

# DEATH OF COLONEL PETER HAIRSTON

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Colonel Peter Hairston, one of the most widely known and prominent citizens of Henry county, died on Friday morning at his home near Martinsville following an illness with pneumonia at the age of 79 years. The deceased was educated at the United States Military Academy and the University of Virginia. He entered the war as a lieutenant and rose to the rank of colonel. He was severely wounded at Williamsburg, but refused to remain away from his command, continuing his military service until the close of the bloody drama. He was an uncle of Mayor Robert Hairston, of Reidsville. Mayor and Mrs. Hairston attended the funeral and burial Saturday.

Col. Hairston held many positions of honor and influence and was prominently interested in the public affairs of the county, and as a leading spirit of the Stuart-Hairston Camp, always took an active part in movements pertaining to the Lost Cause.

Col. Hairston was at one time a valuable member of the Board of Visitors to the Virginia Military Institute for which duties his West Point training fitted him so well and for some years he served his county as a member of the State Legislature and in other prominent positions. In his quiet home life, befitting a Virginia planter, he was most hospitable and genial and always the ideal host.

Years ago he married Miss Lou Jones, of Annomattox county, Virginia who preceded him to the grave by ten years and without children. His wife was a sister of Mr. Robt. Hairston's mother. His adopted daughter, Mrs. T. A. Ranson, resided with him.

The funeral services and interment took place Saturday morning from the home of the deceased.

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