

**MR. T. J. RIGSBEE  
DIED YESTERDAY**

**Wealthy Durham Citizen  
Succumbed at His Man-  
gum Street Home.**

**FUNERAL TOMORROW**

**Deceased Was Successful  
Farmer and a Good  
Citizen.**

Mr. T. J. Rigbee, one of the city's wealthy and most highly respected citizens, died at his home on Mangum street yesterday at noon. Death was not unexpected, Mr. Rigbee's condition having been critical a week. For several years he had been in declining health and the end was hastened by the natural infirmities of old age which made resistance ineffectual. Death was ascribed to Bright's disease and accompanying physical disorder. Mr. Rigbee was 71 years of age.

Thomas Jefferson Rigbee was a native of Orange county, a son of the late Jesse Rigbee. He had lived in Durham about forty years. He and two brothers, A. M. and J. V. Rigbee, deceased, owned an immense amount of real estate in and near this city. Mr. Rigbee was a very industrious citizen and until a very short while before his death he continued to manage his farm, located a few miles west of Durham on the Rigbee road. In all of his dealings he was scrupulously honest and he was a man of unassuming nature, he possessed many admirable traits and his death will cause general regret.

Mr. Rigbee affiliated with the Baptist church in his youth and throughout the remainder of his life was closely identified with church endeavor. He was a member of Yale chapel and a very liberal contributor to that church. Born on a farm, he never lost his love for the soil and followed agricultural pursuits to the last and was a successful farmer. He had served as a member of the Durham board of aldermen. He enlisted in the confederate army in 1861 and served throughout the civil war.

The deceased was married three times, first to a Miss Brasfield; his second wife was Miss Whitford, and after her death he was married to Miss Jennie Landell, who survives. Five children survive, these being Messrs Albert, Thomas and Berwick Rigbee; Mesdames L. P. Hazel and C. P. Wilson, all of whom live in this county.

The funeral services will be conducted at the home on Mangum street tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 by Dr. B. D. Goo, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. L. M. Hobbs, pastor of Yale chapel. Interment will be in Maplewood cemetery.

The honorary pall bearers will be Dr. J. M. Manning, Messrs. W. J. Christian, W. G. Vickers and F. M. Carlton. The active pall bearers will be Messrs. W. A. Erwin, T. S. Guthrie, A. L. Phillips, R. L. Lindsay, J. W. Hutchins, B. K. Powe, L. G. Cole and Hugh J. Pickett. Those who will serve as floral bearers are Messrs. N. Underwood, H. P. Markham, R. E. Dillard, Hugh Pickett, C. N. Crutchfield, Hugh Rigbee, S. M. Sutt, J. M. Whitford and J. R. Pickett.

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