

Pettigrew, of Marion, S. C. In 1880, he was married to Miss Rachel Caroline Bryan, daughter of Samuel Washington Bryan, and of the six children born to them a son and three daughters survive him. His father died during the War between the States, and in 1867 the family removed to Mississippi, where James D. Tillman engaged successfully in farming until 1905, when he went into business with his son at Carrollton, later removing to Meridian. He was laid to rest in Magnolia Cemetery there.

GEN. E. R. OLDHAM, U. C. V.

On the 6th of February, after an illness of several weeks, Gen. E. R. Oldham, Commander of the 3rd Brigade, Tennessee Division, U. C. V., died at his home in Henning, at the age of eighty-seven years. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, with Confederate veterans of the county as pallbearers.

At the grave, four comrades, one of them being Gen. C. A. DeSaussure, Commander in Chief, U. C. V., in Confederate uniforms, held the four corners of the Confederate flag, forming a canopy over the casket as it was lowered.

At the close of the funeral services, Lewis Nelson, an old negro of ante-bellum days, who served his master throughout the war, gave in his own words his estimates of "Mars Ed."

As the funeral cortege left the home, the old plantation bell, which had been rung for over a hundred years, decorated with a Confederate flag, was tolled eighty-seven times.

General Oldham was born in Henning, and had lived in the county all his life. When war came on in 1861, he was fired with enthusiasm for the Confederate cause and enlisted as a private in the command of Col. William Duckworth, 7th Tennessee Cavalry, serving with Company M through the four years, and being mustered out at Gainesville, Ala., in 1865. He was a member of the local Camp U. C. V. and prominent in the State and general U. C. V. activities.

General Oldham was interested in politics, and had served one term in the lower house of the Tennessee General Assembly, making an excellent record. As a leading Democrat, he always stood for those things that uplift and ennoble mankind—a man of decided convictions, true and loyal to his country and State. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Ripley.

Twice married, General Oldham is survived by his wife, who was Miss Daisy Scott, and a son of the first marriage.

CAPT. GEORGE W. BLAIR.

Capt. George W. Blair, who served for more than thirty-eight years as Clerk of the 5th Court of Civil Appeals at Dallas, Tex., died at his home in that city on January 11, 1932, as a result of injuries received a few days before. He was in his eighty-eighth year. Surviving are his wife, three daughters, and two grandchildren.

Captain Blair was born in Virginia, May 25, 1844, and went to Texas in 1859. He served in the War between the States as a private of the 11th Texas Battery, of which Capt. Sylvana Howell was commander. Though having few encounters, the battery was successful in its chief duty, which was keeping Federal troops out of Texas.

From 1871 to 1893, Captain Blair served as Clerk of the 6th District Court of Fannin County, and then went to Dallas as Clerk of the 5th Court of Civil Appeals, and had served continuously since that time, seldom missing a day because of ill health. Until his injury, he made his daily trips to and from work on the street cars, using two canes in walking to the car. At every meeting of the court he was on hand to call the docket, and was well known to lawyers throughout the State. He had been very active in the work of the Confederate Veterans' Association, serving for many years as adjutant of Sterling Price Camp, more recently being connected with the Dallas Camp.

CHARLES E. EDMONDSON.

Charles E. Edmondson, a native of Tennessee and one of three veterans of the Confederate army living in the Tulare District of California, died at his ranch home near Tulare, on August 18, 1931, at the age of eighty-four years. He is survived by his wife.

Born at McMinnville, in Warren County, Tenn., Charles Edmondson grew up in that community and from there entered the ranks of the Confederacy as one of the boy soldiers—"the seed corn of the Confederacy." He took part in a number of campaigns, though only eighteen when the war ended, and was taken prisoner once. Some fifty years ago he removed to California, and had lived in the Tulare District about twenty-three years. He had been in feeble health for some time, and practically blind the last few years.

His funeral was from the First Christian Church of Tulare, and burial in the Cemetery at that place.