

Jule P. Jacobs, Old Stage Driver, Dies at Home Here

Drove Dillsboro and Franklin Coach For 42 Years

Funeral services for Jule P. Jacobs, 73, who died at his home in East Franklin from a heart attack last Thursday, were held at the Iotla Methodist church, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. A. S. Solesbee, of Iotla, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Floyd Sittons, of Swain county.

For 42 years, before the advent of good roads and automobiles, Mr. Jacobs drove the stage coach from Franklin to Dillsboro. The trip required from 7 to 8 hours each way and in bad weather it frequently took longer. Every day for years Mr. Jacobs arose at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, hitched up his horses and drove to Dillsboro, returning late at night.

Four horses were usually used to draw the stage, which carried passengers, luggage and mail. The old driver was known as one of the best handlers of horses in this section.

Mr. Jacobs is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rachel Jacobs; two sons, Bass Jacobs, of Douglas, Ariz., and Frank Jacobs, of Dillsboro; four daughters, Mrs. Jack Mashburn, of Savannah, Jackson county; Mrs. Laura Snyder, of Dillsboro; Miss Artie Jacobs, of Franklin, and Miss Hallie Jacobs, who lives in the eastern part of the state.

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