

Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah MOTE - Golden Wedding

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Jeremiah Mote and Wife Celebrate Their Fiftieth Anniversary, September 16, 1841, Jeremiah Mote and Elizabeth Wilson were married near this place, John Test, Esq., performing the ceremony. On the 17th Jere took his bride on behind him and went to his cabin in the then unbroken forest four miles west of Darlington where he had already expended twelve dollars in furnishing the said cabin. To them has been born nine children, four of whom are living. About a year ago Uncle Jere and wife concluded to leave the farm, came here to town and built them a comfortable home where they expect to pass the remainder of their days in peace and happiness. Wednesday being the fiftieth anniversary of their married life, their friends to the number of about one hundred assembled at their home and spent the evening in social enjoyment until supper was announced. At the first table sat Uncle Jere and Aunt Lizzie, together with Martin Mote, Pleasant Butler, Fleming Butler and Jas. Johnston, all of whom had sat with them at their marriage feast fifty years ago, and have all lived in this immediate vicinity during all these years. After supper all adjourned to the south Christian church, where after music by the Garfield band and singing by the choir Brother John Maxwell led in prayer after which Rev. Trotter spoke some thirty minutes on the relations or obligations we as married people assume, one to the other, and the duty of one to the other. Rev. Maxwell then in a few chosen remarks proved conclusively that marriage was not a failure, and anyone seeing the countenances of the old couple as they sat there with happiness depicted on every line of their furrowed cheeks would have to be of the same opinion. At a late hour they all took their leave wishing that Uncle Jere and Aunt Lizzie may yet live long to enjoy the fruits of their labors and the companionship of their friends. - thanks to Kim H