



Austin Seminary, Class of 1905:
Left to Right: John Leighton Read
(Texas), James Robertson West
(Mississippi), William Angus
McLeod (North Carolina),
Leonard Gill (England), and at
their feet, Charles Frederick
Hancock (Arkansas).

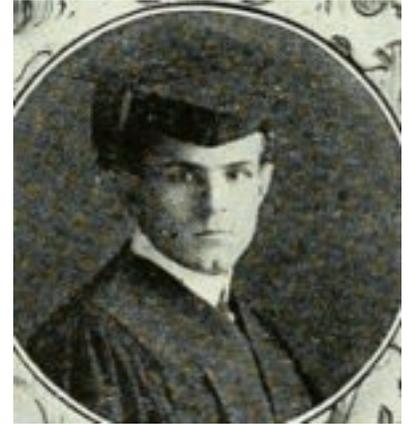
James Robertson West, Mississippi

OBITUARY:

PROMISING YOUNG MAN CALLED TO HIS REWARD

Rev. Jas. R. West Dies Here at Home of Father.

The friends of Rev. James R. West were shocked yesterday to learn of his death, which occurred very suddenly at the home of his father shortly after the noon hour. Mr. West was one of the faculty of Chickasaw Female College at Pontotoc and was attacked with fever six weeks or more ago, and before the demise had obtained such a hold on him as to force him to confinement in bed, he came down to Newton for treatment. It soon developed that he had typhoid fever, and after lingering for four weeks, the fever left about ten days ago. He began to improve and was able to sit up some, and was getting along so nicely that his father left to go to Presbytery at Poplarville, thinking his son was on the road to recovery. On Wednesday morning there seemed to be a change in his condition for the worse and the doctor was called in, and prescribed for the patient. About midday, the sick one asked for water and raised up to drink, but fell back on his pillow and breathed no more.



The deceased was the youngest of three sons of Dr. J. D. West, a prominent Presbyterian divine of this place, and was born in Pontotoc county about 30 years ago. He was known and had friends in several towns of the state, where his father had served as pastor of the churches, and about fifteen years ago went with his parents to Bryan, Texas, where Dr. West was pastor of the First Presbyterian church for ten or twelve years, just prior to moving here. Young Mr. West was a graduate of the state university of Texas, as well as having completed the course at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Austin, Tex. He also graduated at Princeton University. After completing his education and leaving Texas, for several years he served as pastor of some of the Presbyterian churches of Arkansas, as well as in his native state and last year accepted the chair of languages in Chickasaw Female College at Pontotoc. He was also to fill the same position this session, but his illness came on just before the term opened and he never became able to take up his duties, although he was so eager to get well and return to his post of duty.

With naturally a bright intellect, a strong christian character, an ambitious nature, highly educated, and devoted to his work, the future promised a life of usefulness, and in his untimely demise the state has lost a good citizen, the church a devout worker, and his parents a loving and dutiful son.

He leaves an aged father and mother; one brother. Dr. G. E. West, of Memphis; and four sisters. Miss Virginia, who nursed him through his illness; Mrs. R. P. Reese, of Pensacola, Fla., Miss Elizabeth West; of Austin, Tex., and Mrs. F. L. Allen, of Waldo, Miss., as well as other relatives, all of whom have the deepest sympathy of hosts of friends.

The funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the interment will be in the Knights of Pythias cemetery.

Out-of-town relatives who are here to attend the funeral are Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Allen, of Waldo; Dr. G. E. West, of Memphis, and John West, of Kosciusko.

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When James R West was born on April 6, 1881, in Pontotoc, Mississippi, his father, James, was 42 and his mother, Mary, was 43. He had two brothers and four sisters. He died on October 4, 1911, in Newton, Mississippi, at the age of 30, and was buried there.



James West, was on the swimming team while attending University of Texas.