

R. Murdaugh, Sr. Killed In Wreck

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R. MURDAUGH, SR.

A leading citizen of Hampton county, Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh, Sr., was killed instantly near Varnville at about 12:30 o'clock Friday morning when a freight train hit his car at a crossing of the Charleston & Western Carolina railway company. Sheriff A. M. Lightsey said Mr. Murdaugh was returning to his home here after a visit to a friend in the county.

Mr. Murdaugh was born in Hampton county on February 28, 1887, and was the son of the late J. P. Murdaugh and Annie Marvin Davis Murdaugh.

He attended the public schools and a private higher school conducted by Colonel John T. Morrison and entered the University of South Carolina, from which he was graduated with the bachelor of arts degree in 1908 and bachelor of laws in 1910. He also attended the United Naval academy at Annapolis.

He began the practice of law in Hampton immediately upon graduation from the University of South Carolina, and was elected solicitor of the fourteenth judicial circuit in 1920, which office he held until his death, without ever having had opposition. His sixth term as solicitor would have begun in January, 1941, as he had no candidate for the office opposing him.

Mr. Murdaugh was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, a life long Democrat, a Mason, Knight of Pythias, Elk, Woodman of the World and a member of J. O. U. A. M. and the S. A. E. fraternity.

He also was a member of the South Carolina Bar association and the American Bar association.

Funeral services will be held at the grave side in the Hampton cemetery at 5 p. m., July 20 with the Rev. Porter Ball officiating.

He is survived by his wioow, Mary T. Murdaugh, two sons, Randolph, Jr., a practicing attorney at Hampton, and John Glenn Murdaugh and two brothers, Mortimer Murdaugh, of Varnville and J. P. Murdaugh of Pagsagville, Fla.

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