

MEMOIR OF GEORGE MONTGOMERY DENNIS.

George Montgomery Dennis, son of the late George W. and Martha Smart Dennis was born in Montgomery County, June 5th, 1873 and departed this life Saturday evening^{January 19, '46,} at 4:55 o'clock, at his home, Smith Grove Township, Advance Cross Roads. His age being 72 years, seven months and 14 days.

At the ~~early~~ age of three years, he moved with his parents to Davis County, Jerusalem Township, near Cooleemee. Here he worked on the farm, until he was 21 years of ~~age~~. He, then took up the trade as a carpenter.

He was happily married to Miss Bettie Ann Graham on Sept 10th, 1903. This union was blessed with two sons Everett H. Dennis of Mocksville and Otis R. Dennis of Advance, Route 1; two daughters Mrs E.D. Ijams of Mocksville, and Mrs Fred Murphy of California, who together with their mother survive to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. One brother J.C. Dennis of Kannapolis survives along with 8 grand-children, also a host of friends and neighbors.

Mr Dennis united with the Episcopal Church of Cooleemee, and upon moving to the present home place he united with the Macedonia Moravian Church, where he was a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to attend. He was always interested in the Church and all that was good and uplifting in the community.

He was a hard working man, being employed with the Cooleemee Textile Mills for a period of 45 years. During the last years of his life, he worked for the Cooleemee Water Filtering Plant. At the advice of his Dr. he retired and moved to his present home place where he would be near his youngest son and family. For the first year he enjoyed fairly good health, but during the last years he has been in declining health and for the past year he suffered many attacks and for ^{a few} ~~the past~~ weeks has been in a serious condition.

He will be greatly missed by his family and large circle of friends, whom he won during the years, where-ever he lived and worked. The wise man of the Bible tells us in Prov. 18:24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." This our departed brother did, for he was a friend to man. He loved his home and family and they together with us all will miss the sunshine of his smile, the inspiration of his cheering words, and the help of his willing hands. Let us look forward to the time when we can meet our loved ones Beyond the River.

David the man after God's own heart, had lost a boy, and he dried his tears and said, "I shall go to him." He knew in the Land that is fairer than Day, there is a home for all the loved ones, who will accept it, and more than that, it is a home that is permanent. That is one quality that earthly homes do not have. We may have all that our hearts can desire here, and the love of dear ones, which money can never purchase. But there always lurks a shadow of some thing that is sure to come, and that is, that there is an end to every thing here below. For the things that are seen are temporal. But over yonder, there is nothing that will end. Our fellowship, our joy, our home will all be eternal.

Reluctantly, but in resignation to our Heavenly Father's will we must bid a temporary farewell to our beloved brother, your husband, your father and the friend of us all, but we have the glorious hope that we shall meet him some glad day.

" When the saved on earth shall gather over on the other shore,

And the roll is called up yonder we'll be there."

In the meantime--until that day--"May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord." Phil 4:7 AMEN.