

D. S. Ball

D. S. Ball died Sunday 13th inst., at 9 a. m., at his home at Mars Hill. His burial will be in the cemetery near his old home on California Creek.

Mr. Ball was one of the county's best citizens. He was born in 1842 and was a soldier in the Confederate army from start to finish having attained the distinction of a Second Lieutenant. He was with the Army of Northern Virginia at Malassess, Seven Pines, Antietam, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg and on to the surrender at Appomattox. After the close of the war he entered school at Mars Hill under the tutorage of Pinkney Collins then President of the school and later under Rev. John Ammons. He was an exemplary young man and a highly honorable student. He was twice married, first to Miss Matilda Holcome of California Creek, and second to Miss Jane Barrett, of Buncombe County.

In 1872 and 73 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners having as his comrades on the board F. M. Lawson and W. H. Trull, subsequently Mr. Ball was elected as a republican to the legislature of North Carolina, defeating Mr. J. H. Rumbough of Hot Springs. He made the county an efficient and honorable representative. Later he was an independent candidate for Sheriff but was defeated by Mr. R. S. Ramsey. Mr. Ball left no children by either marriage.

In his death the county loses an aged faithful and intelligent citizen.

1/18/18. (A.R.) W. P. J.