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Colonel Flavel W. Foster entered into rest yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The death of Colonel Foster was not unexpected, as several days ago those who loved him so well knew that the end was only a matter of hours, yet the realization brings with it the deepest sadness. He was first taken sick last June with jaundice, but after several months rest at Lincoln Lithia Springs, Lincolnton, N. C., he apparently regained much of his former good health. But the disease had left its path behind and a complication of troubles set in and he was compelled to take to his bed a fortnight ago and remain there until death summoned him to the White Throne. Colonel Foster was born at Canton, Pa., February 18, 1840, and consequently was in the 63rd year of his age. He was a federal veteran and was connected with the commissary department with General Terry's troops operating on the North Carolina coast during the latter part of the war. He was at the battle of Fort Fisher in January, 1865, and after Wilmington fell he was stationed here a year or two. When the war was c. he decided to remain in North Carlo'I lina, and went to Bladen county where he was interested in the lumber business. With associates he conducted a saw mill at what is now known as Yorkville, a name which he gave the place. He also engaged in mercantile business at Elizabethtown and did a large and successful business. While a resident of Bladen he was elected to the legislature on the Republican ticket, and served one or more terms. In 1870 he went to California and after spending a couple of years there came back to North Carolina and located in Wilmington about 1873. He was then in the United States revenue service and invested largely in real estate. He was elected a member of the board of aldermen in 1878, and while serving on the board was the originator and chief promoter of the movement that developed the Clarendon Water Works. In 1896 he was chairman of the board of commissioners of New Hanover county. From 1873 to 1885 Colonel Foster gave his attention to his real estate interests and in 1885, with Mr. J. A. Fore as a partner, he established the Fore & Foster Planing Mill, Sash and Blind Company, From that time to this he devoted his attention to the company's factory located at the intersection of Sixth street with the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line. The company for years has done a large business in the manufacture of doors, sash blinds, staircases, mouldings, etc. He did a very large business both foreign and domestic, his foreign business being principally with the British West Indies, Bermuda, etc. Several years ago he established a saw mill at Castle Haynes with a view to furnishing lumber for the factory in this city.

He took a lively interest in the Reserves and had aided them time oft and again. He was a member of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, Brotherhood of Protective Order of Elks, and was also a Mason.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the family residence No. 106 North Sixth street, where the beautiful Presbyterian service for the burial of the dead was conducted by Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the First Church. The music was exceedingly touching and was rendered by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Charles McMillen, C. H. Cooper, E. H. Munson, and H. K. Holden. The rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" brought tears to many an eye.

From the home the remains were tenderly carried to Oakdale Cemetery and laid to rest under a mound covered entirely with lovely floral designs.

The Wilmington Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Wilmington Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks attended the funeral in a body. The Naval Reserves were also in attendance under command of Lieutenant Chase. Lodge of Knights of Jefferson Pythias did not attend, as they did not receive the news of their brother's death in time to notify the members. However, Chancellor Taylor called personally at the Foster residence and extended the aid of the lodge in any way desired. The pall bearers were Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and Messrs. W. H. Chadbourn, Samuel Northrep and W. J. Crosswell, honorary; and Messrs. W. F. Robertson, William J. Bellamy, A. P. Adrian, W. J. Croswell, Jr., Thomas W. Clawson and John J. Blair active.

Among the lovely floral offerings was a magnificent design sent by the Elks.

Colonel Foster married Miss Gertrude S. Hall, of Winston-Salem, and this loving wife, with one son, Mr. D. Russell Foster, who is a student of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, survive him. He also leaves to mourn his loss a brother and two sisters, Mr. M. R. Foster, Mrs. Clara VanDyke and Mrs. Sarah E. VanDyke, all of Canton, Pa. The last mentioned was with the deceased during his last illness. A niece of Colonel Foster's also resides here, Mrs. Roger Moore, nee Miss Claribel VanDyke. The deceased was a man of great enterprise and always stood ready and willing at all times to do anything to promote the interest of Wilmington. He was decidedly public spirited to a marked degree and "sweet charity" was always part of his nature. His many deeds of generosity, eminating from a warm heart, are many and his f loss to the community will be unive 7 sally felt.

Colonel Foster was an honorary C member of the Naval Reserves, of this e city, by whom he was greatly loved. e