

Franklin Pierce Slaton

died May 8, 1899

TWO CONFEDERATE REUNIONS

May 9, 1899
One in Charleston and the Other
in the Great Beyond.

Tuesday two processions were seen on the streets of Washington. One was going in a rush towards the depot to get their tickets to Charleston. Old gray-haired, grizzled veterans with their children and grand-children tugging behind them, rushed on to the train that was to take them to "Sumter," where the first gun of the Confederacy was fired. There was nothing wrong in this; but, on the other hand, it was commendable, and should be kept up as long as Southern suns shall shine, or Southern pines shall wave.

The visitors to the Charleston reunion had hardly reached the depot before another delegation bearing the remains of F. P. Slaton wended their way to the family burying ground.

Frank Slaton was a true Confederate, and when the guns of Sumter boomed forth, he shouldered his musket and went to the front in Virginia. So weak was his constitution, he was discharged by the surgeons and told to return home. This he did reluctantly.

The war waged "hot," and, although he had been discharged on account of his physical disabilities, he was anxious to do what he could for the South; and when the old and blind and crippled and the boys of the South were called out, he went—an invalid!—and joined Capt. Bryon McGuire's company, as did the late lamented Judge Charles E. Wingfield and other Wilkes county heroes.

F. P. Slaton was a plain Wilkes county gentleman, with a rough exterior, but with a true, good heart within. The writer has known him for the past twenty-five years, and has found him a gentleman without guile, and as true as steel.

He was twice married—first to Miss Cornelia Fouché and later to Miss Victoria Armstrong. The latter and five children survive him.

He was buried ten miles southwest of Washington at the old Wm. Slaton burial ground.

The old veterans are gathered this week on the historic shores of Charleston. Frank Slaton and a host of veterans have passed "over the river and are resting beneath the shade of the trees" of life. One of the reunions is a temporary one; the other is a reunion for ever.

August 18, 1909

MRS. VICTORIA SLATON.

Our community was greatly shocked this morning at the announcement of the sudden death of Mrs. Victoria Slaton, who died here some years ago.

For some days she had not been well, but was not considered seriously sick. Early this morning, when her daughter, Miss Elsie, went to her bedside, she was amazed to find that the spirit of her devoted mother had taken its eternal flight. Mrs. Slaton was a gentle, refined Christian woman, a devout member of the Baptist church, and as a loving mother in her home shed a sweet influence around her that will be a fragrant memory to her loved ones and friends throughout their lives.

She leaves three children, W. A. Slaton, Esq., and Miss Elsie of this place, and Dr. Henry M. Slaton of Jackson. She was a sister of Hon. J. W. Armstrong.

She was seventy-one years old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Victoria Slaton was found dead in her bed at her home on Alexander avenue Wednesday morning about six o'clock.

For a week Mrs. Slaton had been indisposed and for several days was confined to her bed. Tuesday her condition was very much improved and she expected to be up and had planned for her duties for the following day, which to her in this world never dawned.

About ten o'clock Tuesday evening her daughter entered the room and found her mother asleep and breathing normally. At six o'clock Wednesday morning Miss Slaton again entered her mother's room to arouse her for breakfast and was shocked to find that the dearest one in the world to her was cold in death. Physicians were called, but to no avail, except to find that Mrs. Slaton about midnight succumbed to some form of heart trouble.

Mrs. Slaton was within a month or two of her sixty-ninth anniversary, a consistent member of the Baptist church, a woman of exceptional mental endowments and one whose splendid character and tenderness had attracted and held a large number of friends who were made sad by the news of sudden demise.

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DIED

In Wilkes county, Ga., Jan., 27th, Corinne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Slaton, aged one year and nine months.

"My Lord hath need of these flowers gay,"
The poet said, and truth be told,
Dare I say of the earth are they
When it comes to a child?