

MARION BRYAN DEAD

Mr. L. Marion Bryan, whose home was on Walnut Creek near Marshall, died Saturday morning, about 7:45, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Terry Snelson, of Asheville, where he was visiting at the time of his death. His going was sudden and unexpected, his heart having seemed to give way. The body was brought to his old home near Marshall, his daughter, Mrs. Moody Brigman and family, living with him. Funeral services were from the old home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor of the Marshall Baptist church, Rev. H. L. Smith, but interment was deferred until Monday afternoon in order to give his daughters, who live at Detroit, time to reach here. He is survived by the following ten daughters: Mrs. J. D. Whitesides, Rutherfordton, N. C., Mrs. G. H. Roberts, Marshall, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1., Mrs. S. Brigman, Walnut, N. C., Mrs. Moody Brigman, Marshall, N. C., Mrs. Perry Snelson, Asheville, N. C., Mrs. Hal Wilde, Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. E. C. Carter, Democrat, N. C., Mrs. Joe Horton, Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. John Creech, East Flat Rock, near Hendersonville, N. C., Mrs. Troy D. Wilde, Detroit, Michigan. He is also survived by the following three brothers: Jack Bryan, Marshall, R. F. D., James Bryan, Marshall, R. F. D. 3, and George Bryan of Craggy.

He leaves 34 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

One of Madison county's leading farmers, he was well known. An advocate of good roads and improved educational facilities in his county, Mr. Bryan reared ten children, practically all of whom were school teachers, serving schools in their native county and in other sections of the State. His only son, L. P. Bryan, who was killed in an automobile wreck near his home on Walnut creek, January 17, 1928, was for years a school principal at various Madison schools, and at the time of his death, one of the best known farmers in the county. Mr. Bryan continued to operate for many years his large farm on Walnut creek, where he spent the greater part of his life. However, after the death of his wife, November 4, 1927, he had spent the greater part of his time with his children. He was a member of the First Baptist church at Marshall and was noted for his deep interest in religious work and community affairs.

The following is quoted from what the minister said in conducting the funeral:

Marion L. Bryan was born January 30, 1852. He was one of nine children born to Lewis and Harriet Bryan. He is the sixth one of this family to be called by death.

On May 14, 1875, he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Lovada Griffin. God blessed this happy union with thirteen children, twelve girls and one son, two of the girls having passed to their reward, and the only son went a little more than a year ago. This leaves ten of the family to follow in the train of the five who have gone and are keeping watch for them.

Very thrifty through their entire lives. Some two years ago Mrs. Bryan was called by death to her reward. And on the morning of the ninth of February, Brother Bryan called for his wife, and in the midst of the calling God made it possible for them to be united again on the eternal shore, where they will be no parting any more. His life has been lonely, in spite of the careful attention that his faithful children have given him, since the going of his beloved companion. But now they are safely and happily together where there is no loneliness and separation.

Brother Bryan gave his life into the hands of the One that doeth all things well at the age of 17 years. He made a profession of faith in His Lord and joined the Old Walnut Creek Baptist church; it was through broken ice he was led into the baptismal waters, and in imitation of Christ's example he followed Him in baptism. Since then until death he has lived the consistent life. From the Old Walnut Creek Baptist church Brother Bryan united with the Madison Seminary Baptist church and served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Leaving the Madison Seminary Baptist church, he came to Marshall in the year 1905 and united with the Marshall Baptist church on the day of its dedication. His membership has remained there from that day to this. He was a deacon of the church for many years. As a teacher of the Men's Bible Class he has hardly been surpassed.

Brother Bryan has served his county faithfully. Having served on the County Board of Education and as Commissioner for a number of years. He was always thoughtful and considerate of the duty placed upon him by the county he loved. However, the major part of his life was spent on the farm. This is true with the exception of teaching three years before marriage. He has been a great success in every undertaking. He was conscientious and sincere in doing well what has placed upon him.

Those left to mourn their loss are three brothers, two of them of this county and one of Craggy; 10 children are left to mourn their loss of a superb father, a faithful Christian, and an excellent man of integrity and fidelity.

To the family, let me say that you have the prayer and sympathy of all who love Jesus. We shall remember you at the throne of Grace as we talk to our Heavenly Father. Our prayer is that each of you will be as ready as he when the summons comes from Him who doeth all things well.

