

CHAS. T. BLAINE DIES MONDAY

Funeral Services For Well Known Business Man Held Tuesday

C. T. Blaine, Franklin's oldest merchant, died at his Harrison avenue home early Monday morning from a heart ailment that had been troubling him since January. He was 69.

Born in 1875, the son of William Joseph and Ester Daves Blaine, of Macon county, he spent practically all of his life here. He had been in active business in Franklin for 40 years. He received his early training in the employe of Green Trotter, starting in 1896. About three years were spent in Florida as a representative of the Old Carolina Provision company. In 1905 he was appointed rural mail carrier for route number 2; and served in that capacity for eight years and eight months. In 1917 he established the first 10 cent store west of Asheville. At the time of his death he was specializing in seeds and plants.

Mr. Blaine was a charter member of the Franklin Baptist church for 60 years and its third oldest member. He helped organize the Sunday school and served as the secretary for 25 years.

He was married to Minnie G. Ashe in 1903.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Stockton, of Franklin, and Mrs. J. H. Young, of Portland Ore.; a son, William, of Franklin; and a brother, Noah, of Sedro Wooley, Wash.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Franklin Baptist church with the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor, and the Rev. W. Jackson Hunnycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, assisting. His body lay in state at the church from 1 until 3, the

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