

Mariah Bean

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Mrs. Mary F. Bean, Brunswick

Brunswick, Ga. July 16.-- After long suffering Mrs. Mary Frances Bean, one of the oldest residents of the city, passed away at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L.J. Leavy. She was born Dec 26, 1824, on St. Simon's Island. Her maiden name being Mary F. Harris. Her brother, Horatio H. Harris, was one of the first aldermen of Brunswick, while another brother, Lewis W. Harris, held many public offices in the county. Mrs. Bean is survived by four children, Mrs. L.J. Leavy, Mrs. H.L. Hines and Mrs. Owen B. Lancaster, and George W. Bean of Griffin, Fla. Editors C.H. and L.J. Leavy of the Brunswick News are grandsons, sixteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Bean was the widow of one and the mother of two Confederate Veterans, and the pallbearers have been selected from the veterans as follows: Dr. W.B. Burroughs, T.W. Lamb, J.T. Lambright, Horace Dart, G.H. Fahren and J.R. Merton. The Funeral takes place from St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock Friday Morning.

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MRS. BEAN'S CONDITION -- The condition of Mrs. M.F. Bean was reported unchanged late last night. The aged lady is in a dying condition and there is no hope whatever of her recovery. It is not thought that she will live throughout today.

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OLDEST RESIDENT PASSES TO REST -- MRS. M.F. BEAN DIED YESTERDAY MORNING AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

After a lingering illness extending over many months, Mrs. Maria Harris Bean, an old Brunswickian, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L.J. Leavy, at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Up to a few months ago, the deceased, though in her eighty-fourth year, was very active and for one so advanced in years, was possessed of wonderful vitality. At that time, however, she became afflicted with some nervous troubles of the face, necessitating several operations. She suffered with these and her years together caused a rapid decline, and for weeks and weeks she has been critical. As stated above, Mrs. Bean would have been 84 years old on December 24th, having been born on St. Simons island, Dec. 24th, 1824. Mrs. Bean was a pioneer Brunswickian, belonging to the old Harris family, who were prominent in the community in the ante-bellum days. She was married to Oren S. Bean in 1838 and is survived by four children, Mrs. L.J. Leavy, Mrs. Oren S. Lancaster and Mrs. H.L. Hine of this city and George W. Bean of Florida. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren among whom are Messrs. Clarence H. Arthur, H. and L.J. Leavy, Jr. She was a sister of the late Lewis W. Harris, at one time prominent in the city and is an aunt of Hiram J. Read, the present tax collector of Glynn County.

Mrs. Bean was loved by a large circle of friends to whom her many womanly graces and noble traits of character endeared her.

The funeral will occur from St. Mark's Episcopal church at ten o'clock this morning. Rev. D. Watson Winn officiating. The interment will occur in Oak Grove cemetery. The following gentlemen, all Confederate veterans, will act as pall bearers: Dr. W.B. Burroughs, Hon. T.W. Lamb, Judge J.T. Lambright, Judge Horace Dart, Judge George E. Fahm, and J.R. Morton, Esq.

The members of the family have the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends,

where the death of this truly good woman has caused genuine sorrow.

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