

Mrs. Penina Williams Passes At The Age Of 99

Mrs. Penina Williams passes at the age of 99-Beloved resident-one of the oldest persons in Tuscaloosa County-Dies 91 days before her one hundredth birthday-this morning at nine o'clock-just 91 days before she would have celebrated her one hundredth birthday.

Mrs. Penina Williams died at the home of her great-niece, Mrs. Joe A. Searcy, 403 Queen City Ave. Mrs. Williams had been in feeble health for several years, but had been rarely sick. During the last two weeks she suffered a decline in strength, leading to her death today. Mrs. Williams at 99 the age of 99 years, was one of the oldest residents Tuscaloosa County. She was born at Newtonville, in the northern part of this County, June 3rd., 1834-that was just three years after the opening of the University of Alabama. Her husband, the late Probate Judge B.H. Williams, died February 28 th., 1917-at the age of 95. He served two terms as Probate Judge in Tuscaloosa County, and two, also, in Fayette County .

Her immediate family established a remarkable record for their longevity. Just three weeks ago, her Aunt, Serepta McCool died in Benton, Arkansas, at the age of 103-and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Poe Nall, passed away at the age of 85 years. Her father, Bradley Nall, was 58 years old, when he fell a victim of the Civil War. Mrs. Williams had no children and her only immediate survivors were: Mrs. Joe Searcy, a great niece-Mrs. Sally Foster, a niece-and W.J. Foster of Sherman, Texas, a great nephew.

She resided on Hargrove Road until 25 years ago, when she moved to the city. She was active in Baptist Church work until a few years ago.

Funeral services will be held from the Searcy residence on Queen City Ave., Friday morning at nine o'clock. Dr. L.O. Dawson, former Pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Dr. Powhatan B. James, present pastor, will officiate, with Jones and Spigener directing. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

Active Pallbearers will be: Judge Bernard Harwood-George K. Little-S.T. Hall-Tunstall Searcy-Glen Foster and E. Lee Dodson. Honary Pallbearers will be: Fleetwood Rice-Henry H. Baker--Judge Henry B. Foster-J. Steve Yerby-Newt Allbright-Weatherford Durett-and Robinson Brown.

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- 1, 2 and 3 direct that just debts and funeral expenses be paid, and that she be buried in the new city cemetery.
- 4th.-gave life interest in home to husband B.H. Williams. Home bought from Harry Z. Smith and wife, located north of Bernard Harwood-at death of B.H. Williams to go to Penina Foster Searcy.
- 5th. To husband \$500.00 annually - $\frac{1}{2}$ in January, $\frac{1}{2}$ in July-more if needed but never more than one thousand dollars-(\$1,000.00) a year.
- 6 th.-\$200.00 each to children of Elias Wilson.
O.T. Wilson of Texas, Bud Wilson of Texas, Nathan Wilson, John Wilson, Henry Wilson, Leon Wilson, Earnestine Phillips, former wife of Collins Norris; Lizzie Norris; Dolly Smothers. if one should die money to go to heirs-or divided among the above named.

- 7th.-James Wilson-brother of Sallie Foster-\$ 500.00
- 8th.-\$500.00 -interest therefrom to be paid to the children of Maxey Morrow, deceased grandson of B.H. Williams, paid to their mother Georgia Morrow-until they are of age-then they share equally in the \$ 500.00.

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9th-\$ 5,000.00 to Baptist Orphanage.

10th-\$8,000.00 to Howard College for the Penina E. Williams Loan Scholarship Fund.

11th-L.F. Williams-\$500.00

12th.\$10,000.00 to Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. for the Penina E. Williams Loan Scholarship Fund.

13th. \$12,000.00 to Penina Foster Searcy. Money to go to Sallie Foster, mother of Penina Foster Searcy if P.F.S. should die before receiving legacy. Finally to go to brothers and sisters of P.F.S. should she die.

14th. to Nephew-Walter Foster-the Hardaway property.

15th-John Burton Sudduth of Benton, Arkansas \$ 500.00.

16th. To niece-Pella Wright of, wife of Stanton Wright of Ninnekah, Indian Territory \$1,000.00.

17th.-To Sallie Foster and Penina Foster Searcy all property - rents, real property and personal-etc.

Executors of will to be Merchants Bank of Tuscaloosa, and W.B. Oliver.

Witnesses to will:

Will dated 15 July 1913

Annie R. Nieze

James R. Price

Codicil to Will-leave off no. 11; \$500.00 was paid to L.F. Williams.

Will Probated -10 th day of April ,1934

W.W. Brandon-Judge.