

# DEATH CLAIMS W. M. EDWARDS AT AGE OF 97.

Cherokee Native  
Dies February 10  
In Oak Dale Section

(Note: The delay in printing this notice is regretted. However, the information was not available from the funeral home in charge).

William Murray Edwards, 97, one of the oldest residents of this county, died February 10 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, in the Oak Dale section.

A retired farmer, Mr. Edwards has been in failing health for some time. He had lived in the Burningtown section for the past 60 years.

Funeral services were conducted the following Friday morning at the Burningtown Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Officiating were the Rev. T. A. Slagle, pastor, and the Rev. Arvil Swafford. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born January 24, 1857, Mr. Edwards was the son of Joshua and Mrs. Elizabeth Murray Edwards, of Cherokee County. He had been married three times. In 1879 he was married to Miss Charity Coleman, of Murphy,

who died in 1918. He was next married to Miss Mattie Ledford, of Copper Hill, Tenn. His third wife was Mrs. James Teague, who died in 1941.

In addition to Mrs. Ray Mr. Edwards is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Ben S. West, of Swannanoa; four sons, H. A. and W. Robert, of Franklin, Route 3, Lee W., of Portland, Ore., and Andrew E. Edwards, of Ellijay, Ga.; a brother, Joe Edwards, of Stecoah, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Josephine Rogers, of Tryon, Ga.; and 34 grandchildren, and 57 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons serving as pallbearers were John W. Edwards, Robin L. West, Robert Edwards, Harry Edwards, J. B. West, and Hoke Edwards.

Potts Funeral Home was in charge.

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