 years of age. He was a good citizen, and was well thought of. He was never married, always saying he was not able to take care of a wife. He was an old Confederate soldier, enlisting in the service in April 1862, Co. I, of the 37<sup>th</sup> Alabama infantry, under Capt. Talbott. He was in the siege of Vicksburg and was captured, and being paroled he returned to the service and was in the battle of Chickamauga and was continuously with the Confederate Army till the surrender. There was never a stain on his character as a soldier. It takes a good citizen to make a good soldier. He has many traits of character to be commended. He never united with any church. He was interred at Macedonia Church, Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 o'clock, after a few appropriate remarks by **S. A. Jarrell** and a prayer by **J. B. F. Lindsey**. His body was laid in the tomb to await the resurrection.

(Per "Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama" there is a tombstone in the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery that reads: "**William Thomas Harmon**, Oct. 12, 1836 – May 25, 1914.")

February 10, 1915 LaFayette Sun

Death of Mr. **Tom Boazman**

At his home at Marcoot on last Wednesday morning there passed from time into Eternity the spirit of Mr. **Tom Boazman**, one of Chamber's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens. The death of Mr. **Boazman** was not unexpected, as he had recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. The funeral was held at Shady Grove Church, in Lee County, on Thursday last, the services being conducted by Dr. **W. C. Bledsoe**, a large number of relatives and friends being present to pay last respects to the deceased. Mr. **Boazman** had been a citizen of this county for thirty years and he was honored and respected by all who knew him. Surviving him are his four sons, **Robert, Mark, Tom** and **Jim Boazman**, one daughter, Mrs. **Sallie Jones**, one sister, Mrs. **Peterson**, of North Carolina. The Sun extends sympathies to the bereaved.

March 17, 1915 issue of The LaFayette Sun

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, our esteemed friend and brother, **Thomas Bozeman**, has been called by the Supreme Grand Master from his earthly labors to the refreshments of the Grand Lodge above; and whereas, we desire to give expression to our sorrow at his loss, therefore be it resolved:

1. That we recognize in the departure of our brother from the activities of his life, the accomplishment of the will of God; that such will is holy and merciful, and to it we bow in humble and trustful submission.

2. That in the death of Brother **Bozeman** this Lodge has lost an earnest and loyal brother Mason, who prized the sacred tenets of our Order, and who endeavored in every walk of life to follow their teachings.

3. That we cover with the mantle of charity his faults, remembering that no one is perfect, and cherish his virtues and while we live striving to emulate them in our own deportment to one another and to the world around us.

4. That we tender to the bereaved family of our brother our deep sympathy, wishing for them the consolation that comes from the hope that he whom they loved has passed into the Eternal Rest of Heaven.

5. That we wear the usual badge of mourning in memory of the deceased and that a copy of these resolutions be spread in our minutes and the family of Brother **Bozeman** be furnished with a copy of the same.

6. That the LaFayette Sun be requested to publish these resolutions.

Read and adopted at the regular communication of Rock Spring Lodge, A.F. & A.M., on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1915.

**T. B. Sheppard**

**G. W. Taunton**

**J. M. Parmer**, Committee

March 17, 1915 issue of The LaFayette Sun

#### **David Thomas Bozeman**

The writer of these lines desires to pay a brief tribute to the memory of his old friend, **David Thomas Bozeman**. He was born Friday 20, 1839, and spent the most of his long life in Chambers County. He was an old Confederate veteran, having served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Alabama regiment. He was wounded on Sept. 17, 1862 at the battle of Sharpsburg, and disabled by the wound. He was put on light duty for the remaining period of the war. In 1865 he married Miss **Sallie Lewis**, and to the union there was given four sons and one daughter who survive him. He was a member of the Shady Grove Christian Church, and was buried there. **Tom Bozeman** was honest, kind-hearted and true to every obligation as friend, neighbor and citizen. He was careful in all his dealings with fellowmen to do no one the slightest wrong. He was a true Mason and was faithful to the high tenets of the order. Peace to his ashes! – B.

(On Find-A-Grave there is a photograph of his tombstone in the Shady Grove Cemetery in Opelika, Lee Co., AL that reads: "Pvt. David Thomas Boazman, Co. A, 14 Ala. Inf. CSA, 1839 – 1915")

July 7, 1915 issue of The LaFayette Sun

#### Death of **Elijah B. Clark**

Another one of the oldest citizens of Chambers has passed away. Mr. **Elijah B. Clark** died at the residence of Mr. **Jas. Still**, a son-in-law, at Marcoot, Ala., on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. His death came suddenly; he was found by Mr. **Still** that morning partially dressed lying across his bed, the end coming as he was dressing for the day. Mr. **Clark** would have been 77 years of age on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the coming November. He had spent almost all of his long life in Chambers County. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. **L. W. Stewart**, Goodwater, Ala.; **Jessie S. Clark**, Chambers County, **Thos. L. Clark**, Camp Hill, Ala., Mrs. **Jas. Still**, Marcoot, Ala., Mrs. **Wade Wyatt**, Camp Hill, Ala., **John D. Clark**, Camp Hill, Ala., and one brother, Mr. **J. W. Clark**, of the Antioch neighborhood, together with a large number of relatives and friends. For many years he was a member of Antioch Church and held the esteem and confidence of his brethren and

sister. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. **A. C. Yeargan**, the pastor, assisted by Dr. **W. C. Bledsoe**, who was for many years pastor of the deceased.