

# Dr. Royall, Appendectomy Pioneer, Dies

ELKIN, Oct. 11 — Dr. Miles Andrew Royall, 90, former mayor and prominent physician of Elkin, said to have been the first man to perform an appendectomy in North Carolina, died today at 3 p. m. at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Dr. Royall performed the operation for appendicitis on Charlie Cozart of Hamptonville around the turn of the century. Cozart died three years ago.

Dr. Royall practiced medicine in Elkin until 11 years ago when he retired. He began practicing in Hamptonville, coming to Elkin in 1912.

A son of the late John and Fannie Royall of Yadkin County, he studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Baltimore, Md. He did postgraduate work in Philadelphia and New York.

Dr. Royall was mayor of Elkin for two separate terms and represented Yadkin County in the State Legislature for one term.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Masonic Order. He served on the staff of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. He first married Rachel Reynolds, who died in 1906. He later married the former Miss Nora Dixon who survives with two sons, Hugh A. Royall and George Royall, both of Elkin; two daughters, Mrs. Garland Johnson of Elkin and Mrs. Blanche Dunagan of Ocean Drive Beach, S. C., 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Monday at the home of a son, George Royall, conducted by the Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Hollywood Cemetery.