

Peter A. "Pete" Tallman

Obituaries

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P. A. Tallman Dies March 6

Former Sheriff of Roane County And One of Its Pioneer Citizens Succumbs Friday After Long Illness.

Peter A. "Pete" Tallman, native Roane countian and former sheriff, died at his home at Beech Hill, Mason county, last Friday, March 6, after a lengthy illness. He was 75 years of age.

Mr. Tallman was born in Smithfield district, Roane county, and became one of the county's leading citizens. At one time his 3,200-acre farm in Smithfield district, near Tariff, was considered "the best farm in the county".

During oil boom days the precious fluid was found on his land in large quantities and at one time 53 derricks were standing as mute testimony to the productiveness of that territory.

Mr. Tallman served as sheriff of Roane county from 1900 to 1904, being the next to last Democrat to ever hold that office. He was interested in the development of Roane county and worked hard toward that end. More than 15 years ago he retired from active farming and moved to his home at Beech Hill. He continued to hold his valuable oil and gas royalties until his death.

His wife preceded him in death several years ago, but he is survived by several children, one of whom is Charles "Trusty" Tallman, freshman football coach at West Virginia university.

(Note: Peter was born 1 February 1856, the son of Samuel and Lucinda Cox Tallman)

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