

Wm. R. Johnston

Former Franklin Citizen Dies At Sylvester, Ga.

News was received by Mrs. G. L. Houk last Thursday, Feb. 26, of the death of her Uncle, William Robert Johnston, 80, at his home in Sylvester, Ga.

A former well known citizen of Franklin, Mr. Johnston was a son of the late Jackson and Eugenia Siler Johnston and was born in Franklin, December 14, 1862. He was the last member of his immediate family; his sister, Mrs. Mary Allman, having died two years ago, and his two brothers, Frederick Swain and Thomas Jackson Johnston died some years before. He was a member of the Siler and Swain families.

Mr. Johnston was graduated from Emory college, Oxford, Ga. He married Miss Beulah Alford, of Sylvester, Ga.; where he was associated with his father-in-law in the lumber business and where he made his home the rest of his life. They had no children, but they brought up in their home as their own six brothers and sisters of Mrs. Johnston.

"Of a generous nature, cordial, endowed with a voice of unusual beauty and devoted to his church, he was always active in church and musical affairs and for many years was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School in Sylvester, from which recipient of many tokens of appreciation. After retirement he became superintendent emeritus of the school.

Mr. Johnston was, until recent years, a regular attendant at the Siler reunions in Macon county. His death came unexpectedly of an illness of a year and a half.

He was buried in Sylvester on Friday, February 27. He is survived by his wife, two nieces, five nephews, ten great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great nephew.