

BURNS FATAL TO M. F. JONES

Martin F. Jones, 75, well known retired mail carrier, died at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning from burns received early Tuesday morning when his home on Bonny Crest caught fire.

Mr. Jones, who has been in feeble health for several years, was believed to have been overcome by smoke and to have fallen into the fire. About 3 o'clock in the morning his wife, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, heard him cry out. Rushing into the room, she found the woodwork around the fireplace ablaze. Mr. Jones had fallen into the flames and his clothing had caught fire. With the aid of a daughter she managed to pull Mr. Jones from the fire and to extinguish the blaze; but Mr. Jones had been so badly burned that little hope was held for his recovery.

It was not learned exactly how the fire started, but it is thought a box of kindling had become ignited from a fire left in an open grate.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced Wednesday night.

Mr. Jones, a native of Buncombe county, came to Franklin when he was 20 years old. He later served five years in the army at Norfolk, Va., returning afterwards to Franklin. For seventeen and a half years he was mail carrier on Route 1 out of Franklin. He was retired on a pension in 1924. He was a member of the Baptist church and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Surviving Mr. Jones are his widow, nee Lydia Henry, and five daughters, Mrs. Joe Palmer, Mrs. Hal Waldroop, Miss Ella Jones, Mrs. Lewis Mielke and Mrs. Lucy Cunningham; and two sons, George and Frank.