

# FINAL RITES FOR GUS LEACH HELD

Chairman Board County  
Commissioners Died  
In Raleigh Hotel

Funeral services for Gus Leach, 75, were held at the Franklin Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. C. B. McCubbins, pastor officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church. Interment followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Leach, a widely-known citizen of Macon county and chairman of the board of county commissioners, died suddenly in a Raleigh hotel on Monday morning shortly after his arrival. He left here on Sunday to attend a hearing before the state board of tax assessments in connection with county affairs. With him at the time of his death was Richard S. Jones of Franklin and George Ward, an attorney of Asheville.

Mr. Leach was born in Swain county on May 25, 1870, a son of the late Franklin Leach and Susan Cunningham Leach. In his early life he was engaged in the construction business at Lake Toxaway and elsewhere, later returning to Franklin where he was manager of the Macon County Supply Company for a number of years. He then, with his brother, the late A. L. Leach, formed the firm of Leach Brothers, which dealt in hardware.

Mr. Leach served for a number of years as a member of the board of aldermen of Franklin, as a member of the school board and was serving his third term as chairman of the board of county commissioners at the time of his death. He was always taking an active part in the business life of his community as well as in politics. He was a member of the Franklin Presbyterian church.

The active pallbearers included Bill Waldroop, Frank Leach, Harold Waldroop, Nat Macon, Charles Waldroop, and Hugh Leach, all nephews.

The honorary pallbearers were Charlie Blaine, W. W. Edwards, Lake Shope, A. R. Higdon, Harve Bryant, John Cunningham, Sam W. Mendenhall, Gilmer A. Jones, Roy S. Cunningham, Richard S. Jones, Carl S. Slagle, Dr. W. A. Rogers, A. B. Slagle, Joe Ashear, Henry W. Cabe, M. L. Dowdle, George Mashburn, Dr. R. M. Rimmer, Dr. Edgar Angel, George Brown, Lyman Higdon, E. W. Long, Ernest Rankin and Guy L. Houk.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Althea Collins, and three children, Mrs. Sam D. Alexander, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Franklin Boone Leach, in the navy on seas duty, and Pvt. John A. Leach, of Fort George Meade, Md. two grandchildren, David Alexander and Rebecca Leach; one brother, John Leach of Andrews, five sisters, Mrs. Lee Waldroop, of Franklin route 1, Mrs. John Wright, Misses Nora, Laura and Ida Leach, all of Franklin.

Potts funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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