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DEATH OF DR. ANDREWS.

Beloved Physician of Shelby Passes Away—Folks Who Are on the Move.

Special to The Observer.

1904

Shelby, Dec. 22.—It was no surprise to the many friends of Dr. W. C. Andrews this morning to hear that he was dead, as he had been lingering between life and death for several days. Dr. Andrews was one of the oldest residents of Shelby. He came here in 1847, when only 25 years of age, and studied medicine under Dr. Thomas Williams; spent some time in Charleston, S. C., and then spent some time in Philadelphia, where he graduated in preparation for his chosen profession. Since that time, or until the infirmities of old age crept upon him, he was one of the best loved physicians in this part of the State. He was never known to turn away from those who were suffering whether they were able to remunerate him or not, and many a cold midnight ride he took into the country when he well knew that he would receive nothing for it. He came from sturdy Scotch ancestry on both sides, many of his forefathers having been in the Revolutionary war, and one of his great-uncles having been a major under Washington. His mother was a Miss Watson, and many of his uncles on both sides were Presbyterian ministers; yet he did not join the church of his fathers until late in life, having joined under the ministry of Rev. R. Z. Johnston. Since that time the Presbyterian church of Shelby has had no more loyal member, and his death will cause a great loss to the church. He was twice married, his first wife having been a daughter of Mr. James Love, who, at one time, owned all the land in which the town of Shelby was builded, and who, being of a public spirited na-

ture, to the town gave the land on which the court house, academy and all the churches were built. This wife, who was the mother of his children, died in 1874, and some years later he married Miss Bettie Ramseur, who died several years since. His children were Mr. S. O. Andrews, Mrs. H. B. Quinn and Mrs. J. L. Webb, all of Shelby, and Mrs. T. Davenport, of Gaffney.

DR. W. P. ANDREWS DIES AT HOME IN SHELBY, N. C.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

SHELBY, N. C., Dec. 21.—Dr. W. P. Andrews, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this place, died Tuesday at the home of his son, S. O. Andrews, after a brief illness.

Dr. Andrews has been a resident of Shelby since 1847 and was 80 years old. He read medicine in Atlanta and Philadelphia. Four children survive him, Mrs. H. B. Quinn, Mrs. J. L. Webb, Mr. S. O. Andrews, of Shelby, and Mrs. T. Davenport, of Gaffney, S. C.

The funeral was held from the residence today, Rev. W. R. Minter conducting the services. The deceased was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

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Death of Dr. Andrews.

A POPULAR PHYSICIAN AND A NOBLE CITIZEN PASSES AWAY.

Dec. 23-1904-81 yrs old

The many readers of the AURORA will be pained to learn of the death of Dr. W. P. Andrews at his home in this place on Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks. He was one of the county's oldest and most popular citizens and physicians. He leaves four children, to-wit: Mrs. Jas. L. Webb, Mrs. H. B. Quinn, and Mr S. O. Andrews, of Shelby, and Mrs. T. Davenport, of Gaffney, S. C. Several other children preceded him to the land beyond. He was twice married and his second wife died about nine years ago. He leaves one brother M. James Andrews, of Rutherford county.

The deceased was in his 81st year and has been a man of wonderful vitality. He read medicine under Dr. Williams and graduated at the Philadelphia Medical College. He lived and practiced his profession in the Boiling Springs community in his earlier life and moved to Shelby in the 40's. He was a popular physician an influential citizen. and accumulated considerable property.

Dr. Andrews was one of the charter members of the Presbyterian church, of this place, and has lived a life of the faithful. He is now reaping the reward of a life well spent.

His remains were interred at this place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Minter conducting the funeral services from the residence.