

Gatesville N.C.
June 3rd 1890

Elias Carr Esq
Dear Sir Bro.

It pains me very much to have to inform you that Capt. W. A. Darden died in Gatesville on Monday the 2nd inst about 2 o'clock P.M. of Heart-Disease. He was to address the public at 1, but said that he felt too badly and laid down and while suffering from the pain in his breast said that he felt certain that he would be able to meet us at Mintonsville today. But instead we will escort his remains to the Station on the Norfolk and Carolina Railroad and have appointed 2 of our members to go with him to his home in Green Co. to attend his burial. In his death the Alliance has lost one of its most worthy members and the first District has missed his lectures and instructions which we so much need. Cannot some other lectures be sent us. He had appointments advertised all over this side of the Roanoke River.

We are very sad over his death. Fraternally

A. J. Reed Sec. Gates County
Farmers Alliance