

### **Former Teacher In Negro Schools Claimed By Death**

William Houston Harper, Negro, 73, died at his home on Green street Monday of last week, following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at the Pine Grove Baptist church near the Iotla Bridge last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

At the age of 18 years he began teaching in the public schools in Macon county, and when he retired nine years ago. He had taught in every Negro school in Macon county. He was also a farmer. He joined the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of 19 and remained in that church until in 1905, when he joined the Pine Grove Baptist church. He also served as a deacon in the church.

He was twice married. The first marriage was to Hattie Deal, and the latter marriage was to Martha Parish, who survives. Seven children also survive.