

**TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEATHS
1877 – 1921**

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FOREWORD

Taliaferro (pronounced "Tol-i-ver") County, Georgia was created on December 25, 1825 from portions of the surrounding counties of Greene, Hancock, Oglethorpe, Warren and Wilkes. At this writing it has the smallest population of any county in Georgia (1,877 in 2006).

Among the many sources of information available to genealogists and historians to aid in their research are the extant copies of early newspapers. Both the daily papers of the larger cities and the small town "weeklies" contain valuable recordings of the daily life in the community: social events, politics, commerce, birth, marriages and, of course, deaths.

Obituaries as we know them today did not become common in the rural areas of the South until after the 1930's. Deaths in the earlier days appear as "death notices" written by the editorial staff or by community correspondents. While these correspondents did provide a valuable service to the newspapers, whose staffs were probably too small to go out into the county to secure information, reliance on them did result in uneven reporting, wholly dependent upon the ability, time and effort expended by each correspondent. The readers of this work will quickly note this in the brevity, or even absence, of some notices and the extensive dissertation of others. Many of the notices provide a wealth of genealogical information: the names and relationship of individuals to the deceased, his/her occupation and accomplishments as well as their religious affiliation and the location of their last resting place. Found here will be found not only the "routine" deaths, but also murders, lynchings, suicides and various types of accidental deaths.

The notices appear as both complete transcriptions and, because of space limitations, as abstracts. The compiler has attempted to include all items of importance to researchers. The names of the deceased appear in bold print for ready reference and a full name index following page 143 contains the names of all persons mentioned in the notices with the exception of the officiating clergy. Although it was the intent of the Compiler to include only death notices for individuals who died in Taliaferro County or were buried there, because of its proximity just over the county line in Warren County, deaths reported for individuals living at or near Barnett were also included as in most instances it was difficult or impossible to determine their county of residence.

This work represents a compilation of death notices from the Advocate Democrat and its predecessors, the Crawfordville Democrat and The Democrat. This publication has been the predominant, and for the most part the only, newspaper of Taliaferro County and was and is published in Crawfordville, the county seat. It has been published on a weekly basis except for a short lived attempt at Semi-weekly in 1888. The first recorded death notice appeared in the July 13, 1877 issue.

The recording of these notices was accomplished from microfilm of the newspaper project of the University of Georgia library and secured through the inter-library loan program.

A significant number of the earlier editions were either missing or illegible, therefore, the reader should not assume this work contains all of the death notices for the period indicated. The Compiler also noted that with the frequent change of editors there appeared to be varying levels of interest in the reporting of deaths in the county. It had been the compiler's intent to include death notices and obituaries beyond the year 1921, however, the issues for 1922 (partial) through 1937 are missing from the microfilm file at the University of Georgia and in the files of the Probate Court of the County and efforts to locate these copies have been to no avail.

The heading for each death notice includes an abbreviation of the name of the paper from which it was obtained, Democrat (D), Crawfordville Democrat (CD) and Advocate Democrat (AD), the day of the week and date of the issue in which it appears.

As with my other compilations, my intent has been to provide as much information as possible to assist researchers in their efforts and to provide items of interest to the casual reader.

Dahlonega, Georgia
July, 2010

AD 5 JUL 1907

of health and on Thursday went with the children to pick some blackberries. On Thursday afternoon he was summoned by our Heavenly Father to duties unknown in a better land. His death was caused by heart failure. He leaves seven children: viz, Mrs William Lavander, Mrs T F Fouche, Mrs W R Cox, Mrs H M Harrison, Mr G S Rhodes, Mr James L Rhodes and our townsman, Dr J A Rhodes, a number of grandchildren and many friends to mourn his death. He was a life long resident of Taliaferro County and was 69 years of age. In early manhood he enlisted under the stars and bars and the cause of the Southland had no more valiant nor faithful soldier than he and one of the chief delights of his latter years was to attend the occasional reunions of the veterans of the cause. While still a young man, he joined the Methodist Church at Raytown. He loved his church and always labored faithfully to promote the cause of religion.

Mr C D Rainwater died Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was 75 years old and leaves a wife and six children, a number of grandchildren and many friends to mourn his death. His remains were taken to Powelton Wednesday morning and buried in the old family burying ground.

Mr Hayes, of near Warrenton, was buried at Barnett at the Methodist Church Sunday, Rev J E Russell of Crawfordville conducting the services.

AD Friday July 12, 1907

Mrs Mary Caroline Gee, after a long and painful illness, departed this life for the great beyond Tuesday night last. Mrs Gee lived with her son-in-law, Mr W R Reid, and had many friends. She was about 80 years of age and leaves two daughters, Mrs T E Bristow and Mrs A G Dickenson and a number of grand children. Her remains were laid to rest Wednesday at the city cemetery.

AD Friday September 6, 1907

Mrs Jonas Weathers of Barnett died Monday after a long illness. She was a sister of our townsman, Mr J L Williams, and has many friends in the county. Her remains were interred at the Barnett cemetery on Tuesday. The family has the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

AD Friday September 13, 1907

Mr C R L Sherrer was killed yesterday at Union Point. He was putting up a smoke stack on the oil mill when one of the guy ropes broke, the smoke stack striking him on the left side of his head, crushing it in. He never regained consciousness after he was struck. He was 41 years old at the time of his death. He leaves a devoted wife, one child, a boy seventeen years old, mother. Mrs Martha Sherrer, two sisters, Mrs Lula Beazley and Mrs James Rives and three brothers, W H Sherrer, L D Sherrer and John F Sherrer. Mr Sherrer was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. To know him was to like him. He was a true friend and Christian gentleman, a kind husband, a devoted and loving father. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows, He was buried at Carter's Grove cemetery this afternoon.

AD Friday September 20, 1907

Mrs Ida Golucke died at the home of her sister, Mrs Frye, in Clarksville, last Monday morning. She was the widow of the late Mr Ed Golucke, who died about four years ago. She leaves four children and many friends to mourn her loss. She was a good Christian lady and liked by all who knew her. Her remains were interred in the city cemetery here Tuesday afternoon. A large crowd attended the funeral.

AD Friday September 27, 1907

It gives our hearts much sadness to know that little Marie, the eight year old daughter of Mr and Mrs S J Chapman, is with us no more. But we can rejoice when we look up from the grave and know that she has gone to that happy home to rest. She had been sick five weeks and her death had been expected.

AD Friday October 4, 1907

Mr Henry Fielding died last Sunday night at the home of his brother, Mr C P Fielding, of Barnett, Ga.

AD Friday October 11, 1907

Mr W A Pate died in Augusta last week. His remains were interred at Barnett. He was raised in the Barnett section.