

FAULKNER ITEMS IN THE OXFORD EAGLE

(Part 1)

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A desire can hardly be repressed for information about the man behind the work and the soil upon which he actually lived and worked, although it may easily be accepted that the focus should be largely on the work itself, not on the private author, in our literary research. Literary pleasure comes from the knowledge about when, where, and how the writer was born, grew into manhood, and died, as well as from pleasure trips to his fictitious world. It is through such an urge to get to the corporeal Faulkner that I decided to pick up as many Faulkner references as I could from the Oxford Eagle.

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Mar. 15, 1900. 'Personals,' p. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Falkner¹ and two bright little sons, Willie² and Murray

(sic) jr. (sic), are visiting their father and mother, Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

1 The author's parents.

2 The first reference in the paper to the author, William Cuthbert Falkner, two years and five months old. His brother, Murry Charles Falkner, called Jack, is eight months old.

Oct. 25, 1900. 'Personal Mention,' p. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray (sic) Falkner and two bright little boys, of Ripley, are visiting Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

Oct. 3, 1901. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner returned from Ripley last Saturday, but was recalled to that place Monday, by the serious illness of her little grandson, Willie Falkner, of scarlet fever.

Dec. 12, 1901. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mr. Murry Falkner, wife and children, of Ripley, are visiting Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

Mar. 27, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner has returned from a visit to her son in Ripley. She was accompanied home by her little grandson, Master Willie Falkner.

May 29, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mrs. Murray (sic) Falkner and three little sons,¹ of Ripley, are visiting Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

1 William is four years and eight months old, Jack two years and eleven months old, and John Wesley Thompson Falkner, III, called Johncy, eight months old.

June 26, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mr. Murry Falkner, of Ripley spent several days of the past week with his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the residence of Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner, at 5 o'clock, Friday afternoon. All members are urged to be present.

July 10, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Col. J. W. T. Falkner has bought the business houses owned by Messrs. M. A. Greene and D. I. Sulton. This shows the confidence one of the most prudent and solid capitalists of our town has in its future.

July 24, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Col. J. W. T. Falkner, Mrs. Falkner and little Sallie Murry,¹ are spending the week in Ripley.

1 The Falkner boys' cousin, that is, the daughter of Mary Holland Wilkins (called Auntie by the boys), Murry Falkner's sister. She must have seen her little cousins in Ripley.

Sept. 11, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mr. Murry Falkner, of Ripley, is visiting his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner has been quite sick the past week, but we are glad she is improving.

Oct. 2, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mr. Murry Falkner and wife and their interesting family have removed from Ripley to Oxford, and occupy the residence formerly occupied by Col. J. W. T. Falkner.¹

1 It is on September 24 that the three Falkner boys and their mother arrived by train. The father was still on the road bringing the household goods in wagons. The new Falkner house was called "the old Johnny Brown place," and located on an incline some distance off the street near the intersection of Second South Street (now South Eleventh Street) and Buchanan Avenue. The house is still standing there, the address being 910 South Eleventh Street.

Oct. 23, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mr. Murry Falkner is superintending the grading of North street, making it one of the most beautiful drives in town.

Nov. 13, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

The Falkner Transfer Co., respectfully ask to be remembered when you have hauling to do and guarantee to please you.

M. C. Falkner, Manager.

Nov. 20, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mr. Murry Falkner has bought Mr. O. I. Grady's livery stable on University street and has assumed charge of same.

The Falkner Transfer Co., respectfully ask to be remembered when you have hauling to do and guarantee to please you.

M. C. Falkner, Manager.

The Falkner Transfer Co., at Grady's old stand on University street.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner left last week for Memphis, to spend several weeks in Dr. Crawford's sanitarium for treatment.

Nov. 27, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

The Falkner Transfer Co. , respectfully ask to be remembered when you have hauling to do and guarantee to please you.

M. C. Falkner, Manager.

Dec. 4, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

The Falkner Transfer Co. , respectfully ask to be remembered when you have hauling to do and guarantee to please you.

M. C. Falkner, Manager.

Dec. 11, 1902. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner has returned from Memphis. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is much improved in health.

Feb. 26, 1903. 'Local Happenings,' p. 3.

Master Phil Stone entertained a number of guests Saturday afternoon in celebration of his birthday.¹

¹ His tenth birthday.

'A Call From the Mighty East. /Lafayette Springs, /Feb. 24, 1903,' p. 3.

Ed. Eagle:

What has become of our former State Senator, Hon. J. W. T. Falkner? We would like to have him serve us again and have been expecting to see his announcement. We need such men as Col. Falkner and will give him our hearty support.

Voters.

Mar. 19, 1903. 'A Call. /Orrwood, Miss. ,/March 16, 1903,' p. 3.

We have been hoping to see the announcement of Col. Falkner in the EAGLE since the last call made for him. Many voters in this section are anxious for him to make the race and will give him their support.

Citizen.

Mar. 26, 1903. 'HON. J. W. T. FALKNER,' p. 2.

In compliance with repeated requests from different parts of the county that he should make the race, Hon. J. W. T. Falkner announces himself this week, as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the wishes of the voters of LaFayette county. Col. Falkner served one term in the Lower House, and for the past four years as Senator, and filled both positions with honor to himself and the people he represented. He is a man of incorruptible principles, staunch integrity, and unblemished honor, and enjoys the full confidence of all who know him. He is a learned jurist, a ripe scholar, a polished gentleman, and states man of whom any people might feel justly proud. His experience in the past, as well as his ability, untiring zeal and patriotic interest in town and county, but fit him more competently for this high office. Beyond a doubt he is without a peer in the senate, and it is a

matter of congratulation that he is willing to serve in this position. Our county stands in need of just such an able statesman as Col. Falkner has proven himself to be by former service, and his friends and constituents will take great delight in giving him their enthusiastic support during the canvass.

May 28, 1903. 'Special Notice,' p. 3.

To whom it may concern:

Toby Thompson, sometimes called Toby Strother, is under contract to me and has left me. Anyone employing him will be held responsible under the law.

M. C. Falkner.

Oxford, May 21, 1903.

Aug. 6, 1903. 'The First Primary,' p. 3.

The returns were slow in getting in, owing to the great length of the ticket.

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The following gentlemen will be in the second primary:

State Senator—Falkner and Hightower.

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Aug. 13, 1903. 'Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. Murry Falkner and little son spent Saturday in Memphis.

Sept. 3, 1903. 'OFFICIAL RETURNS OF LAFAYETTE / COUNTY, MISS., BY PRECINCTS. / RESULT OF THE BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS IN THE SECOND / PRIMARY HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1903,' p. 2.

CANDIDATES	TOTAL
....
St. Senator	
Hightower	1081
Kimmons	889

Sept. 17, 1903. 'The Senate,'¹ p. 1.

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Thirty-second District—G. R. Hight² of Oxford.

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1 The decided list of the new Senators.

2 G.R. Hightower. Col. J.W.T. Falkner lost the race.

Oct. 22, 1903. 'Local News,' p. 3.

Hon. L. E. Oldham,¹ of Kosciusko, has rented the residence of Mrs. May Bordeaux, on South street and he and his interesting family will soon become citizens of our community. Mr. Oldham is the present circuit clerk of the United

States Court.

1 The father of Estelle Oldham, who is now seven years and eight months old.

Mar. 24, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

The Falkner Transfer Co. , is now running a daily hack between Oxford and the University for the benefit of the traveling public. This is an experiment which will be continued if the needs and patronage of the public justify it. You can signal the transfer at any crossing on the main street for the trip either way.

Mar. 31, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. L. E. Oldham and children are visiting relatives this week in Kosciusko.

Apr. 7, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner, Mrs. Holland Wilkins and little Miss Sallie Murray (sic) Wilkins left Monday for Biloxi, to spend several weeks. Mrs. Falkner's friends will be glad to learn that she is improving in health.

Apr. 14, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Col. J. W. T. Falkner, Mrs. Falkner and Mrs. Holland Wilkins have returned from Biloxi. The burning of the sanitarium at which they expected to board, caused them to return home earlier than they expected. We are glad to learn that Mrs. Falkner was benefited by the trip.

Apr. 21, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

The friends of Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner will be delighted to learn that she is able to drive out, and be on the streets again. We sincerely trust that she will soon fully regain her health and strength.

Apr. 28, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner, Mrs. Holland Wilkins and Sallie Murry Wilkins are visiting relatives in Ripley this week.

May 5, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Col. and Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner Mrs. Holland Wilkins and little daughter, Sallie Murry, have returned from Ripley.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner and her daughter, Mrs. Holland Falkner Wilkins, and her daughter, Sallie Murry, of Oxford, are visiting Dr. Murry¹ for an indefinite time. Mrs. Falkner was born and reared in Ripley, where she has ever been a universal favorite and our people, throughout this county, will be delighted to learn that she is rapidly recovering her health. —Ripley Sentinel.

1 Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner's father, Dr. John Young Murry.

June 16, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Messrs. Murray (sic) Falkner and T. W. Yates, spent several days this week fishing and hunting at the Tallahatchie Club Hoese (sic).

July 7, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

The Falkner Transfer Company is now delivering Ice from the home factory.

Aug. 25, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. Murray (sic) Falkner has returned from a visit to relatives in Ripley.

Sept. 8, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Col. Falkner attended court in Pontotoc this week.

Lost—One fine leather hand satchel, containing some small change and a pair of spectacles. Finder will return and receive reward.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner.

Messrs. D. I. Sultan, Murray (sic) Falkner, Paul Ramey, Henry Faser, Lex Ramey, T. W. Yates, and son, Thomas, and Powell Plant spent several days this week at the club house on Tallahatchie hunting and fishing.

Oct. 6, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. L. E. Oldham entertained the Card Club last Thursday afternoon.

Oct. 20, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Hon. L. E. Oldham has returned from Aberdeen.

Oct. 27, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Hon. L. E. Oldham was called to Memphis a few days since by the serious illness of his mother.

Nov. 10, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mr. L. E. Oldham was called to Kosciusko Tuesday by the serious illness of his mother.

Nov. 17, 1904. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Oldham and children¹ have returned from Kosciusko, where they were called last week by the illness and subsequent death of Mr. Oldham's mother, Mrs. M. M. Mabry. The deceased was the widow of the late Mr. George Mabry, once a prominent merchant in this State and in Texas. She was a most estimable lady, and a member of one of the most prominent families of the State. The *EAGLE* tenders sympathy to to (sic) the bereaved son.

¹ Lida Estelle, eight years and nine months old, and Melvina Victoria, six years and five months old.

Feb. 2, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. J. W. T. Falkner is visiting relatives in Ripley.

Col. J. W. T. Falkner is attending court in New Albany this week.

Feb. 23, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Col. J. W. T. Falkner has lot contract and the material is already on the ground to enlarge the store house now occupied by Mr. Edgar Harris as soon as the weather will permit. An addition of 150 feet in the rear will be added.

Mar. 9, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mr. L. E. Oldham has purchased the Bryant house¹ on South street.

¹ 701 South Lamar, where South Central Bell Telephone Co. now stands.

Apr. 6, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Oldham have moved into their recently purchased home, the Bryant house, on South street.

'HONOR ROLL,' p. 3.

The following pupils, by grades, of the Oxford Graded School did not fall below 90 in class standing and deportment, were not absent as much as three days, and were not on the tardy roll during the month ending, Friday, March 30th:

PRIMARY GRADE.

Donald Farr, Myrtle Withers, Victoria Oldham, Hal Cullen, Annie May Taylor.

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SECOND GRADE.

Willie Lewis, Janette Stowers, Marvel Ramey, Hubert McElroy, Estelle Oldham, Ina Houston, Anna Wright.

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SIXTH GRADE.

James Ray, Donald Gray, David Nellson, Sue Ragland, David Carter, John Ramey, Loreet Eades, Ellnor Bogard, Phil Stone, Mary Moss, Mattie Kimmons.

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Apr. 20, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mesdames Lelia Butler¹ and M. C. Falkner² and children spent several days of the past week with relatives in Memphis.

¹ The author's grandmother on the mother's side, called Damuddy.

² The author's mother.

Apr. 27, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. M. C. Falkner was hostess of the Twentieth Century Book Club last Wednesday.

May 11, 1905. 'To the Public,' p. 3.

We have contracted to handle Ice for the Oxford Ice Plant this summer, and will deliver Ice in any quantity until 12 o'clock, noon. After 12 o'clock we will deliver in 50 pound blocks or more.

We will do our part to treat the trade right and will appreciate your patronage and good will. You can always get Ice in any quantity at our Ice house at any time.

The revenue on a 2 cent piece of Ice is so small that you will readily see that we can afford to deliver same after our regular run in the morning is over, but you can get the Ice at our Ice house, or we can send to you and charge you for special delivery.

Phone 199 for further information and we will appreciate your reporting any errors in weight or failure on the part of employees to do their duty.

Old prices will govern.

Respectfully,
The Falkner Transfer Co.

Aug. 10, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mr. Murray (sic) Falkner has been elected manager of the Oxford Oil Mill Co., and has assumed the duties of the position.

Sept. 21, 1905. 'The Public School Opening,' p. 3.

According to announcement the Oxford Graded School opened Monday. Prof. R. L. Harris and his corps of teachers were present and hundreds of happy, merry children¹ were enrolled.

The exercises were opened with prayer and appropriate remarks by Revs. W. D. Hedleston, J. R. Counties, J. M. Wyatt and others. The building was well filled with interested patrons and spectators and the present outlook for a prosperous and satisfactory session is very flattering.

About 300 pupils were enrolled and the first day was spent in classifying and arranging the lists of books for each pupil, as all books are changed this session and those adopted by the commission can only be used.

¹ William Falkner was among those enrollees.

Oct. 12, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. Lem Oldham and children are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Henry C. Niles, in Kosciusko.

Oct. 19, 1905. 'HONOR ROLL,' p. 3.

The following pupils, by grades, of the Oxford Graded School did not fall below 90 in class standing and deportment, were not absent as much as three days, and were not on the tardy roll during the month ending, Friday, Oct. 13th:

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FIRST GRADE

William Falkner, Thomas Bailey, James Lockard.

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1 Neither Estelle Oldham nor Phil Stone is listed under the third grade and the seventh respectively.

Oct. 26, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mesdames M. C. Falkner, John Falkner, Jr.,¹ and Holland Wilkins spent Monday in Memphis.

1 Mrs. J.W.T. Falkner, Jr., that is, the wife of Murry Falkner's brother.

Nov. 2, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. Lem E. Oldham was the hostess Wednesday of the Twentieth Century Book Club.

Nov. 9, 1905. 'The Local News,' p. 3.

Mrs. Lem E. Oldham was the hostess Thursday afternoon Card Club at its last meeting.

Nov. 16, 1905. 'HONOR ROLL,' p. 3.

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FIRST GRADE.

Thomas Bailey, William Falkner, Maddin (sic) Tate.

....¹

1 Estelle Oldham is not listed under the third grade, but Phil Stone is under the seventh.

Dec. 14, 1905. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

The Edna Foy Company at the Opera House all this week, is one of the best, cleanest and strongest companies ever in Oxford, and is well worthy of better attendance than they have had so far this week. I personally guarantee this show to be one of the very best that my booking includes for this season. The people of Oxford who do not turn out and enjoy it are missing a great treat. At the Matinee on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 the company presents the musical comedy hit, "Bustor Brown." The matinee prices will be 15 and 25 cts. Hoping to see full

houses the remaining nights of the week and assuring you entire satisfaction.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. T. Falkner, Jr.,
Manager.

Dec. 21, 1905. 'HONOR ROLL,' p. 3.

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FIRST GRADE.

Thomas Bailey, William Falkner, Hubert Gray, Rodney Sisk, Maddin (sic) Tate, Mary Gibson, Sadie Newell.

....¹

1 Estelle Oldham is not listed unde the third grade, but Phil Stone is under the seventh.

Jan. 4, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem E. Oldham entertained a few friends Xmas morning in a very novel and charmingly original manner. Their beautiful home was artistically decorated in Christmas greens and after an old-fashioned Virginia reel, the guests were invited to participate in the delights of a Christmas tree, on which was a gift peculiarly adapted to each guest present.

Jan. 11, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

The Jiu-Jitsu exhibition at the Opera House Saturday night should draw a large audience. Prof. Koizumi, expert Japanese Jiu-Jitsu wrestler, with the aid of Mr. R. H. Powell will fully demonstrate this much talked of art. Several of the college athlets (sic) will participate also. An interesting and highly instructive evening is guaranteed....

'HONOR ROLL,' p. 3.

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FIRST GRADE.

Thomas Bailey, William Falkner, Rodney Sisk, Madden Tate, Gladys Houston, Mary Gipson (sic).

....¹

1 Estelle Oldham is listed under the third grade, but there is no seventh-grade listing.

Feb. 15, 1906. 'HONOR ROLL,' p. 3.

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FIRST GRADE.

Thomas Bailey, William Falkner, Mary Gipson (sic), Rodney Sisk, Gladys

Houston.

....¹

1 Estelle Oldham is not listed under the third grade, while Phil Stone is under the seventh.

Apr. 5, 1906. 'HONOR ROLL,'¹ p. 3.

1 William Falkner is not listed under the first grade, nor is Estelle Oldham under the third. Phil Stone is found on the seventh-grade list.

Apr. 19, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

Mrs. M.C. Falkner was hostess of the Twentieth Century Book Club Thursday afternoon.

May 10, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

The Unveiling Exercises of the Confederate Monument will take place on the campus this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies. The United Daughters of the Confederacy will unveil this beautiful tribute to our beloved heroes.

May 17, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

The closing exercises of the Oxford Graded School will take place Friday, May 25th, in the school building with appropriate ceremonies.

'DEDICATION/Of the Monument to the/Departed Confeder-/ate Soldiers/Last Thursday afternoon by the U./D.C. was very Imposing—Hon./Chas. Scott was the Orator of/the Day,' p. 3.

Last Thursday a great throng of people attended the unveiling of the Confederate Monument. This beautiful marble shaft standing upon the campus of the State University is a fitting memorial to the gallant service of the men of LaFayette County who wore the gray. This shaft was erected by the noble women of this community under the auspices of the Albert Sydney Johnston Chapter, U.D.C., and was the result of several years continuous labor.

The vast crowd began their line of march from the square at 1:30 o'clock headed by the First Regiment Band, followed by many vehicles containing Hon. Charles Scott, of Rosedale, the speaker of the day, and many of the women who had labored so hard in this cause, behind all these came the Veterans, some with tottering steps, but inspired at the sight of their comrades in gray and the old banner they followed so closely in the carnage of war. Behind these the military boys upon whose shoulders must fall a share of the responsibilities of war in future days. The scene was an inspiring one and the day was highly enjoyed.

Hon. C.I. Sivley was master of ceremonies and when the large crowd assembled near the monument, Rev. W.D. Hedleston invoked the blessing of Diety in an

earnest prayer. The speaker of the day was then introduced who for more than an hour recalled the glorious deeds of the men in gray and pointed out that all history had no parallel where men fought such a great fight for the sake of principle alone. He stated further that the highest courts in the land had long since upheld these principles for which the Southerner fought for (sic). His address was earnest, replete with wholesome information and highly appreciated.

On behalf of the University Mr. C. A. Alexander, of the law department, made a very appropriate address. Mr. John F. Brown... tribute to the untiring work of the ladies in building this monument as a memorial to the deeds of his comrades.

The young ladies of Oxford placed at the base of the shaft many lovely garlands of flowers. The entire program was carried out to the great enjoyment of all present.

July 5, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

On and after July 1st, the Oil Mill office will be closed. Telephone your Ice orders to Falkner Transfer Co. Phone 199.

M. C. Falkner, Manager.

Sept. 20, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

Dust! Dust!! Dust!!!

Down with the Dust Devil!

The Oxford Graded School opened Monday with 315 pupils in attendance. Many of the citizens of the town were present. The opening exercises was (sic) opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Wyatt. Rev. Edward Stubblefield made a good practical talk. Rev. W. D. Hedleston addressed the audience along business lines and also made complimentary remarks to the teachers, both for what they had done and also as to the possibilities before them. Everything looks auspicious for a successful year's work....

Oct. 18, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

Mr. M. C. Falkner has purchased the residence of Mr. John B. Brown¹ on South street. Mr. Brown will remove to the residence now occupied by Mr. Falkner.

1 The Rowsey house, 603 South Lamar, where Mississippi Employment Service now stands.

'HONOR ROLL,' p. 4.

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PRIMARY GRADE.

Murry Falkner, Herbert Riley, Sallie M. Wilkins.

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THIRD GRADE.

Lucy Greer, William Falkner,¹ Alex Bogard, Cevelle Walker, Eunice Halcombe, James Barbour, Joe Woodward, Kana Parks, Gladis Lawshec, Bonnie Furr, Ashley Roebuck, Dale Lawhorn.

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1 He has been skipped to third grade.

2 Estelle Oldham is among the eleven pupils listed under the fourth grade.

Nov. 8, 1906. 'Local Items,' p. 3.

Mrs. Lem Oldham and children left Saturday for a month's visit with relatives in Kosicusko (sic) and McComb City.

Nov. 15, 1906. 'HONOR ROLL,'¹ p. 5.

1 William Falkner is one of the fifteen pupils listed under the third grade. Murry Falkner is listed under the primary grade, but Estelle Oldham is not under the fourth.

Jan. 3, 1907. 'THE DEAD,' p. 3.

MRS. J. W. T. FALKNER.

At 1:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon, Dec. 21st, at her home on South street, the soul of Mrs. Sallie Murry Falkner, wife of J. W. T. Falkner, passed into the great beyond. In life she was, indeed, a most remarkable woman. Always cheerful, kind and charitable; a devoted wife, a loving mother, a true friend, and, above all, a devout Christian woman.

She loved the church and her life was consecrated to its service; nothing made her happier than to give her time and energies to the building up of the church in all its departments, and so long as her health would permit she labored lovingly and zealously in this noble field of work. At home no wife was ever more loyal, a mother more true. She was idolized by her husband and children. Her life was spent in doing good deeds, the poor and needy ever found in her a friend. Her last hours were spent in ministering to the needs of many of these. Her mind was highly cultivated, her life refined; her heart overflowed with a desire to see in all the world: "peace on earth good will to men." Her whole life exemplified the beauty of noble living and the nobility of a consecrated Christian character. Her husband, her children, her aged father, her brothers and sisters, and her other kindred and a host of friends, she leaves bowed in unspeakable sorrow, (sic) But, after all, we should know that this is God's way and that He does all things well. Her family, kindred and friends received the benedictions of a noble life, and while all mourn her loss we should let the beautiful traits of her character, the teachings of the

God she worshiped, find judgment in our lives so that some day, a day that is coming soon to us all, we may all meet her where there is no sorrow nor parting.

Jan. 10, 1907. 'HONOR ROLL,'¹ p. 4.

1 William Falkner is one of the twelve pupils listed under the third grade. Murry Falkner is listed under the primary, and Estelle Oldham under the fifth (erroneously printed, actually the fourth).

'IN MEMORIAM/MRS. SALLIE MURRY FALKNER,' p. 4.

"There is no death!

What seems so, is transition."

The poet sounded a note of triumph, a paean of hope, a rhapsody of joy, when from the pulsing harp strings of his own great soul he evoked the measures of this sweet song.

In his exquisitely tender and comforting words he poured a heavenly balm upon the stricken hearts of humanity. And how perfectly do they accord with the feelings and express the sentiments of all who knew the noble woman so recently translated from earth to Heaven—Mrs. Sallie Falkner!

If ever a triumphant soul winging its glad flight heavenward, could exclaim, "There is no death, what seems so is transition" to a higher realm, a broader, grander sweep of life, that spirit was the departing angel of this faithful, Christian woman.

Mrs. Falkner was the eldest daughter of that venerable man of God, Dr. John Y. Murry, of Ripley, Miss. In his model christian(sic) home, nurtured by its atmosphere of refinement, culture, devotion to lofty ideals, tender affection and genuine piety his lovely daughter grew into the full stature of noble womanhood. Both heredity and environment, like good angels, showered upon her in generous measure, those physical graces, mental endowments and moral virtues which make up the full complement of a well-rounded symmetrical character. The resultant of these happy forces could be none other than the strong, beautiful life whose quickening touch was felt by all who met or knew our departed friend. Hers was one of those rare natures which combine the stronger virtues with the softer graces of womanhood. A lofty intellect was supplemented by poetic fervor; soundness of practical judgment by richness of imagination; accurate, (sic) discriminating powers, by the tenderest, sweetest sentiment.

A poet's soul looked from her eyes upon the manifold beauty of God's universe, and nourished itself upon the vision supernal, until something of the largeness, the grandeur, the glory and the peace of the Infinite became incarnate in her daily life—a poem made visible, tangible and concrete.

Her intense love of the beautiful in nature, in literature, in music, in worship,

lifted her character to the sun-kissed heights of a splendid idealism. She heeded early the divine admonition, "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth;" giving her heart to God in the bloom of her young life, and uniting with the Methodist church to whose every interest she remained loyally attached until her death. Its grand old hymns, her favorites, "How firm a foundation," "Jesus Lover of my soul," and "Nearer my God to thee," epitomize the gospel she loved and gave expression to in her daily walk.

Who that knew Mrs. Falkner, was not witness to her activity, fidelity and devotion to the Sunday School as a teacher of marked ability, whether of the Bible or Primary class? To the Missionary societies as enthusiastic member or efficient officer? To the choir, where her rare musical gifts and unerring taste, made her invaluable in all the services of her beloved church. While many virtues adorned and beautified her character, the crowning, the glorifying grace, was that, of which the inspired Apostle says, "The greatest of these is Charity." The Master's words "The poor ye have always with you," was to her a divine appeal, directing her life's charities into channels of helpfulness, tenderness, mercy and love. Many of the poor and needy ones of earth will arise in the last day to call her "blessed"; while the Savior Himself will say, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of my little ones, ye did it unto me."

To such a nature as hers marriage was a sacrament, a holy union. And never rang wedding bells more joyously than those which pealed forth on the morning of September 2d (sic), 1869, when the gallant John W. T. Falkner led her to the marriage altar, a radiant bride. Never shone the sun upon a more perfect union of heart with heart. From the first day of their meeting, Love wrought his magic in their hearts, and made them lovers forever. For them the bridal garlands never lost their fragrance; the nuptial tapers never ceased to glow; the wedding chorus never died into silence. But for thirty-seven years, the sweetness, the effulgence, the melody of all were recreated daily in the perfect union of their devoted hearts. In no relation did Mrs. Falkner's character shine with a more beautiful light than as a faithful wife and devoted mother. "Johnnie," her pet name for Col. Falkner, who had been the hero of her girlish dreams, remained the idol of her woman's heart. The tenderest solicitude, the deepest affection, the sweetest sentiment of her nature, poured themselves out in generous profusion upon the companion of her life's journey. And when the sunset shadows began to lengthen, and the evening bells chime soft and low, they were knitted more closely together, until it seemed that she could not pass to the other shore, while he remained below. One of the last entries in the diary which she kept until the day before her death, is dedicated to her husband and bears testimony to her perfect, wifely devotion. One turning the pages of this soul-revealing autobiography, finds himself in the

sacred precincts of a holy place where with bowed head, hushed breath and softened tread, he does obeisance to the noble spirit it enshrines.

For several years Mrs. Falkner has been a continual sufferer, having to conserve her failing strength with the utmost care and prudence. Yet her spirit lost none of its buoyancy (sic), her nature none of its sunshine. For the gladness and brightness that are born of heaven, transfigured her life during these last years of suffering and pain. The surely approaching end had no terrors for her. Exultant faith assured her of that victory over the sting of death and the grave, which only the triumphant soldier of the cross can achieve. Her life had been a preparation for death; she had woven golden threads into the warp and wool of life; the perfected pattern had been (sic) wrought out under the Father's All-seeing eye, the finished fabric was His own.

When the end came there was no need for parting instructions or farewells; she simply closed her eyes on God's beautiful earth, to open them again in His perfect Heaven. Like the gentle passing of an evening zephyr, the Death Angel soothed her to sleep. Like the soft lapsing of refulgent waters upon the glistening beach, the fair tides of life ebbed out. Like the last sweet tones of some distant pealing bells, the pulsing of her beautiful soul grew fainter upon earth, only to break into a celestial harmony upon the tuneful air of Heaven: "To her loved ones, for whom she made home the sweetest, most sacred place on earth, these tender words, written on the fly leaf of her bible, must come like the softening echoes of her own sweet voice; wooing them to her home above:

"And somewhere yet on the hill tops,
Of the country that hath no pain
She will watch, in the beautiful doorway,
To bid us welcome again."

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