

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. CRAWFORD

Was Franklin's Oldest
Woman; Funeral
Held Sunday.

Mrs. Virginia Anise Crawford, the oldest woman in Franklin if not in Macon county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Smith, on Harrison avenue about noon last Saturday after an illness of three days.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor, officiating.

Among those who attended the funeral was "Uncle Johnny" Crawford, of Hayesville, a brother-in-law, who was 102 years old Christmas day. "Uncle Johnny" was the eldest of a family of 17 children and he is the only one still living. Despite the rather long trip for a man of his age, he appeared to be hale and hearty.

Coming with "Uncle Johnny" Crawford were two sons, Bob and Will Crawford, and Mr. and Mrs. Reid of Hayesville, the latter a granddaughter. Among other out-of-town relatives and friends at the funeral were Professor Wade H. Crawford and two sons, Weyman and Mims, of Wilson; Miss Virginia Smith, of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Florence Hampton, of Bryson City; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis and daughter, Beatie, of Sylva; and Mrs. Frank Gibb of Lake Junaluska.

Pallbearers were Theo S. Munday, Henry W. Cabe, George J. Johnston, Gilmer Crawford, Mims and Weyman Crawford, grandsons.

Mrs. Crawford, before her marriage, was Miss Virginia Butler, born in Granville county August 8, 1839. With her mother and a sister, Mrs. W. A. Curtis, she moved to this county when a child. She was married to Captain J. G. Crawford and they had eight children. Four of them survive, as follows: Henry Crawford, of Salem, Ore.; Prof. Wade H. Crawford, of Wilson; Mrs. Frank T. Smith, of Franklin; and Jim Crawford, of the state of Washington.

Mrs. Crawford joined the Methodist church in early life. She was a woman of fine Christian character and had scores of friends here and elsewhere.