NAME
James H. Gurborough

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Record
Burnt Chimney 1872 Forest Ave, 70-90
Preached in many sections. Zephiel (Childless 1890-)
Taught many places
Mod. A. 1855 - 1868

Married
Leonora Strong

b. July 4, 1897
d. July 23, 1891

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DEATH OF REV. J. H. YARBORO

Rev. J. H. Yarboro of Forest City, N. C., aged sixty five years, dropped dead at Floyd's Creek Baptist church, Sunday, July 4, 1897. He had just finished his last sermon and was harnessing his horse to drive home, when he fell and expired.

Bro. Yarboro has taught and preached in eight different counties in North Carolina, besides preaching and teaching for a number of years in South Carolina.

His death is not only mourned by the wife, daughter and son left behind, but by hosts of friends from the mountains to the sea-shore. He was the supply of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, N. C., for about two years during the war. Since that time he has labored constantly in the school room and pulpit. Few men in North Carolina have been instrumental in educating so many poor young men and ladies.

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The pastorate of Mr. Yarboro was the shortest on record for the Boone church. He was called early in June and was gone before December. His losses in Br. Bryan's disastrous fire on July 5 of that year may have had a bearing on his decision to leave.
James H. Yarboro was born on October 23, 1831, in Polk County. He was baptized in 1856 at Rock Spring Church. He was licensed to preach in 1857 and ordained in 1863 by Rock Spring Church. Rev. Yarboro studied at Taylorsville High School and entered Wake Forest College, but after serving in the Civil War, he did not return to complete his course of study. He married Leonora Stroud in 1865. He is remembered for helping to heal the breach that had taken place in the Association in regard to temperance. In 1868, he served as moderator of the King's Mountain Association. He operated the first high school at Forest City, known as the Burnt Chimney Academy. He served his Master both as a pastor and a professor.

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Rev. J. H. Yarboro was born on Beaver Dam creek, in Cleveland county, October 23rd, 1831.

He made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in Polk county, in the year 1856. He joined the church at Rock Spring, Polk county, and was baptized by Elder B. E. Rollins in the same year. He was licensed to preach by this church in October, 1857, and in January, 1863, was ordained to the full work by Elders Baily Brace, Thomas Stradley, Lewis McCurry, and B. E. Rollins. While he had obtained a tolerably good English education in the country schools, he was determined to educate if possible. I have often heard him speak of his struggles for an education. When he started to the Taylorsville High School, in Alexander county, he had only one dollar in his pocket. He could not see his way, but adopted the maxim, "Where there is a will there is a way." He was in school at this place about two years. He afterwards entered Wake Forest College, but by reason of the war, he lacked a few months of finishing his collegiate course. After leaving college he preached in Wilmington for about two years. He then returned to his native county, and on the 19th day of February, 1865, he married Miss Lenora Stroud, who proved an affectionate help meet during all his busy and toilsome scenes of life. Since that time he has preached and taught in Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk, Wilkes, Yadkin, Madison, Watauga and Buncomb counties, and also a missionary and teacher in the bounds of the Broad River Association.

While a member of the Kings Mountain Association, he was prominent as a preacher, and was often appointed to preach the Annual Sermons, and to write Circular Letters to the churches. His Circular Letters on Mission in 1868 was considered a masterly production. He was Moderator the same year. So as preacher or teacher he has been an active worker in the cause of his Master.

His whole life was a shining example of true Christianity. As a preacher his sermons were more remarkable for their practical and logical bearings than for their rhetorical brilliancy. He would hold an audience for an hour with his illatives, reaching his
logical conclusions. He always evinced a thorough knowledge of his subjects, and spared no pains in trying to lodge their full meaning into the minds of his hearers.

Mr. Yarboro was very unassuming and never sought the approbation of his fellow-men, but seemed anxious only for that honor which comes from above. His love never vaunted itself, was never puffed up.

After having made one of his best efforts, when he was done his lips were forever sealed as to his own message. He therefore courted the confidence of no one. He had rather walk in the dark with God than in the light with the world. When he began to reach the Jordan of life he became stronger in the Baptist faith and practices. His faith and convictions were such that he said the deeper he waded the firmer the bottom. In his last sermon he plead for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Mr. Yarboro was sometimes despondent, at others he seemed to rise to the height of full assurance. His last sermon was preached at Floyd's Creek church, where it is said that he soared throughout his sermon to the height of full assurance. He come down from the pulpit and bade his friends good-bye, walked to his buggy and while harnessing his horse, he fell to rise no more. His soul winged its way the mansions of glory, leaving a loving companion, daughter and son to mourn their loss. Well can they say that he was an affectionate husband and father.

He has served his generation faithfully and then suddenly on Sunday, July 4th, 1897, he fell asleep---

"That blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep."

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