Urbanus Dart

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DEATH OF HON. U. DART

Hon. U. Dart, of this city, died on Monday last in his 83 year. He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, from the Methodist church, his sons acting as pall bearers and followed to his last resting place by a throng of people. Of his life among us we are all familiar having seen him and known him for years. Of his public life we use the language of another:

He was the oldest citizen of Brunswick; was born at a frontier station on the St. Mary's river, in the year 1800; lived on Cumberland Island for many years, and during the whole of his mature life has been identified with Brunswick and Glynn County--so deeply identified with it that its history could not be written without frequent mention of him during all the time since 1822. He was the projector of the first railroad chartered in Georgia, the Brunswick and Alabama railroad, which was chartered while he was a member of the legislature in the year 1826, and was graded before 1830 from Brunswick to the Altamaha river, a distance of twelve miles.

AS A LEGISLATOR

He served in the legislature that year with Hon. Hiram Warner, late chief justice, who delighted in the relation of Mr. Dart's efforts for the passage of the railroad charter, his unbounded enthusiasm, and stated that his sympathies were aroused and he voted for the bill, not dreaming that a railroad would ever be successfully operated in Georgia. Mr. Dart was next connected with Hon. Thos. Butler King in an application for charter for a combined canal and railroad company from Brunswick to Darien, and they were mainly instrumental in procuring the grant of the charter and the moving spirits in the work afterwards prosecuted toward opening the canal.

He is the father of Hon. J.E. Dart, our representative in the legislature. Thus Glynn county was represented in the early part of the century by him and in this latter portion by his son.

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