

Col. Hairston Died Today At Chatmos Home

Harden Hairston, doubtless the largest land owner in Henry county, died this morning at his home, Chatmos, where for the past week or more his condition had caused increasing anxiety. Aged about 67, Col. Hairston had for several years suffered from an affection of the heart and since the death of his wife not many weeks ago his friends had noted a rapid decline. Col. Hairston was born in Henry county and owned the two famous estates, "Chatmos" and "Briarfield", where for years they had regaled their guests to that type of Virginia hospitality which has made the state famous. Col. Hairston was member of a prominent pioneering family of Henry county and fell heir to the estates handed down within the family since the original grants made when Virginia was settled. He was highly successful as a farmer and was a large tobacco raiser.

Col. and Mrs. Harden Hairston had no children. His two sisters are Mrs. Sarah Hairston Glenn, of Martinsville, and Mrs. Ruth Simms, of Philadelphia. Not many weeks ago Mrs. Hairston became ill and was brought here from Chatmos for what was to have been treatment. A surgical operation, however, was deemed necessary and she died a few days afterwards. The blow was felt by her husband with crushing force and since that time he had not recovered his poise.

The funeral will be held at Berry Hill Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.