

# Averett College na

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 sloop of war "Wyoming" in the Pacific squadron and served there until the Civil War. Returning to Virginia he served in the Confederate Navy, rising to the rank of Captain. He was imprisoned at Johnson's Island during the war.

After the war, and after recovering his health, he went to Culpeper Court House where he joined his brother-in-law and sister, the Nathan Penicks, at the Culpeper Female Institute.

In August of 1872, Samuel was married to Janie Russell Miller, a Danville native. They had four children.

That same year the Averetts moved to Danville where he became associated with Roanoke Femal College. In 1887 he left to become president of Judson Institute (now Judson College) at Marion, Alabama.

After he left Danville for Judson he was referred to as "doctor," but in a sketch of his life published by Judson after his death, no mention is made of where he received the L.D. One assumes it was an honorary degree.

Samuel Wootton Averett died September 20, 1896, while still serving as president at Judson Institute. His wife lived in

According to the book, THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE UNION AND CONFEDERATE NAVIES IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION, Samuel Wootton Averett was master of the New Orleans naval station in 1861, 1862 and 1863.

He was also a lieutenant at Jackson station in April, May, June and September, 1862 and March, 1863.

McLean County, Illinois, after his death.

## A CAREER IN EDUCATION

In 1854 William J. Berryman established the Baptist Female Institute in his Patton Street home in Danville. The name was changed to Baptist Female Seminary in 1858, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Penick (Jane Elizabeth Averett) of Halifax County joined the school. It opened under the management of the Penicks on February 1, 1859.

Mr. Penick was the son of the Rev. William S. Penick, a Baptist minister and an "eminent patron of education." The school, which continued to operate from the Berryman home, had the support of the Baptist churches of Danville and Pittsylvania County. The Penicks taught classes in English, Latin, French and music.

The name was changed to Union Female College, with its new charter being granted December 22, 1859. The united support of the school by the Dan River, Roanoke and Concord Baptist Associations gave it its new name.

The Rev. William A. Tyree, a relative of Nathan Penick through marriage, was named first president. A native of Amherst County, he was graduated at Columbian College, Washington, in 1851 and came to Halifax as second pastor of Beth Car Baptist Church in 1853. He served as pastor from October 5 to August 8, 1860, when he took over at Union Female College. He returned to Beth Car on January 1, 1867, remaining until September 6, 1873.

Following the plans of Mr. Penick, and despite the unsettling conditions then existing, money was raised and

a new college building erected on a three acre lot on the corner of Patton and Ridge Streets. Completed in 1860, adjacent to the Berryman home, it was adequate for many years.

In 1859 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph James Averett left their posts at Halifax Academy to join the Penicks at Union College. Mr. Averett and Mr. Penick were professors, Mrs. Averett and Mrs. Penick instructors in music.

The Civil War brought the school to the brink of financial disaster, but it was able to survive, due mostly to the work of the Rev. Tyree. During the war the name "Union" became a liability, and the school's trustees petitioned the General Assembly to change it to Roanoke Femal College. This was done in 1864.

Rev. Tyree had resigned in 1863 to return to the ministry. His successor as principal, Isaac Lake, noted that the new name Roanoke "was chosen because of its geographic location (near the Roanoke River) rather than on account of its being under the special control of the Roanoke Baptist Association, and that its former name of Union was discarded partly because it was liable to be misapprehended to refer to the late political union."

(The name actually given in 1864 was Trustees of Ronaoke Femal College. This was shortened to Roanoke Female College in 1893 and to Roanoke College in 1904. In 1910 it became Roanoke Institute.)

After the Civil War the college was managed by co-principals, two or three at a time. One of these administrations, which took over in 1872, was composed of Professor A. Proot, J. J. Johnson and Samuel Wootton Averett. Mr. Averett had just returned from his position at Culpeper Female Institute.

In 1873 the college was leased to Samuel Wootton Averett and his brother John Taylor Averett, co-principals who divided the work between them. It proved to be a most successful arrangement, lasting 14 years.

"Mr. Jack" taught history, English and Latin and handled the school's finances. "Mr. Sam" taught mathematics, physics, chemistry and French. Two of John Taylor's daughter, Marth E. "MissPattie" Averett and Jane Wootton "Miss Janie" Averett, also taught. His son, William Penick Averett, was on the Board of Trustees from 1898 to 1910, and a third daughter, Sue Berkeley Averett, taught in the public schools.

John Taylor Averett had been appointed principal of the Danville public school in 1871 and promptly merged it with the private school he had operated in the old Danville Female Academy building since 1867. His well-known reputation as an educator and his success as principal did

# me honors children

much to establish confidence in the public school, and enrollment increased throughout his two-year tenure.

An 1877 report on education to the Dan River Baptist Association spoke highly of Roanoke College and the Averetts:

"...Of the eight excellent and worthy institutions for the education of young ladies ... we hope it will not seem invidious for us to commend as specially deserving and worthy the patronage of our Baptist parents having daughters to educate, the Roanoke Female College at Danville. Under the superior management of the Messrs. Averett--men of extensive learning, large experience and fervent piety--the college has been steadily gaining ground, and has now an enviable reputation, and is, we are assured, destined to do a great work for the cause of female education."

The Averetts also exercised considerable influence over the

cultural life of Danville, it is said. It was during their stay at the college, in 1885, that Frederick Delius, the English composer, taught music there.

The Averett partnership was broken in 1887 when Samuel Wootton Averett left Danville to become president of Judson Institute, a girl's school in Marion, Alabama. He served there until his death on September 20, 1896.

When his brother left, John Taylor Averett became the first to assume the title of president of Roanoke Female College. Although stricken with paralysis in November, 1889, he ran the college from his wheelchair until 1892, when his health finally forced his resignation.

Thus did the Averett family's active association with the school, an association stretching back to 1858, come to an end. Jane Gray Hagan, writing in her *STORY OF DANVILLE*, described them as "educators of marked ability who had a prominent part in making Danville an educational center."

The college was moved to a new site on West Main Street when a new main building was completed in 1911. Here it has continued to expend and is now a major four-year liberal arts college.

On December 18, 1916, president W. W. Rivers offered a resolution proposing a change in the college's name. It read in part:

"Whereas the name Averett is honored in the history of the school, and revered by numbers of old students throughout this country, and whereas the school is doing junior college work and

other schools of the same class call themselves colleges, I recommended that the name be changed to Averett College."

In April, 1917, the name was changed to Danville College for Young Women. The Alumnae Association passed a resolution

May 27 asking that it be changed to Averett College. Only then was the name at last changed to Averett, to honor the family who successfully guided its fortunes for so many years.

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# Recollections

An article in the October 5, 1959 issue of the "Danville Register" dealt with the recollections of alumnae of Averett College of its past history. One item is of interest here:

"Even as far back as Mrs. Joshua H. Flippen can remember, and at 88 she is Averett's oldest graduate and unfailing inspiration, some of the girls dared to talk to boys.

"'Why, I remember one time,' said Mrs. Flippen in a hushed tone after debating whether to repeat such a scandal, 'we were taken to a concert at the beautiful Majestic Theatre, and Capt. Jack Averett saw a girl talking to a boy. Capt. Jack walked over there and slapped him!'

"'Wouldn't that make a scarlet page in Louisa May Alcott?'"



**AVERETT COLLEGE**--The name across the portico of the administration building of the well-known Danville college says it all. After undergoing many name changes over a period of nearly 60 years, the college was

named in 1917 to honor the family which guided it successfully through its early decades. Portraits of two of the Averetts, James Taylor Averett and Samuel Wootton Averett, hang in the hall.

# Dr. Averett

WILLIAM B. AVERETT

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BROTHERS AND SISTERS

That Dr. Thomas Hamlett Averett was not an only child is certain, but how many brothers and sisters he may have had is not known. He most likely was the oldest son, perhaps the oldest child.

## ELIZABETH AVERETT

Elizabeth Averett was born in 1809, died on March 17, 1891, and is buried just outside the Averett square in the Halifax Town Cemetery. She was married June 28, 1855, to Elisha Betts of Snow Hill, her first marriage, his third. There were no children.

She is presumed to have lived in Halifax prior to her marriage, at Snow Hill from then to his death on October 5, 1872, and then to have moved back to Halifax. As a widow she was awarded a pension of \$8 per month for her husband's service in the War of 1812.

During the Civil War years Mrs. Betts was one of the active leaders of Beth Car Baptist Church. Her work was such that, when the present church was erected, she was one of four people honored with memorial windows.

For many years Mrs. Betts taught the infants class. A faithful church member until her death, it is said she never missed a service or prayer meeting when in Halifax. Hers was a familiar figure as she trudged to church, carrying her brass lantern.

The question has been raised as to whether or not Elisha and Elizabeth Betts may have been separated during their marriage. The basis for this is her active work in the church at Halifax, when her husband was similarly active at Black Walnut. Back in those days it was a good two hours' drive from Halifax to Snow Hill, quite a trip to make every Sunday and perhaps during the week as well. Also, even though she received a pension for his War of 1812 service, why wasn't she buried with him at Snow Hill, as are his first two wives?

There is no answer to this question of possible separation, and unless new information

Virtually nothing is known

about William B. Averett, including his dates of birth and death. He was married to Narcissa Faulkner, and had at least two children, Mattie W. Averett Hunt and Nannie Averett. They were named in the will of their aunt, Elizabeth Averett Betts.

## JOSEPH C. AVERETT

Joseph C. Averett was born c. 1806 and was married three times. His first wife was Margaret B. Carter, daughter of Nathaniel and Ann Stevens Carter; their marriage license was issued October 8, 1829. After her death he married Sarah A. Taylor (license issued February 12, 1868) of Pittsylvania County. He married thirdly Mary I. B. Young (license issued September 2, 1869) of Campbell County.

Joseph played the violin and taught his nephew, James Frank Carter, to play it when he was young. His third wife, Mary, was called "Aunt Mary" by his Carter nieces and nephews.

Joseph Averett was an active and valued member of the Baptist church, as evidenced by this memorial resolution passed by the Dan River Baptist Association at the time of his death in 1886:

"Very recently a veteran servant of God, for many years a true friend of this association, has fallen asleep. Joseph C. Averett, in his 80th year, died at his residence. For 40 or 50 years this wise, discreet, steadfast Christian and deacon, with undeviating devotion and fidelity to the cause of Christ, labored as Sunday School superintendent, and as a wise, prudent counsellor in the churches. One of the churches of this association had its origins in a bush Sunday School conducted by Bro. Averett. He loved his pastors and always gave them his cordial support. His consistent example, maintained so many years, was a standing proof of the Christian religion, and a shining example to allure men towards the path of righteousness. Mark the perfect man and behold the

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# John Taylor Averett

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and became a part of the 38th Virginia Regiment, commanded by the gallant colonel, E. C. Edmunds, and afterwards by Colonel Geo. K. Griggs, now of this city.

The subject of this sketch was made quartermaster of the regiment with the rank of captain, but he never remained in the quartermaster's bomb proof when a fight was on hand. He was known as one of the fighting quartermasters of Lee's army. When things went to rack at Petersburg, Captain Averett most naturally dropped into ranks and followed the lead of Lee to Appomattox.

When the war was over, he, like thousands of other grey jackets, returned to his home to commence the work of rehabilitating his own loved land, and where is the man who accomplished more in this line?

He was quickly called to resume charge of the Ringgold Academy and he managed it quite well until 1867 when in response to the call of many prominent citizens of Danville he came to this city to take charge of the Danville Male Academy. He continued in charge of this school until the inauguration of the public school system of Virginia in the early seventies, when he was elected principal of the public schools of Danville. To his efficiency as an organizer is due

much of the present proficiency of the public schools of Danville today.

In 1873 Captain Averett was elected with his brother, Captain Samuel W. Averett, co-principal of Roanoke Female College. For fourteen years the Messrs. Averett successfully conducted this school, and then Samuel W. Averett being called to another educational field, Captain John T. Averett was elected president of the college and filled the position with credit to himself and profit to the institution.

In November 1889 Captain Averett was suddenly stricken with paralysis while teaching his class in the college chapel and from that time until his death yesterday morning he had been an invalid.

In 1853 Captain Averett was united in marriage with Miss Louise Frances Penick of Halifax County. His wife died in 1872, and their children now living are Miss Pattie, Miss Sue B. and Miss Janie W. Averett, and Messrs. Thomas H., William P. and Edmund C. Averett, all of Danville.

Captain Averett had a penchant for newspaper work and wrote a great deal for religious papers. He was for many years a regular contributor to the Richmond Dispatch and many Danville citizens remember the enjoyment his letters over the

nom de plume of "Alpha" gave them. He was also correspondent for the Lynchburg News and Norfolk Virginian, and was for two years or more the editor of the Danville Tobacco Leaf, a paper that was at one time published in the interest of the Danville tobacco trade.

He was elected a member of the Danville city council in 1887 to fill the unexpired term of the late E. J. Prekner, and as chairman of the committee on sewerage he outlined and put into motion the work which resulted in Danville's magnificent sewerage system.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and served a full term as master of Roman Eagle Lodge of this city, and was for several years the district deputy grand master of this Masonic district. He was also a member of the board of trustees of Roman Eagle Lodge.

Thus it will be seen that Captain Averett was a busy man, ever ready to serve his country, his state, his town and his people, but after all the best work of his life and that which he took the most delight in was his work in the church.

He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and filled with great credit to himself and profitable to the church many important positions. As a Sunday School teacher he had

few equals and no superiors. As long as his health would permit he taught a large class of young men in the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, and was for many years a teacher in the Union Hill Mission School connected with that church. He was an able Bible scholar and taught the word earnestly and conscientiously. For many years he served the First Baptist Church as a deacon.

His work was not confined to his home church, but he was known as a worker in every Baptist church in Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties. For ten years he was the moderator of the Roanoke Baptist Association, and as the presiding officer of this influential church organization he left the imprint of his high Christian character on the pages of church history, an imprint that can never be erased.

It would be impossible to furnish in a newspaper sketch anything like a full history of the life and work of Captain Averett. He was a good man and true who served his generation with a faithfulness and zeal shown by few men. A more honorable, upright and faithful citizen of Danville and Virginia never had, and with it all he was ever modest and unassuming, always courteous, affable and amiable, a man who made friends everywhere and enemies he had none.

The funeral will take place from the First Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, and the body will be laid to rest with Masonic honors under the auspices of Roman Eagle Lodge.

As a mark of respect today's session of Roanoke Female College will be abandoned and the school will attend the funeral in a body.

# had sister, two brothers

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## Capt. John Taylor Averett's life, funeral detailed in 1898 obituary

(Note: The following obituary notice for John Taylor Averett was received too late to incorporate any of the information into the body of the article. Because it is important it is printed here in full.)

Danville Weekly Register  
February 24, 1898

The good man has passed to his eternal reward.

A brief sketch of Captain Averett's long and busy life. His work as an educator. His soldier life and his public services. A good man and true. He has left an imprint on the pages of Danville's history. The funeral today.

Professor John Taylor

Averett died at his home on Green Street at thirty-five minutes after six o'clock yesterday morning.

His hundreds of friends, who for so long have known his feeble condition, will not be surprised at this announcement, but it will be nonetheless a source of grief and cause for sorrow.

A great old man has passed away, a noble soldier who contended for the right in everything he laid down his sword, a brave man, a true soldier, a worthy citizen, a superb educator, an erect gentleman, an humble follower of the Supreme Master of all, after an eventful and useful life of seventy years, has gone to the reward that is laid up for the

just.

Captain Jack Averett, in all essential particulars, was one of the best products of our grand old ante-bellum civilization, but let the simple story of his life speak for itself.

John Taylor Averett was born at Halifax Courthouse, December 24th, 1827. His father was Dr. Thomas H. Averett, who, in his day, was a prominent citizen, representing the county several terms in the state legislature, and for two or more terms was a member of congress from what was known as the John Randolph district.

His education was commenced in the common schools of his native county and continued at the Male Academy at Halifax Courthouse. He then

went to Emory and Henry College, then one of the leading educational institutions of the state. He graduated with distinction from this institution in a class in which were men who afterwards filled important positions in the educational and civil affairs of the country. After leaving college, Captain Averett commenced the study of law and in the meantime was employed as private instructor in the family of Dr. A. M. Poindexter, a noted Baptist divine of the olden time. His health failing (which he always believed to be providential) he gave up the study of law and became permanently a teacher.

He was for a year or two the principal of a school at Whitesville in Halifax County.

and while occupied in this capacity he was called to take charge of the old Ringgold Military Academy, near Ringgold in this county.

The Ringgold Academy was a famous institution in its day, drawing its patronage from the best families of Halifax, Pittsylvania and Charlotte Counties in Virginia and Caswell, Rockingham and Person Counties in North Carolina.

While filling the position of principal of this institution the war broke out and Captain Averett was one of the first to offer his services to the Confederacy... (Illegible)

...company which was made up of Kentuck and Ringgold men (Continued on page 6D)

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY REGISTER:

Funeral of Professor Averett.

The funeral of Professor John T. Averett took place from the First Baptist Church Friday afternoon beginning at 3:30 o'clock. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends who came out to pay the last tribute of respect to this well known and useful citizen.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Thames, assisted by the Rev. C. F. James, D.D., and was simple and appropriate. Dr. Thames paid a faithful tribute to the worth and

## Home of Joseph James Averett

"Sedge Hill," located north of Halifax on highway 501, is still known to some older Halifax residents as the Averett place, even though members of the family have not lived there since the last century.

No one is certain when the house was built, or by whom. Dr. Thomas H. Averett purchased the land, including the house, in 1838. The 246½ acres, on Terrible Creek, were purchased from James Coles Bruce, executor of the estate of his father, James Bruce.

Dr. and Mrs. Averett are said

to have spent part of the time here and part at their home in Halifax. After his death in 1855 the court assigned Mrs. Averett 486 acres on Terrible Creek as her dower in his estate; Sedge Hill was included. She did not live there, however, choosing instead to make her home first in Halifax and then in Danville.

One of the Averett sons,

Joseph James, took up residence at Sedge Hill about 1870, having retired from education work in Danville. He lived here until his death, prior to 1897.

Mrs. Averett's date of death is not known, but after that time her sons Joseph James and Samuel Wootton Averett became the owners of the

Terrible Creekland. In 1892 they agreed to a division, in which Samuel got 107.27 acres of the Sedge Hill tract on the west side of the Houston-Lynchburg Road and Joseph 135.81 acres on the east side, including the Sedge Hill house.

On November 6, 1897, Rosa Celestea Averett, widow of  
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## John Taylor Averett lived at Whitesville

character of Professor Averett.

The casket was borne from the church by the following active pall-bearers: S. E. Adams, P. W. Ferrell, George K. Griggs, J. L. Tyack, L. B. Conway Sr., R. S. Phifer, Frank S. Woodson and H. L. Boatright, escorted by a large number of honorary pallbearers and flower bearers and Roman Eagle Lodge of Masons.

The body was laid to rest in Green Hill Cemetery with Masonic honors conducted by Worshipful Master C. S. Wheatley. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful.

Part of the home of John Taylor Averett is still standing on the side of county road 603 between Lennig and Whitesville, shaded by a huge sycamore tree.

The house and farm were given to Mr. Averett by the Rev. William Penick, his father-in-law, on August 5, 1852; he and Louisa Frances Penick were married September 5, 1852, and were living here as early as March, 1854.

When the Averetts moved from Whitesville to Pittsylvania

County is not certain, but is thought to have been about 1859.

The Averetts held the property until February 27, 1884, when they sold the house and 558 acres to Charles A. Noel of Halifax County for \$850.

On March 22, 1884, the Noels gave a deed of trust on the property to William R. Barksdale, trustee, to secure a \$500 debt he owed to John B. McCormick.

The Noels sold the property, then containing 255.57 acres, to R. Holt Easley on February 17,

1887. Mr. Easley in turn sold it to W. I. and John H. Johnson on June 9, 1888.

W. I. Johnson sold 89.55 acres of the tract to Richard Cabell Hill on January 7, 1893.

Mr. Hill and his wife, Sallie Birch, were living here as early as January 14, 1888, when their daughter, Annie Laurie Hill, was born here. She married Phillip Melvin Owen in 1910, and the house is presently owned by their daughter, Mrs. Maud O. Gwynn of Henderson, North Carolina.

# 'Sedge Hill'

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Joseph J. Averett, and Emma W. Averett, their daughter and only child, both then of Vance County, North Carolina, sold Sedge Hill, containing 135.81 acres, to John S. Llewellyn for \$425.

Mr. Llewellyn died prior to March, 1942, when his wife, Jeanette, died. Their children, A. C. Llewellyn, Betty Llewellyn Tate, R. L. Llewellyn, J. S. Llewellyn, Ruth Llewellyn Adams and Laura Llewellyn Coles, sold the property to Elbridge G. Coles (husband of Laura).

Elbridge G. and Laura L. Coles sold Sedge Hill to Robert Edward and Charlie H. Chambliss on November 13, 1942. It remains the property of the Chambliss family.

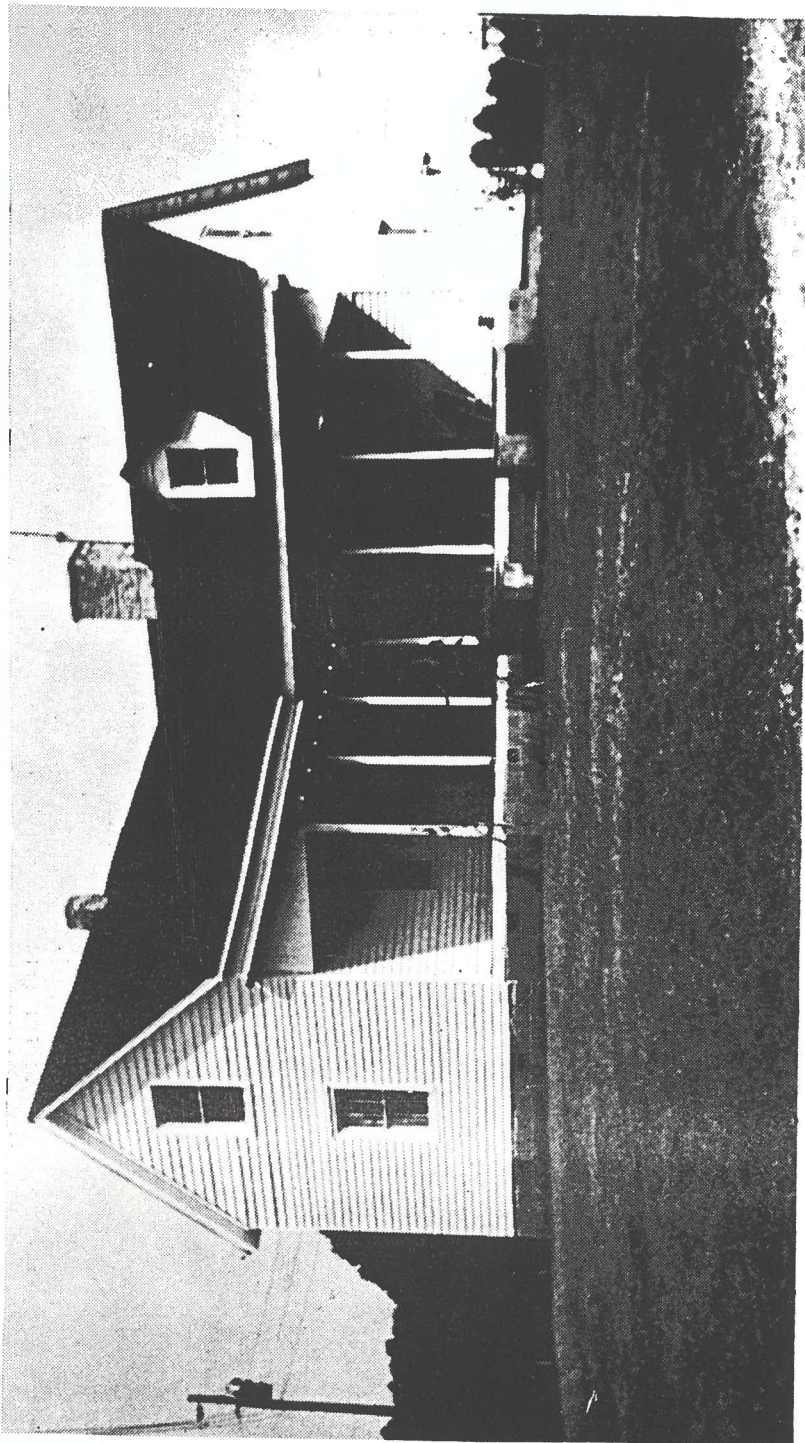
The land on which Sedge Hill stands can be traced back to September 20, 1759, when William Powell, of Halifax County, patented a tract on the north side of Banister River.

On May 15, 1777, he sold to John Pankey of Cumberland County, for 40 pounds, "all that Messuage plantation tenement tract," containing 150 acres on the north side of the Banister River and embracing "all houses, outhouses, edifices, buildings, yards, gardens, fences, orchards, trees, woods, underwoods, ways, waters and watercourses, profits, commodities, advantages, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever."

1778--John Pankey, then of Halifax, to Harris Carter, of Dinwiddie County, 180 pounds, 150 acres on Banister River.

1804--Harris Carter, of Sussex County, to Hardaway Chandler of Halifax County, \$600, 150 acres on Banister River.

1830--James Adkisson and Samuel Williams, trustees for Hardaway Chandler, to James Bruce, \$300, 120 acres "lying in the fork of Banister River and Terrible Creek." (Sold November 28, 1829, to settle debts owed to James Bruce, surviving partner of John Chappell and Company and James Easley and Company, by said Chandler.)



'Sedge Hill'

## DIVISION OF ESTATE

The court at its October, 1855, session named commissioners to go on the Averett property, with the assistance, if necessary, of a competent surveyor, and lay off 1-3 of same in value, to be assigned to Mrs. Averett as her dower. The remainder was to be divided into four shares equal in value, to be assigned to Joseph J. Averett, Samuel W. Averett, Dr. Edmund B. Averett and William W. Averett.

The 15 slaves were also to be divided, giving Mrs. Averett so many as to equal 1-3 in value. Those remaining were to be divided into six parts, taking into consideration the advancements made to several of the children as stipulated in the will.

Mrs. Averett was assigned 486 acres on Terrible Creek and Old Mill Road, while the four children received the following: Joseph J. Averett, 12½ acres on the corner of Courthouse and Mountain Roads, including Dr. Averett's mansion house; Dr.



**SISTER BETTS**—The grave of Mrs. Elizabeth Averett Betts, sister of Dr. Averett, is located just outside his family square in the Halifax

Town Cemetery. She was married to Elisha Betts of "Snow Hill."

Two lots of land, \$1400; 1 Negro, Jackson, \$1100; saddle, round pine table, silver watch, walnut bureau, 2 shot guns, 104 volumes medical books--\$60, 170 other volumes--\$60, old medicine, syringes, mortar and slab (porcelain), bay horse, 15 bushels of corn and a rocking chair.

Dr. Edmund Berkeley Averett's place of burial is not known.

JOHN TAYLOR AVERETT  
JOSEPH JAMES AVERETT  
JANE AVERETT PENICK  
SAMUEL WOOTTON  
AVERETT

These four children, born fourth, sixth, seventh and ninth, will be discussed separately, then as a group.

JOHN TAYLOR AVERETT was born December 24, 1827, and was educated at Emory and Henry College. He married Louisa Frances Penick of Halifax County, sister of his brother-in-law Nathan Penick, on September 5, 1852. They first made their home at Whitesville, in Halifax County, but by 1859 were living in Pittsylvania County.

John Taylor was an active Baptist, and during the 1850s was several times a delegate to meetings of the Dan River Baptist Association. He was the first lay moderator of the Roanoke (Pittsylvania) Baptist Association, serving 13 years in that capacity (1874-81, 1883-87).

According to the history of the Pittsylvania Baptist Association he helped the "good women of First Baptist Church of Danville, living in North Danville," get a Sunday School organized. This was functioning as an extension of First Baptist in 1877, and in 1887 was constituted as Moffett Memorial Baptist Church.

He served on the "Committee of 40" appointed to investigate and report on the Danville Riot of November 3, 1883, and was a member of Danville City Council from the first ward in 1885.

John Taylor Averett became a member of Danville's Roman Eagle Masonic Lodge No. 122 on September 19, 1869. He was junior warden in 1878, senior warden in 1879 and 1880, and master in 1881-83. In 1885 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Roman Eagle Lodge. On February 8, 1897, "Worshipful Brother John T. Averett" was elected an honorary

News (by ...)

... of the city have gone for- as never before. The saloon is ader of darkness and the church ristian civilization, and when up the other is down. The Y. A. work during the past year asier than ever before, and to- here are three times as many in the Bible classes than there last year.

Bennett complimented the po- lepartment for its effort to en- the law. He said there are prob- fewer persons in jail now than for ears, and business is rather dull e Police Court.

... speaker then gave the follow- statistics, taken from the records e city, the figures being for the year beginning February 1st:

	Number Disorderlies.	Number Drunks.
1908	1,138	633
1909	736	397

The total arrests for all charges reported as 4,162 in 1908, and in 1909.

The Auditor's books show the cost e city jail to have been \$5,021 in and \$4,015 in 1909.

The chain gang cost \$1,914 in 1908 \$1,611 in 1909.

The Police Court fines in 1908 were e to be \$7,225 in 1908 and \$4,.- n 1909.

The Commonwealth's Attorney was \$755 for 74 felony cases in 1908 \$525 for 45 cases in 1909.

The total revenues of the city for were shown to have been \$547,- and for 1909 \$574,370, an in- e of \$26,863 for 1909.

... ny one of these items is worth usand times more than all the all of the saloons ever did hburg, but listen to a comparison e police records for last year of city with those of our neighbor, oke," said the speaker, as he from a table the following fig-

	Roanoke.	Lynchb'g.
Disorderlies	1,271	519
Drunks	812	296
Total arrests	4,926	2,809
Fines	99	45
Police Co't fines	\$14,908	\$4,519

... H. Wranek, speaking on the e of the effect of local option in hburg on business, said he recall- at all sorts of dire pred- been made the

this evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. club room. Already quite a number of men have made applica- tion for membership in this organiza- tion.

The work will be prescribed by the physical directors, every two weeks, and will be such as can be taken at night in their rooms just before re- tiring. The work will be moderately hard, but at the same time, to some extent, recreative. The objects aimed at will not be big muscles, but efficiency. A man can not think and act energetically unless his nerves and muscles are in good working order.

Any member of the association is eligible to membership in this club.

**DEATH OF PEACHY G. AVERETT.**

Mr. Peachy G. Averett died sud- denly yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock at "Mountain View," in Am- herst county, after a short illness. Mr. Averett was born at Lynchburg in 1856, where he spent most of his life. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Nan- nie E. Averett and Mrs. Mattie Hunt, of this city; also by two brothers, Mr. Thomas H. Averett, of Lynchburg, and Mr. William B. Averett, of South Boston.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**15 HAD NARROW ESCAPE.**

Madison, N. C., February 14.—Fif- teen guests had narrow escapes ear- ly this morning when the Hotel Mad- ison, with all its contents, was de- stroyed by fire. The loss is \$15,000, with insurance of \$4,000.

**MME. MARCELLA SEMBRICH ACADEMY OF MUSIC FRIDAY, FEB'Y 18TH.**

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**OBITUARY.**

Died, on the 31st Inst. at Halifax Court House,  
After a protracted illness, Mr. JAMES H. AVERETT,  
agent of Lynchburg, aged 29 years and 8 months.  
(No obituary notice shall appear in our paper.)  
Died in the vicinity of Lynchburg, on the 30th

# Obituary.

## Thomas H. Averett.

Thomas Hamlett Averett, 86 years of age, died at 10:45 o'clock Tuesday night at his home, 2304 Memorial avenue, after a short illness of thirty minutes. Mr. Averett had been living in the city all his life. He was born November 18, 1840, the son of William B. and Mrs. Martha Elliott Averett. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Mr. Averett is survived by one sister, Mrs. M. W. Hunt, of Lynchburg.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon in the residence, 2304 Memorial avenue at 4:30 o'clock. Burial will be made in Presbyterian cemetery.

# ONERVILLE FOLK-

By Fountain Fox.

LAST WEEK ACCORDING TO AN EYEWITNESS THE VILLAGE HALFWIT REALLY DID "FLY" WITH HIS NEW AIRPLANE.



# Obituary

Mrs. M. W. Hunt, about 70 years of age, died Tuesday morning at Memorial Hospital after an illness of several months. She had made her home at 2304 Memorial avenue, and was a life-long resident of the city.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. D. M. Penick, Giles M. Penick and S. A. McKinney, of Lynchburg; Mrs. F. W. McKinney, Miss Jannie McKinney and Frankie McKinney, of Appomattox, and Mrs. Bernard Meredith of Richmond. Funeral services will be held from the residence this afternoon at 5 o'clock with interment at Presbyterian cemetery.

Mrs. Elvira Brooks Lee  
Mrs. Elvira Brooks Lee died Saturday afternoon, May 19, at the home of her daughter, Mrs W. H. Pillow, at Phenix. Funeral services were held from the Union Hill Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Gordon, pastor of Red House Baptist church. "How Firm a Foundation" and "Meet Me There" were sung. Burial was in the church burying ground.

Pallbearers were E. W. Mitchell, G. R. Mason, E. J. Pillow, R. W. Mitchell, Carl Wingfield, Earl Wingfield, W. H. Pillow, Jr., R. O. Elder, Jr., C. Carwile and Lawrence Marsh.

The flowers were carried by Mrs. Lee's grandchildren.

Mrs. Lee was 78 years of age. She is survived by one son and four daughters: John Walker Lee, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. W. H. Pillow, Phenix; Mrs. C. R. Carwile, Mrs. C. S. Wingfield and Mrs. H. Creasy all of Lynchburg. She is also survived by one brother, D. N. Brooks, of Gladys, and one sister, Mrs. Betty F. Ruse, of Washington.

Miss Mary Breazeale  
Miss Mary Breazeale, 80 years of age, died at the home of her nephew, E. H. Goodwin, 213 Charlotte street, at 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning after an

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# Getting Well And Keeping Well

(By Dr. W. A. Evans)

Questions pertinent to hygiene sanitation and prevention of diseases, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit, or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered subject to proper limitations, and where stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed, Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual disease. Requests for such service cannot be answered.

## Golter In Michigan

The prevalence of toxic golter in certain groups of young men examined for service in the world war caused Dr. R. M. Olin, health commissioner of Michigan to think he had a serious health problem on his hands.

This was followed by a golter survey of the school children of Grand Rapids, made by Dr. Stemmons, and by other golter surveys in different parts of the state all of which showed golter to be common in Michigan. This caused Dr. Olin to make golter surveys in four Michigan counties. The counties run from one in the southeast corner of the state in a northwesterly direction to one in the northwest corner.

The surveys showed the condition

me what errors come from.  
2. Is it contagious?  
3. Is it curable?  
4. How long does it take to cure?  
Reply

1. It is due to an infection with the streptococcus of rheumatism. Antimix helps to cause it.

2. No.

3. Yes. Many months or years.

## Election Officials Ask Council For Two Days Pay

(Special to The News)

Danville, June 12. — The judges and clerks of election have requested the city council to pay them for two days' work in Tuesday's election because of the length of time they remained at the polls. None of the election officials were enabled to leave until after fourteen hours of consecutive service.

## Germ-carrying Flies Destroyed by Dethol

### Scientific preparation kills these filthy pests by roomful

Once the common house-fly was considered only a nuisance. A pest to be "shooed" away or, if possible, killed without too much effort.

To-day, however, all this is changed. Doctors now are agreed that many diseases are spread by germs carried from place to place on the filthy feet of flies. Typhoid fever and other malignant ills frequently can be traced directly to the flies that crawl over your food or

### FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral services of the late W. A. Staples will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment Holy Cross cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nellie E. Averett will be conducted from the home, 2301 Memorial avenue, this Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment at Presbyterian cemetery. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

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Prepared by: Luetta Bedford Kirker 4845 Castle Rd LaCanada CA

FIRST GENERATION

1. William<sup>1</sup> Averett. Born, 4 Feb 1773. Died, Oct 1818.

He married<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth "Betsey" Hamlett<sup>2</sup>, daughter of James Hamlett and Mary Coleman Bedford, 19 Apr 1799, in Charlotte co, VA. Born, 1 Dec 1775, in Charlotte co, VA. Died, 3 Jun 1836. Children:

- 2 i. Thomas Hamlett<sup>2</sup> Averett Dr.
- ii. Mary Bedford "Polly" Averett<sup>2</sup>. Born, 3 Apr 1802. Died, 7 Jul 1828.
- iii. Martha Wilson Averett<sup>2</sup>. Born, 3 Dec 1803. She married<sup>3</sup> William Faulkner, 7 Jul 1828, in Halifax co, VA.
- iv. Joseph Coleman Averett<sup>2</sup>. Born, 12 Sep 1806. He married<sup>3</sup> Margaret B Carter, 8 Oct 1829, in Halifax co, VA.
- v. James Hamlett Averett<sup>2</sup>. Born, 18 Nov 1808. He married Mary K Carey, 13 Mar 1834.
- vi. Elizabeth Ann Averett<sup>2</sup>. Born, 14 Jan 1811. She married Elisha Betts Capt, 28 Jun 1855.
- vii. William Bedford Averett<sup>2</sup>. Born, 14 Mar 1813. He married Jane Elliott, 4 Oct 1837.
- 3 viii. Bedford Hamlett Averett.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Thomas Hamlett<sup>2</sup> **Averett** Dr (William, 1)<sup>2</sup>. Born, 10 Jul 1800. Died, 1855. *30 June \**  
Burial in Halifax co, VA.

He married<sup>3</sup> Martha Coleman **Wootton**, 6 Dec 1821, in Prince Edward co, VA.  
Born, 19 Sep 1803. Died, 12 Nov 1880. Burial in Danville, Pittsylvania co, VA.  
Children:

- 4 i. John Taylor<sup>3</sup> **Averett**.
- 5 ii. Samuel Wootton **Averett**.

3. Bedford Hamlett<sup>2</sup> **Averett** (William, 1)<sup>2</sup>. Born, 24 Oct 1815.

He married<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth R <Smith> **Weir** Mrs, 20 Dec 1836, in Pittsylvania  
co, VA. Children:

- i. James Hall<sup>3</sup> **Averett**. Died in his 21st year.
- ii. William Smith **Averett**. Died in his 23rd year.
- iii. Mary Bedford **Averett**. She married Thomas N **Cobbs**.

*\* See obituary  
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THIRD GENERATION

4. John Taylor<sup>3</sup> **Averett** (Thomas Hamlett Dr, 2)<sup>2</sup>. Born, 24 Feb 1827. Died, 16 Feb 1898. Lived in Danville, Pittsylvania co, VA. Burial in Danville, Pittsylvania co, VA. Occupation: Teacher.

He married Louise Frances **Penick**, daughter of William **Penick**, 22 Sep 1852. Born, 3 Nov 1833. Died, 1872. Children:

- i. Martha Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> **Averett**<sup>2</sup>. Born, 9 Nov 1853, in Halifax co, VA. Died, 20 Oct 1919.
- ii. Thomas Hamlett **Averett**. Born, 10 Aug 1855.
- iii. Susan Berkeley **Averett**. Born, 26 Jul 1857, in Danville, Pittsylvania co, VA.
- 6 iv. William Penick **Averett**.
- v. John Taylor **Averett** Jr. Born, 26 Aug 1861, in Halifax co, VA. Died, 1868, in Civil War. Burial in Danville, Pittsylvania co, VA.
- vi. Henry D Clayton **Averett**<sup>2</sup>. Born, 26 Aug 1861, in Halifax co, VA. Died in Civil War.
- 7 vii. Edmonds Clayton **Averett**.
- viii. Jane Wootton **Averett**. Born, 1 Aug 1871.

5. Samuel Wootton<sup>3</sup> **Averett** (Thomas Hamlett Dr, 2). Born, 1 Mar 1838, in Halifax co, VA. Died, 20 Sep 1896. Burial in Danville, Pittsylvania co, VA.

He married Janie Russell **Miller**, 1872. Born, 21 Jul 1848. Died, 17 Mar 1916. Children:

- 8 i. Katie Wootton<sup>4</sup> **Averett**.
- ii. Mary Judson **Averett**. Born, 27 Jul 1875.
- 9 iii. Elliott **Averett**.
- iv. Berkeley **Averett**. Born, 13 Dec 1877. Died, Jun 1878.

FOURTH GENERATION

6. William Penick<sup>4</sup> **Averett** (John Taylor, 4). Born, 26 Jun 1858, in Halifax co, VA.

He married Mary Ella **Wilson**, daughter of James Hubbard **Wilson** and Mary **Price** in Danville, VA. Born, 5 Dec 1862. Died, 1940. Children:

i. Berkeley<sup>5</sup> **Averett**.

7. Edmonds Clayton<sup>4</sup> **Averett** (John Taylor, 4). Born, 11 Jul 1864, in Halifax co, VA. Died, 16 Jun 1907.

He married Rose Figaro **Baker**, daughter of Pascal Todd **Baker** and Mary **Pryor**, 1 Aug 1900, in Carroll co, KY. Children:

- i. Lloyd Baker<sup>5</sup> **Averett**. Born, 2 Jul 1901, in Danville, VA. He married Margaret Wetherall **VanMeter**, daughter of Benjamin F **VanMeter** and Mary **Wetherall**, 29 Dec 1926.
- ii. James Pryor **Averett**. Born, 6 Dec 1904.
- iii. Louise **Averett**. Born, 7 Feb 1905. Died, 1913.

8. Katie Wootton<sup>4</sup> **Averett** (Samuel Wootton, 5). Born, 13 May 1873. Lived in Macomb, IL. Lived in NY.

She married D L **Arnold**. Children:

- i. Samuel Averett<sup>5</sup> **Arnold**.
- ii. Elizabeth **Arnold**.
- iii. Mary Judson **Arnold**.

9. Elliott<sup>4</sup> **Averett** (Samuel Wootton, 5). Born, 13 Dec 1877, in Danville, VA. Died, 26 Nov 1942, in Dixiedale Farm, Chatham, NJ.

He married Martha Mosby **Snead**, 22 Jul 1908, in Fluvanna co, VA. Children:

- 10 i. Martha Mosby<sup>5</sup> **Averett**.
- 11 ii. Janie Miller **Averett**.

FOURTH GENERATION

- iii. **Betty Snead Averett.** Born, 12 Mar 1915, in Chatham, NJ. She married **William Jaffray Holt Jr**, 31 Aug 1941, in Chatham, NJ.
- iv. **Elliott Averett Jr<sup>4</sup>.** Born, 6 Jan 1918, in Chatham, NJ. Died, Jan 1982.
- v. **Samuel Wootton Averett.** Born, 6 Jan 1926, in Chatham, NJ.

FIFTH GENERATION

10. Martha Mosby<sup>5</sup> **Averett** (Elliott, 9). Born, 3 Jan 1910, in New York, NY.  
Lived in Philadelphia, PA.

She married George Clinton **Denniston**, 14 Jan 1932, in Chatham, NJ.  
Children:

- i. George Clinton<sup>6</sup> **Denniston** Jr. Born, 10 Apr 1934.
- ii. Martha Mosby **Denniston**. Born, 24 Jul 1935.
- iii. Elliott Averett **Denniston**. Born, 8 Jun 1940.

11. Janie Miller<sup>5</sup> **Averett** (Elliott, 9). Born, 10 Apr 1912, in Chatham, NJ.  
Lived in Fair Haven, VT.

She married Sherman Vail **Allen**, 22 Oct 1939. Children:

- i. Sherman Vail<sup>6</sup> **Allen** Jr. Born, 11 Jan 1941.
- ii. Elliott Averett **Allen**. Born, 2 Apr 1943.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

<sup>1</sup>Hunting for Bears Marriage Collection, Automated, Archives, Copyright.

<sup>2</sup>Redmond Cole & Mary (Cross) Cole, Bedford Family Manuscript.

<sup>3</sup>Liahona Marriage Records, Automated, Archives, Copyright.

<sup>4</sup>Social Security Death Records, Automated, Archives, Copyright.



CAPTAIN AVERETT continued:

Funeral of Professor Averett  
(From Friday's Daily Register)

The funeral of Professor John T. Averett took place from the First Baptist Church Friday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends who came out to pay the last tribute of respect to this well known and useful citizen.

The service, conducted by the Rev. T.B.Thames, assisted by Rev. C.F.James, D.D., was simple and appropriate. Dr. Thames paid a faithful tribute to the worth and character of Professor Averett.

The casket was borne from the church by the following active pall-bearers: S.E.Adams, P.W.Ferrell, George A. Griggs, J.L.Tyack, L.B.Conway, Sr., R.S.Phifer, Frank S.Woodson and H.L.Boatwright, escorted by a large number of honorary pallbearers and flower bearers and Roman Eagle Lodge of Masons.

The body was laid to rest in Green Hill cemetery with Masonic honors, conducted by Worshipful Master C.S.Wheatley. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful.