

WILLIAM HENRY QUARTERMAN
1867 - January 08, 1934 6:30 PM

W. H. Quarterman was an organizer and charter member of the Winder Presbyterian Church. In researching the Session Minute Book, 1895 -1947, there is a clean pattern of Christian leadership and counsel he provided to the congregation. Mr. Quarterman was Clerk of Session from the time of organization (1895) until his death in 1934, an uninterrupted period of 39 years.

Married with possibly three or more children, Mr. Quarterman and his wife, Mary, and two young children are buried under the big oak (top of hill) in Rose Hill Cemetery (across the street).

Mr. Quarterman, we thank you for the 39 years of unceasing work in spreading Christianity in the community.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

FROM THE SESSION MINUTE BOOK

January 7, 1934

Session met on call at home of Mr. Joe E. Pentecost and present W H Quarterman, W H Beck, J. K. Miller (Elder).

A program was gone over as to remodeling and in making plans for raising funds. Bro. W H Quarterman stated he was very much interested in this work, as he was only Elder present that was Elder when the church was built, he explained how only a very few members raised funds of about \$2, 000. 00 from the population of about 1500 in Winder. Surely we could raise about \$700.00 from a population now in Winder of about 4,000 people.

Bro. Quarterman further stated he would possibly not be with us much longer and was therefore making a full explanation. This was brought back to us very forcefully Monday evening about 6:30 PM. January 8, 1934, as Bro. Quarterman died suddenly at Winder Hotel

I make this minute and I cannot say too much in expressing our love and esteem for our deceased brother Quarterman, for he was indeed a most faithful brother and friend. Such as one seldom meets in life.

Appropriate funeral services were held in the little Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. H. Wood of Winder, Rev. S.J. Cartlege of Athens; Rev. Irvin of Winder; Rev. H.E. Russell; Mr.C.W. Sessions and others were present and assisted.

J. K. Miller Clerk

Session met on call by Rev. Ralph Gilliam and business of raising funds, also proposal to change name of this(church) to "Quarterman Memorial Church" to be decided at next meeting of Session January 14, 1934.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. Ralph Gilliam.
Rev. Ralph Gilliam, Acting Moderator

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Session met on call by Rev. Ralph Gilliam. Elders present F. C Graddick. W. H. Beck, and L K. Miller; deacons J. W Griffeth, J. G. Ouzts, and J. E Pentecost. After discussion it was decided not to change name of church to "Quarterman Memorial Church. A report on progress made in collections work was made and discussion arose as to buying new pews but no decision reached. -
Rev. Ralph Gilluun, Acting Moderator

W. H. QUARTERMAN DIED HERE MONDAY

WELL KNOWN ATTORNEY PASSES AWAY FOLLOWING A SHORT HEART ATTACK

William Henry Quarterman, one of the ablest lawyers and best known public men of Georgia died suddenly in his apartments in the Winder Hotel in this city about six o'clock Monday afternoon. Death came to Mr. Quarterman as he was in the act of taking a hot bath following a strenuous day during which he had supervised the moving of his law office from the courthouse building to new quarters in the Peoples Bank building directly across the street. He was found shortly after he expired and it was easily apparent from his posture and the surroundings that his passing had been both sudden and peaceful. His features were as composed as in life and under other conditions he might have been thought to have been asleep.

For a number of years Col. Quarterman and his wife had been living in apartments at the Winder Hotel. Mrs. Quarterman was in the apartment nearby at the time of his death but had no warning that he was even indisposed. Members of the Family were immediately notified and all but one son arrived by early Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Presbyterian church of this city of which he was a most loyal and devoted member. The services were conducted by Dr. John H Wood, pastor of the Christian church of this city, who has been a friend of the deceased for many years. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Edward Russell, a relative by marriage of the deceased. Rev. T. L. Leverett also assisted in the service. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery.

Col Quarterman was easily one of the first citizens of the state . He descended from a long line of ancestry than which there were none more distinguished. He was a son of Dr. Keith Axon and Helen Louise Jones Quarterman of south Georgia. He was born at Cuthbert, Georgia on March 6. 1867 His father was a physician and served with distinction as a. surgeon in the Confederate Army. His mother was a daughter of Major John Jones, a distinguished member of the COntinental Anny, who gave his life while gallantly leading an assault against Savannah in 1779. Col. Quaterman's family dates its residence in Georgia back to 1752. The early members of the family Came from Dorchester England to Dorchester Massachusetts, and later migrated to Dorchester, South Carolina, and from there to Dorchester, Georgia.

Col Quarterman received most of his early schooling from his cultured mother. Later he attended the Bradwell Institute at Hinesville. Georgia, from which school he entered the University of

Georgia. He graduated from the University in 1888 with the degree of A. B. He later returned to the university and graduated in law in 1890. During these years he had taught in the schools of the state in order to help defray his expenses in college.

Following his graduation in law, Col. Quarterman practiced his profession for some time at Jesup, Georgia, later going to Douglas: He served as the first solicitor of Coffee county court. Later he was associated with the late H P. Peeples of Nashville, Georgia, in the practice of his profession.

Forty years ago he moved to Winder where he has made his home. since. During these Forty years he has established himself as one of the ablest attorneys of his day, and made for himself a place in the esteem and affections of the people of this section of Georgia that is seldom held by any man. Not only an able lawyer but a man of spotless reputation, who preferred to say but little about his good points but who lived daily in such a manner as to gain the plaudits of his fellow men.

During these years Col. Quarterman took an active interest in the civic and political affairs of this county. He served as assistant Solicitor' General to Judge R. B. Russell and was identified at various times with other political offices of honor and trust. He built up a most successful practice due to his wide knowledge of law and his sterling character as a citizen.

In a religious sense he lived up to the best traditions of his family. He served for years as an elder in the Presbyterian church, assisting largely in the erection of the Presbyterian church at Winder. At the time of his death he was largely interested in plans for remodeling the church Building here. His life was as completely bound up in the history of his church as it was in the practice of law.

He is survived by his widow who was Miss Mary Brevard Brumby, daughter of Alexander Brevard and Ellen Douglas Roberts Brumby of Athens. He is also survived by two sons, Captain William Henry Quarterman of the United State Field Artillery, now stationed at Fort Hoyle, Maryland; Keith Axon Quarterman, who lives in Atlanta, and one daughter, Mrs. C H House or Atlanta: He is also survived by three brothers, Keith Axon Quarterman. Flemington, Liberty county, Georgia .. Thom. Arthur Quarterman, and Alex Sanford Quarterman of Savannah, and one sister Mrs. Tillou Quarterman Daniel of Savannah.

Members of the Winder Bar Association with whom Col. Quarterman had been associated formed an honorary escort in the funeral procession. Active pall bears were Dr. C B. Almond, Dr. S T. Ross, J.Griffeth J. L. _ ot, A. T Harrison, and J. K. Miller.