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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Since 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of Laura Davis Worley and Florence Davis' gift of the Davis Memorial Fountain (Hebe) to the City of McMinnville in honor of their parents, now is a proper time to carefully reflect on and examine the drinking fountain. The fountain, a McMinnville landmark for several generations, is located in the McMinnville Public Square and is now, seemingly, a memorial not only to their parents but is a memorial to Laura and Florence as well. (See article beginning on page 32.)

The news item included in the Spring/Summer 2014 issue of the WCGA Bulletin concerning the hanging of Jesse Hill generated a considerable amount of interest. It is said Jesse Hill was murdered in a barn instead of suicide from a tree. His death is a reminder that news items published in newspapers do not always give the complete facts. At times the facts are sometimes intentionally slightly erroneous while at times intentionally completely erroneous to conceal true facts. An additional notice of death for Jesse Hill has been located in a February 1897 issue of the *Southern Standard* and is given at right.

Contributions of articles, photographs and documents are encouraged for future issues of the WCGA Bulletins.

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-The body of Jesse Hill was found hanging to the limb of a tree near the residence of Mrs. Sallie Woodlee, in the vicinity of Irving College, last Friday afternoon. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide. He had evidently been hanging for several days, as no tracks could be found around the place in the snow which had fallen on Tuesday night. Hill was about 25 years of age, and somewhat unbalanced in mind.

Additional notice of death for Jesse Hill from the Southern Standard, McMinnville, Tennessee, Saturday, February 6, 1897, Volume XVIII, No. 13, front page.