

James Mcrae

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JAMES M'RAE, SR., A RIFLEMAN PASSED AWAY AT BORDER-Brunswickian is The Only Member of the Georgia Brigade to Die There-WAS A SAWMILL MAN HERE-For Many Years He Was Employed at the Altamaha Cypress Mills and Had Many Friends Here Where He Had Lived Many Years.

EL PASO, Dec. 6. The Georgia Brigade lost its first soldier since arrival at the border today in the death of James McRae of the Brunswick Riflemen. McRae died of caused undetermined at the hospital at Fort Bliss. He has a son in the same company who will accompany the body to Brunswick tonight.

The deceased was well and favorably known in Brunswick where he has spend many years and was one of the leading citizens of the county. For many years he has been employed at the Altamaha Cypress Mills near the city and was a man well liked by all who knew him. When the call for troops went out he enlisted with his son who had been a member of the Riflemen for a long time. He was a man of about fifty years of age and, as stated in the telegram the body will be interred here beside his wife who met a tragic death some years ago. She was in her home along when it was consumed by fire and lost her life before she could escape, although, from the position of the charred remains it could be seen that she was making an effort to reach a door near-by.

The body will probably reach here tomorrow from Fort Bliss.

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REMAINS MAY ARRIVE TODAY-GENERAL SORROW EXPRESSED AT SAD DEATH OF A BRUNSWICK SOLDIER

Expressions of genuine sorrow were heard on all sides yesterday about the death of James McRae, a well known Brunswickian, who enlisted with the Brunswick Riflemen, and with his son sought the border to be there serving his country in peace and war if it should chance to come.

The remains of the dead soldier will probably arrive here tomorrow but this is anything save certain and should a definite hour for the arrival be announced in advance it is needless to say that many of the friends of the dead man would be at the depot to meet the same.

Oscar McRae, a son of the deceased, is expected at any time from North Carolina where he is making his home and has been for quite a time. His other son, James McRae, Jr., also a member of the Riflemen, is accompanying the body to this city where it will be laid to rest with all the honors due a patriotic American.

Of course no funeral arrangements have as yet been made but the remains will be laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery beside his wife.

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REMAINS OF MR. M'RAE WILL REACH HERE TODAY

On the Atlantic Coast Line train which reaches here shortly after noon today will come the remains of J.R. McRae, who died while serving his country on the Texas border. His son, J.R., Jr., will accompany same.

At the train the body will be met by a committee of the Masons of which the deceased was a member and the Boy Scouts. The remains will be taken from the depot to St. Marks church, from which place the funeral will occur, leaving the church at 2:30 p.m., and as reported in these columns yesterday, interment taking place in

Oak Grove cemetery and the body will be laid to rest by the side of his wife who met a tragic death about two years ago.

The funeral will be conducted with Masonic honors, Rev. R.E. Boykin assisting.

A large United States flag will be wrapped around the casket as soon as it reaches the city and all the honor and dignity due an American patriot will be shown the deceased.

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