

Obit

FLAG POOD
BAPTIST church

March 14, 1891

Bro. Thomas Runnion was born in Cocke County Tenn in June 1813 and died Dec. 12, 1890

When quite a young man he was left fatherless and wholly dependent upon a mother and his own exertion for support thus being deprived of the opportunity of receiving that education which would have prepared him for a higher degree of usefulness.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Buckner in 1832, which happy union he enjoyed for more than a half century. He was a kind and indulgent father, a peaceable and good neighbor. He professed and united with the Baptist Church at Little Ivy, N.C. in 1836, at a time when the Baptist cause was very weak. Thus he became one of the pioneers in the cause of Christ in the country in which he lived, laboring by advice and prayers for salvation of sinners.

He was a representative member of the Church to which he belonged and was for many years a delegate to the Association and was regarded a peacemaker among the brethren - always warm and ferevent in the work of his Master, though his circumstances in life caused him to remove to different settlements in the country yet he always took with him his church letter and his zeal for the church work. Thus he lived an exemplary Christian life always tender and sympathetic and earnest in his profession, letting his light shine for many years, yet for a few years, during the dark days of the rebellion, when religion, seemed to be almost obscured, he for awhile became lukewarm, which caused him frequently to regret so much of his life as mis-spirit, and mourn over his coldness and inactivit.

But many years before his death he became revived, his hope brightened and his faith re-established; and although during his last few years he suffered excrutiating pain he bore it all with Christian fortitude and would frequently say "The Lords will be done, and at his will I am ready to depart and be at rest."

Thus he lived and thus died in that faith which brings peace even on the death pillow.

Then we would say to his breaved companion and many sorrowing relatives and friends grieve not for him but rather rejoice that he is freed from all pain, trial and temptations of this world, and that he has left us full assurance that he is now enjoying the peaceful abode in that home prepared for the people of God.

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