

Malcom McNeill Claimed By Death

**Confederate Veteran and
One of Robeson's Most
Colorful Characters.**

Red Springs, Dec. 21.—Malcolm D. McNeill, one of Robeson county's few surviving veterans of the War Between the States, died at his home here early Friday morning after a few weeks' illness. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. and burial was made in the old Buic cemetery between Pembroke and Lumberton.

Mr. McNeill, who was one of the most colorful characters in the county, was born in the Moss Neck community, son of William C. McNeill and Pamela Drake McNeill. He entered the war as a junior reserve and was wounded at Fort Fisher, where he served with the artillery. After spending months in the prison camp at Point Lookout, Maryland, he returned to his home in the midst of trouble with the carpet-bag rule and the Lowry gang.

For the part which he took, the Lowry's swore vengeance and he narrowly escaped death several times; his brother-in-law was shot down at his side.

He was one of the first North Carolinians to go to Georgia with the naval stores turpentine business, and there made his home in Oliver until his retirement some years ago.

His wife, who was Minnie Zitt-rauer, one of the Salzenbergs who settled in Savannah, died many years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Chauncey M. Rakestraw, and one granddaughter, Miss Louise Rakestraw, both of Red Springs.