

FALL FATAL TO AGED MINISTER

Rev. J. J. Edwards Killed
When Head Strikes
Rock In Yard

The Rev. J. J. Edwards, 70, minister of the Murphy Methodist circuit, died almost instantly in the yard of his home, seven miles south of Murphy, Thursday morning, December 9, at 8 o'clock when he slipped on ice and fell.

The minister, who was widely known, was on his way to the well for a bucket of water at the time. His skull was crushed when his head struck a rock as he fell.

Mr. Edwards went to Cherokee county from Franklin a month ago. He served the Franklin circuit for the past year. Born in Virginia, he resided in Haywood county the greater part of his life.

Surviving are his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Ivor Vance, of Plumtree, and Mrs. B. L. Hayes, of Franklin; one son, Tevis of Mars Hill, and two sisters, Mrs. T. P. Evans, of Wilmington, Va., and Mrs. Lloyd McGee, of Enoree, S. C.

The funeral services were held at Troutmans, in Iredell county, Friday afternoon, December 10, at 3 o'clock. The Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Waynesville Methodist district, officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Newell, of Morganton, the Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., of Statesville, and the Rev. J. W. Moore, of Marion.

Mr. Edwards made many friends here during his service as pastor of the Franklin circuit, and the news of his tragic death was a great shock to all those whom he had served so faithfully in this section and from whom he had so recently parted.

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