

# Mrs. Person, Medicine Maker, Recalled Here

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As a small boy I lived on a farm in Mount Carmel District near Banks Wilkins' General Store at Mount Carmel. I can remember my father taking me along with him to the store to buy kerosene oil for the lamps.

I can also remember that on one occasion when I was at the store Mrs. Joe Person drove up in her rig laden with her famous "Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy."

Mrs. R. E. Clark who resides on Halifax Road, South Boston, is a granddaughter of Mrs. Person. Mrs. Clark relates that her grandmother was a woman of wealth, although her life was not very easy. Mrs. Person provided for and cared for a paralyzed husband and nine children.

"Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy" was known by many as "The great spring tonic." This tonic was an old Indian remedy, containing all organic materials of many kinds of roots and wild plants, bark and herbs, with a small amount of grain alcohol added as a preservative.

Credit is given to Mrs. Clark, who furnished much of the material and the photograph of

Mrs. Joe Person used in this story.

The following are taken from newspaper clippings, one telling of Mrs. Person recording for Victor records, (and the other, from the Charlotte, N. C., "Evening Chronicle," of Friday, June 13, 1913, reporting Mrs. Person's death:)

## FOR VICTOR COMPANY

Mrs. Joe Person Plays,  
For Big Talking  
Machine Corporation

Mrs. Joe Person, known personally all over the State, and by reputation over a greater part of the entire country, has added another laurel to her already notable collection by making several records for the Victor Talking Machine Company at the factory in Camden, N. J. Mrs. Person was in Pennsylvania on a visit to a son and while there completed arrangements with the factory to make a number of records of the old time Southern songs, such as "Dixie," "Swanee River" and others of her repertoire.

Mrs. Person is one of the most accomplished pianists in the country and although she has

passed 65 years, she is as bright and active as a woman many years her junior.

When the coming issues of the Victor catalogue are issued, Mrs. Person's picture will rank with the most famous artists that are employed by this company to make records. It is a difficult proposition for any company to get a clear and satisfactory record of a piano, and it was sometime before Mrs. Person knew whether or not her records had been taken clearly or not. When the discs were finished, it was found that they were among the best and clearest piano records that had been made. Playing for records pays well for Mrs. Person received \$5 a minute for the time-consumed in playing.

## MRS. JOE PERSON DIES SUDDENLY WHILE ON HER WAY TO CALIFORNIA

## WELL KNOWN CHARLOTTE WOMAN IS VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

A sudden stroke of apoplexy brought death to Mrs. Joe Person yesterday at Santa Fe, New Mexico, as she was on her  
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MRS. JOE PERSON

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