

## One of Caswell's Older Residents Dies Last Weeek

Last rites for R. Sterling Graves, one of Caswell County's older residents, were conducted at 3 p. m. Thursday from the First Baptist Church here and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Graves died Tuesday night in Memorial Hospital in Danville after a short illness. He was a son of the late Jeremiah Graves, Jr. and Donna Thornton Graves. He was 92 years old, having been born June 19, 1870.

Mr. Graves had spent all of his life in the County, residing at the Graves place on the west side of town. The handsome old brick structure with white columns was built in 1833 by Jeremiah Graves, Sr., grandfather of Sterling Graves.

Jeremiah H. Graves, Sr. was born in 1786, was married to Delilah S. Lea in 1816, and died in 1868. They had nine children. Mrs. Graves was buried at old Lea Bethel Church in the Ridgeville community and Mr. Graves was buried at the First Baptist Church here.

Jeremiah Graves, Jr., father of Sterling Graves, was born April 15, 1835 and was married on June 13, 1860, to Donna Thornton. To this union was born seven children: Fannie Delilah, Samuella, Donna, R. Sterling, Bella, John and Sallie Willie Graves.

R. Sterling Graves inherited part of the Graves estate here and bought out the interest of the other heirs. The old home has three big rooms and 2 halls downstairs and 3 big rooms and a hall upstairs. Practically no change has been made in the building since it was erected in 1833.

Mr. Graves was a well known farmer and business man of the County. He is survived by a number of cousins in the County and adjoining areas.