

Death of Squire Barnett Fortner

In the death of Squire Barnett Fortner, which occurred at 3:30 p. m. on last Saturday evening, August 31, Madison County loses one of its oldest and best known citizens.

Squire Fortner was born near Marshall in the year 1840, has been a resident of Madison County all his life, and has perhaps been more closely identified with the growth of the town and county than any other man in it. For several years he was an active teacher in the schools in the county, and many people remember him as a splendid teacher and a strict disciplinarian. He was Mayor of the Town of Marshall for two terms, served as Deputy Sheriff and Jailor and has been for fifty years continuous a Justice of the Peace. At about 20 years of age Mr. Fortner was married to Mrs. Catharine Revis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Revis. To this union there was born one child, George Fortner, who now lives in Marshall. Mrs. Fortner preceded her husband to the grave over ten years ago. She is remembered as a noble christian woman.

Burial was held at the family burying ground near town Monday, funeral services being conducted by Rev. S. T. Hensley, pastor of the Baptist Church, and Rev. J. J. Gray, pastor of the Methodist Church.
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