

Joseph Hooker, 60, Railway Conductor Claimed By Death

Funeral Services For Veteran
Railroad Man Held At
Friends Church Thursday
Afternoon.

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Funeral services for Joseph Hooker, 60, well known conductor and former train master for the Atlantic and Yadkin railway, who died suddenly at Walnut Cove on Monday evening, were held from the Friends church on South Main street at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. C. Pearson and Rev. Benjamin Milliken conducted the final rites, which were followed by interment in Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. Hooker, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson L. Hooker, of Virginia, was born in Stokes county in 1876, but he had made his home in Mount Airy for many years. He was one of the oldest employees of the Atlantic and Yadkin railroad, having been in the employ of the road for thirty-six years, twenty-five of them as conductor.

For the past several years he had been train master, but when the company curtailed the duties of that office some months ago he took over his old run and was in charge of the train between Mount Airy and Greensboro. He was on duty on Monday afternoon when he was taken ill at King. He left the train at Walnut Cove and died shortly afterward from the attack, which was diagnosed as heart trouble.

Mr. Hooker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ila Davis Hooker, and by one son, Howard Hooker, both residents of Mount Airy. Twin sons, Claude and Clyde Hooker, preceded him in death some years ago. Claude gave his life during the World war, and the Claude E. Hooker post of the Veterans of Foreign wars is named in his honor. Clyde Hooker lost his life in an automobile wreck in West Virginia some years ago.

J. T. Hooker, Veteran Railroad Man, Stricken On Run Monday

Many Co-Workers Attend Fun-
eral Services Here; Special
Bus Brings Group From
Greensboro.

Mount Airy was shocked Monday afternoon when the announcement was made that Mr. Joseph Hooker, well known train conductor, had dropped dead at Walnut Cove.

Mr. Hooker had taken his train out on the usual run leaving here after noon and became ill at King, remaining with his train until it reached Walnut Cove. A message was received by his wife here notifying her of his illness, only to be followed in a few minutes by an announcement of his death, which resulted from a heart attack.

Mr. Hooker was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Louis Hooker, both of Patrick County, Va. Mr. Hooker was born in this state and has made his home here for many years and had been a railroad man for about thirty-six years, being with this road when it was known as the Cape Fear and Yedkin Valley. For several years he served the Atlantic and Yadkin as trainmaster but due to curtailment made by the company he recently took over his former work as freight conductor, and was en route from Mount Airy to Greensboro when the death summons came.

Mr. Hooker was twice married, his first wife a Miss Moody, died leaving two small sons. Later Mr. Hooker was married to Miss Ila Davis and togeth-

er they reared the boys to manhood with another son Howard Hooker who came into the home. Claude went to France early in the World War and gave his life in 1918. The local post "Veterans of Foreign Wars" is known as the "Claude Hooker Post" in his honor. Clyde was killed in an automobile accident June 6th, 1932, in Huntington, W. Va.

Surviving are the second wife, one son Howard Hooker, both of this city.

The funeral was conducted from the Friends Church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon when his pastor Rev. C. C. Pearson was assisted by a former pastor Rev. Benjamin Milliken, of Archdale. Interment was made in Oakdale Cemetery.

Among those attending the funeral from a distance were Mrs. Howard Hooker, Faceville, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pepper, of Winston-Salem, Mr. Joe Hooker and family of King, a group of relatives from Salisbury, and a special coach from Greensboro, which carried about forty of his friends, officials, and fellow trainmen.

A sister Mrs. John Melton, of Dayton, Ohio, and half brother Willie Boyles, of Roanoke, Va., were unable to attend the funeral.