

## Capt. W. J. Gudger Dead

W. J. Gudger who has been afflicted for many years, died at his home in Marshall July 23rd, at 8:05 p. m.

He has been for about fifty years one of the leading business men of Marshall, and all are united in their testimony to the splendid character of the man.

The poor and the well-to-do all loved him. Many favors had been shown and every man recognized him as a friend.

He was for long years steward and Sunday School teacher in the Methodist church and after he became unable to attend Quarterly Conference the Presiding Elder and officials would go to his room and hold the conference.

One old gentleman of the Marshall community, in a very strong speech expresses his conviction that "Will's" christianity was real. There were tears as he spoke.

The funeral took place from the Gudger home near the center of the town. An unusually large procession followed him to the Pritchard cemetery where he was laid away. May God keep him safe till the resurrection.

He is survived by his wife, and his daughters, Miss Mary Gudger and Mrs. Guy Roberts, all excellent christian women, and by his son, Roy Gudger, a well known and influential citizen. He has also living one brother, John Gudger of Bakersville, and sister Mrs. J. M. Ingle of Asheville.

They are well aware of the people's sympathy during these trying days.

A number of relatives attended the funeral, among who were Mrs. B. C. Gudger, daughter and son, Mrs. J. M. Gudger, Sr. and two sons, and Hermon Gudger, Mrs. John W. Langley, Dr. W. J. Weaver and family.

The pall bearers were W. J. West, J. H. White, Roy F. Ebbs, John Jaarett and John G. Kamsey. J. J. GRAY.