

DEATH CLAIMS

REV. W. T. POTTS

Beloved Highlands Resident Dies Following Long Illness

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HIGHLANDS, Nov. 20.—Funeral services for the Rev. William Thomas Potts, 78, retired Baptist minister who was one of Highlands' most beloved residents, were held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Highlands Baptist church. Burial was in the family lot at the Highlands cemetery.

Mr. Potts had been in ill health for more than a year and for several months his condition had been critical. The end came at 12:10 a. m. Saturday.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church. Pallbearers were friends of the family, W. W. Edwards, J. E. Hicks, H. A. Cleveland, J. R. Phillips, W. H. Cobb and C. F. McKinney.

Surviving Mr. Potts are a sister, Mrs. W. L. Pool, of Birmingham, Ala.; six sons, Frank H. Potts, J. E. Potts, C. C. Potts, Roy Potts, S. E. Potts and Arthur B. Potts, all of Highlands; 33 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, most of whom live in Highlands.

Mr. Potts was born near Franklin, on August 16, 1857. In 1883 he was married to Miss Mattie Ammons in Franklin. To them were born nine children, six of whom are now living. Mr. Potts moved his family to Highlands in 1895 and since then this has been the home of the family. He joined the Baptist church in 1882 and later, about 1910, he entered the Baptist ministry. He was a Mason and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Potts took an active part in the religious and civic life of Highlands and the county. He had served as pastor of the Highlands Baptist church and other Baptist churches in the county, and acted until recently as historian of the Macon County Baptist Association.

Before leaving Franklin he engaged in the mercantile business and for some years after coming to Highlands he continued in this business.

Always interested in the public schools, Mr. Potts served as a member of the Highlands school committee and also on the county school board.

Among relatives who returned to Highlands to attend the last rites were Mr. Potts' sister, Mrs. W. L. Pool, of Birmingham, Ala.; Betsy and Jack Potts, students from Western Carolina Teachers College; Mary Elizabeth Potts, student nurse, from Atlanta; Edward Potts, Mars Hill College, all grandchildren; two nephews, Hubert Potts, of Greens Creek, N. C., and Charles Williams, of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Ammons, and Mrs. Dewey Corbin, of Franklin, and a number of other relatives.

