Report of Committee on Necrology

W. W. Yothers, Chairman

The Committee on Necrology has the sad duty to report the deaths of the following members:

T. I. Arnold, Oak.
George W. Adams, Thonotosassa.
James C. Carver, Sutherland.
E. E. Cannon, Gainesville.
J. P. Felt, Eustis.
H. A. Hempel, Gotha.
Charles J. Haigh, Philadelphia.
Dr. T. G. Julian, Clearwater.
A. S. J. McKenney, Stanton.

Andrew McAdams, Melbourne.
W. W. Mann, Winter Haven.
Chas. Pugsley, Winter Haven.
John Schnarr, Orlando.
David H. Scott, Arcadia.
Edward Scott, Arcadia.
W. N. Wilson, Gainesville.

Appropriate biographical sketches follow. These have been especially prepared to show the part the deceased members had in the development of the citrus industry.

T. I. ARNOLD

Mr. T. I. Arnold was born near Byron, Ga., June 16th, 1860. At the age of twenty-four he came to Florida and engaged in orange culture near Anthony, Marion county. After the big freeze, because of which he lost his grove, he became manager of a phosphate mine owned and operated by Mr. McDowell, in whose employ he remained for some years. Later he again took up orange culture in the employ of H. B. Stevens, at Citra, Fla., where some of the finest oranges in the State are grown.

Still in the employ of Mr. Stevens, some years later he moved to Orlando, where he entered the pineapple industry, in which he spent eight or ten years, during the last four or five years being associated with J. C. Talley in the business. Owing to the difficulty of competing with the Cuban growers of pineapples, also those of the east coast of Florida, the work at Orlando had to be abandoned, because the price received for fruit was not sufficient to compensate for trouble and expense of raising the fruit under cover.

During the first year of his stay in Orlando, in January, 1896, he was married to Miss Pauline Pugh, a teacher in the Orlando High School, whom he had known ever since coming to the State.

In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold removed to Jacksonville, where they bought a home, and where Mrs. Arnold taught for years in the Duval High School.

During the remainder of his life he was engaged in the lumber business at Oak, being manager and part owner of the Arlo Box Company.
GEORGE WILLARD ADAMS

The subject of this sketch, familiar to many of the older members of the Florida State Horticultural Society, for he and his wife were most enthusiastic members for many years, passed away on January 3d, 1921, at the ripe age of eighty-three years and six months. In 1837 George W. Adams was born in Northbridge, Massachusetts, moving from there to Milford in his boyhood. Until young manhood he spent his time on his father's farm. The call of business in Boston came to him and he went there to live prior to 1867.

In July, 1868, he married Miss Hattie S. Humphrey and they made their home in Chelsea for a few years; in 1873 Mrs. Adams died. For some years Mr. Adams and his older brother represented the Davis Sewing Machine Co., throughout the New England States, with headquarters in Boston. After a few years his health failed and his physicians ordered him away from the cold climate. In March, 1875, he married Miss Elizabeth Conant, and they immediately left for Florida, where they spent the remainder of the winter. Mr. Adams improved in health and their next move was to Iowa and Colorado. In 1877 they came to South Florida to live.

Mr. Adams was the first Northern settler to get his homestead from the government and settle at Lake Thonotosassa (Lake of Flints), Hillsboro county. He and another would-be settler traveled by wagon over a large portion of South Florida but found nothing so beautiful as this lake. Here they became pioneers in earnest. There was no railroad as far south as Tampa until 1883, so these travelers from the North went to Cedar Keys thence by boat to Tampa. When he had his land cleared so a house could be built, the lumber was ordered from Pensacola and one can imagine the wearisome days they were hauling this lumber sixteen miles through the pine woods to the present location. Mr. Adams said, "he could feel himself getting better every day," and he did entirely recover from the tubercular trouble with which he was affected.

He set out orange trees, going miles to get trees or nursery stock to put in his grove, then he raised quite a stock of nursery trees, supplying many of the new-comers with trees for groves. Mr. Adams set out about twenty acres in grove but recently sold out all but five acres surrounding his house when he found his strength was not sufficient to care for so many trees. In 1892 he put in an irrigating system that gave the finest results in watering the grove, and gave him more uniform crops yearly.

JAMES C. CRAVER

Mr. James C. Craver was born at Jonesboro, Ill., December 27, 1849. Early in boyhood he gave evidence of that eager desire for scholarship and knowledge which lingered with him to the end. He was a studious lad. Stories are still abundant of his taking his books to the field and resting his tired horse often
that the boy’s mind might gather some more gems of poetry from the book on the stump or fence corner before him. After reading all the books he could find in the neighborhood and passing through the public schools, he entered the University of Illinois. Here he made fine progress, and would have been graduated with honors but for the collapse of his health. In his senior year he was forced to abandon his beloved studies and begin the fight for his life. After a second collapse he determined to seek a warmer climate and selected Florida.

He journeyed by boat and rail to New Orleans. From there he sailed May 18, 1877, for Tampa on the Lizzie Henderson. He landed in Tampa, May 22, 1877, and soon thereafter settled at what is now called the Tampa-Ozona cross roads, where he took out a homestead in the midst of the piney woods. Here he undertook the colossal task of developing a home, without capital, without food and without strength. His diary, which he kept through life, bears most eloquent testimony to the hardships that he suffered during his early days and his humility at times in having had to borrow the necessary food to sustain life until he could become established. With dauntless determination he struggled on and was rewarded by a great improvement in his health and by seeing the orange and lemon grove which he planted on his homestead develop into a property of value.

With the permanent recovery of his health, Mr. Craver began to prosper in business. He had the first postoffice at his homestead, which was called “Yellow Bluff” and was commissioned on September 10, 1886. This name was afterwards changed to Ozona. After the town of Sutherland was started, he built a store and opened a mercantile establishment, added a line of drugs, became the postmaster, a notary public and general consultant for the entire community. He was conservative and wise in investing his earnings and soon accumulated considerable property. On February 25, 1920, he died, being survived by a nephew, David Craver, of Tampa, and two nieces, Miss Alice Craver and Mrs. Mary Williford, both of Sutherland, Fla.

JOSHUA PITT FELT

Mr. Joshua Pitt Felt was born in Bigg Flats, N. Y., December 7, 1844. Removed to Emporium, Pa., in early childhood with his parents, where he spent the greater part of his life, being engaged chiefly in merchant milling. He became interested in citrus fruits in 1885 and came to Emporia, Volusia county, where he planted his first orange grove, and where he built his winter home. His faith in the future of the orange business was never shaken by subsequent freezes and he was actively engaged in the growing and shipping of citrus fruit from 1885 until his death in Eustis, July 3, 1919.
Mr. Henry A. Hempel, founder of Gotha, Orange county, Florida, and a former member of the State Horticultural Society, died March 31, 1920, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Hempel was born in Waltershausen, Gotha, Germany, on October 21, 1836, and after the early death of his father, a weaver, he became an apprentice in a large printing establishment. Coming to the United States in 1867 he followed his printer's trade in several Western states, coming to Buffalo, N. Y., in 1876. He had in the meantime become an American citizen and decided to make Buffalo his home.

Mr. Hempel is the inventor of the printer's metal quoin which is now used all over the civilized world in printing establishments.

In 1879 Mr. Hempel took his first trip to Florida in a search for better health, and was so enchanted by the climate and natural beauties that he purchased a large tract of land in Orange county, near Orlando. Here he established the village of Gotha, named in memory of his birthplace, building himself a handsome residence and bringing to it as permanent settlers many German-speaking families. For the next thirty years he continued to make Florida his home, going North to Buffalo each summer to look after the manufacture of his printer's quoins.

Mr. Hempel was much interested in orange culture, establishing and operating a number of groves, and brought to southern Florida a number of improved varieties of economic plants and breeds of stock.

He is survived by his widow and four children, Mrs. F. L. Lewton, of Washington, D. C.; Adolph Hempel, of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mrs. J. C. Lang, and Otto F. Hempel, of Buffalo.

Dr. T. G. Julian was born Sept. 19, 1864, at the old home place near Frankfort, Ky., which had been the home of the Julians for four generations. He attended and graduated from the old Kentucky Military Institute, then studied pharmacy, graduating with high honors at the School of Pharmacy, Louisville, Ky. He then went into the drug business in Mt. Sterling, Ky., where he remained for eight years.

He had suffered with rheumatism for fifteen years so in 1894 he came to Florida for his health. From that time he made a study of orange culture, devoting all of his time and attention to it. He came to Clearwater to locate in 1899 and purchased several orange groves which he owned at the time of his death.

I have heard Dr. Julian say many times that he owed his improved health to Florida climate and wished to repay by doing something for the people of Florida. He made a special study of the disease in citrus trees called "foot-rot," and was so successful in curing it in his own groves.
that his friends and neighbors came to him for advice as to how to treat their trees for this disease. He wished to make a present of his discovery to the growers of Florida so that they all might be benefited by his study.

Dr. Julian has long been considered an authority on citrus culture in South Florida and was known by growers all over the State as a man who, having made a success in the business was always glad to be of assistance to any one who went to him for help or advice. The Pinellas County Growers’ Association at their annual meeting at Largo in 1918, passed unanimously a resolution thanking Dr. Julian for his work and advice for the growers of Pinellas county.

Dr. Julian died on April 26, 1920, at Clearwater, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pattie Chenault Julian, and two daughters, Mrs. S. C. Elbert, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. L. G. Abbott of Clearwater, Florida.

A. S. J. McKENNEY

Mr. A. S. J. McKenney, late of Stanton, Marion county, Florida, was born at Smarrs, Ga., April 6, 1862. In 1886 he went to Florida and was in mercantile business at Stanton for several years.

He was married in 1889 to Miss Lula Calhoun, of Macon, Ga.

He had an orange grove at Stanton which was cut down by the freeze of 1894 and 1895, which he afterwards rebuilt.

In 1900 he moved to Lakeland and was engaged in mercantile business again, but as orange culture was what he liked best, he returned to Stanton in 1912, where he made orange growing a success. He gave his entire attention to horticulture and always attended the annual meetings of the Horticultural Society whenever it was convenient.

He had just returned from the meeting at Orlando, May 8, 1919, and was taken ill the next day. On May 11th he passed away, and is survived by his widow.

WALTER W. MANN

On April 30, 1920, Mr. Walter W. Mann of Winter Haven, Florida, died at Clayton, Georgia. Mr. Mann was one of the most prominent real estate men in the Winter Haven section and was in no small way responsible for the great development which has taken place in that section in recent years.

Mr. Mann was born in Jonesboro, Georgia, October 8, 1870. On August 12, 1896, he married Miss Lola Brassell in Marion county, Florida. About fifteen years ago he moved to Winter Haven, where he has been actively engaged ever since in the development of that section into the garden spot of Central Florida. He is survived by his wife and three children, Walter Herman, his son, being the eldest.
JOHN SCHNARR

Mr. John Schnarr was born in Hessan Cassee, Germany, April 4, 1851. At the age of about two years he came with his parents to this country. The journey was made in a sail boat and they landed at New Orleans. From New Orleans they went by boat up the Mississippi River to Quincy, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. For a while he was engaged in the mercantile business. From this employment he entered the service of the Noxal Shirt Company, as a traveling salesman. During the next thirty-one years he travelled for this company and the Hargadine-McKitrick Company. After this long period of service there came from exposure incident to the work a decline in health and he sought relief in Florida. He came to Seville about 1905, but very soon found his way to Orlando, where he lived until he died, October 28, 1919. He was married to Mrs. Laura Gilliam of Elgin, Illinois, January 5, 1912, who now survives him. Soon after arriving in Orange county he purchased a grove in the Conway section near Orlando. At this time the ravages of the white fly was uppermost in the minds of the citrus growers not only in Orange county but the entire State. Mr. Schnarr, together with his nephew, Mr. Hahn, proceeded to develop an insecticide which would be especially adapted for Florida conditions. After many years of experimental work they succeeded in compounding Schnarr's Insecticide. This work alone would entitle him to a very prominent place in the history of citrus culture in Florida. He had many very amiable qualities and traits. He was intensely loyal and his honesty was never questioned. He possessed a most marvelous faith in humanity. To illustrate this particular quality of mind an incident should be mentioned. With possibly one or two exceptions, he never refused to ship insecticide to anyone who ordered it, regardless of their financial condition or standing. During all his business experience of about fourteen years, he lost practically no money from bad accounts.

Besides his wife, a brother, William Schnarr, survives him.

CHARLES PUGSLEY

Mr. Charles Pugsley was born December 5, 1851, in Athens County, Ohio. The family of eight moved west in 1855, settling in Harrison county, Iowa, on a farm, where he had the advantages of the common school, high school being out of the financial reach of the small farmer in that day and place.

At the age of twenty-one he associated himself with his two older brothers in the growing of nursery stock. After this experience he went to Texas, where he spent a season on a sheep ranch. During the years 1883-1884 he had his first residence in Florida, coming to Mannville with his father, who settled there on a tract near town.

In the fall of 1884 after spending the summer traveling in the west he returned to Mannville, and made his home with
his father's family. Here he planted an assortment of fruits which grew with varying degrees of success. His peaches bore a pleasing crop, but when the express bills were paid, he would have been better off with a complete failure. He had a promising grove of oranges beginning to bear when the great freeze of 1894-1895 killed it to the ground. He immediately ordered scions from California, sawed off the trees at the ground, and inserted grafts into the stumps, which grew nicely, and were beginning to bear when the freeze of 1899 came, and he found himself penniless.

The years 1901 to 1903 were spent at Cutler, Dade county, where he accumulated two thousand dollars raising truck. Then he and an older brother, George Pugsley, took a one-horse camping outfit and started on a search for a good location for an orange grove, driving from Punta Gorda north. They finally chose Winter Haven, where they planted forty acres to oranges and grapefruit. This grove was coming into bearing when he engaged to manage the packing house of the Florida Citrus Exchange at Winter Haven. Failing health, however, compelled him to withdraw from hard work. The grove was sold, and he purchased a small tract near town.

During the last two years of his life he was engaged in experimenting with the avocado, planting the best and hardiest of the Guatemalan type. He was meeting with encouraging success when he was called, on October 15th, 1919. In his death the State of Florida has suffered a distinct loss, for had he lived he would have settled the adaptability of the avocado to the latitude and vicinity of Winter Haven. He is survived by his brothers, Marcellus and George, and his sister, Frances E. Pugsley.

DAVID H. SCOTT

Mr. David H. Scott was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1868. He moved to Virginia with his parents in 1878. Came to Florida to engage in the fruit growing and shipping industry in 1893. He was a graduate of Richmond College. At the time of his death, which occurred July 12, 1919, he owned 80 acres of bearing grove and ran a packing house in Arcadia. He leaves a wife, a daughter and a son.

ED. SCOTT

Mr. Ed. Scott was born in July, 1866, and died at home, December 11, 1920. He was very active in promoting good roads and was a member of the State Road Department at the time of its organization. At the time of his death he owned about twelve acres of orange grove and his principal holding was the Scott Telephone System of Arcadia. He is survived by a wife and six daughters. He was a brother of David H. Scott.
Mr. William Nathaniel Wilson, the son of Col. Lemuel and Mrs. Rafaila Wilson, was born at Newnansville, Florida, June 18, 1864. At a very early age he moved with his parents to Gainesville, Florida. In 1886 he was married to Mrs. Ruth Scarratt, who with one child, Miss Rafaila, survive him. His death occurred March 15, 1920. Though prominent as a dry goods merchant, he was intensely interested in horticulture and truck farming and owned several large citrus groves in different parts of the State. He was also a member of the Standard Fertilizer Company of Gainesville, and Vice-President of the Gulf Fertilizer Company of Tampa.