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Pioneer Doctor Dies After Long Period of Illness

DURHAM — Dr. S. L. Warren, age 77, prominent physician and business man of Durham died at his home here, 404 Brant street, Wednesday evening after an illness which extended over a period of several months. Although Dr. Warren had not been confined to his bed for more than three or four weeks prior to his death, he had been in declining health for nearly two years.

Typical of the life he lived, the end came peacefully at 8:45 p. m. The wife Mrs. Julia Warren, and his daughter Mrs. Selena Warren Wheeler wife of J. H. Wheeler, cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank were at the bedside when the distinguished physician passed. Close friends of the family were also present.

How the one time clerk in the Bull Durham tobacco factory, shipping room rose from an humble position in life to one of Durham and North Carolina's most distinguished citizens reads more like a story book than reality. During the hard years as worker in the tobacco factory Dr. Warren saved enough money out of his small earnings to enter the Leonard medical school of Shaw university from which he graduated four years later. Soon after graduation Dr. Warren opened his office in Durham where he began the practice of medicine. For more than 40 years he continued as a

respected and beloved physician to many of Durham's humble and prominent Negro families.

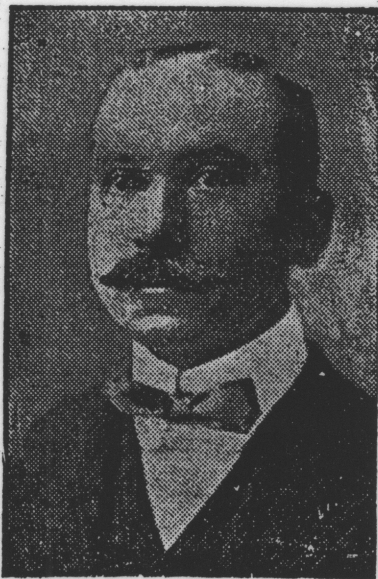
During his lifetime the deceased figured in every forward movement of the community and was closely identified with the economic, business and educational life of the city. Up until the time of his death Dr. Warren was Chairman of the Board of Lincoln hospital, Chairman of The Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Chairman of the Board of the colored library the name of which was recently changed to that of the S. L. Warren Memorial Library in memory of the faithful service rendered it by its namesake.

Dr. Warren was born in Caswell county in 1863. In 1902 he was married to Miss Julia McCauley of Washington, D. C. Besides his daughter there are no other children. The deceased is also survived by one granddaughter, Julia Margaret Wheeler, and three neices.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from St. Joseph AME Church of which Dr. Warren was a member for more than 50 years. Dr. J. A. Valentine, pastor of the church will be in charge of the ceremonies. Interment will be at the Beechwood cemetery on Fayetteville street.

Funeral arrangements by Scarborough and Hargett, undertakers.

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DR. S. L. WARREN

Prominent physician and business man of Durham who died at his home Wednesday evening, January 31. Although Doctor Warren's death had been expected for several days his passing cast a gloom over the entire city. Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at St. Joseph AME church.