

BROTHER LAWSON ALEXANDER WHITLOCK

was also one of this number who have gone to their reward. He was born in Montgomery County, N. C., Jan. 3, 1826. He professed faith in Christ when young and joined the M.E. church. In 1848 he was licensed to preach. He rendered faithful services as a local preacher. In 1860 he was appointed junior preacher on the Albemarle circuit. He continued to preach as a local preacher, being often sought for to aid in protracted meetings by other denominations. Brother Whitlock did not have the advantages of an education in his early life, but he did have the unction of the Holy Spirit resting upon him. Great grace was given to him, so that he was able to so preach the truth as to have many precious souls won to God through his ministry. In 1870 for reasons satisfactory to himself he changed his church connections, joined and was baptised into the fellowship of Silver Springs Baptist church and was a consistent member of said church till the day of his death. During his ministry he served as pastor, Silver Springs, Poplin's Grove, Union Grove and perhaps other churches. In 1850 he was married to Miss Sarah Ivey, of Stanly county. This union was blessed with 9 children: 6 sons and 3 daughters, 6 of whom are living---G. W., of Salisbury; W. E. of Concord; M. A. and I. T. of Albemarle; John I. of Norwood; and Mrs. A. L. Sides of Plyler. In 1884 he married the second time to Mrs. A. H. Mabrey who still survives him. His end came suddenly. On April 3, 1905, he was stricken with paralysis. His tongue being involved, he could not talk, but for several days seemed to know his friends who came in to see him. On April 12, 1905, surrounded by relatives and friends, he passed quietly and peacefully to his reward. Aged 79 years, 3 months and 9 days. Funeral services were held at Silver Springs church by G. G. Harley and other ministers, a large congregation being present to pay their last respects.