

McVAY JOHN T.

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**J. T. McVay Buried at  
Chandler Cemetery**

The body of J. T. McVay, a former citizen and official of Calhoun who died in the Grady Hospital, Atlanta, was brought here for burial Wednesday, the body being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. King, close and long time friends of the deceased. Mr. McVay was a citizen of Calhoun for many years—the best years of his life during which time he built for himself a lasting memorial having identified himself by gifts and deeds in the upbuilding and improvements of the town.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mc D. Radford at the Chandler Cemetery in the presence of a small group of friends. OCT 17, 1918

years and which he did so much to make beautiful.

Without home or family, like a vagrant wave on the sea, his life came and went, sinking silently into the ocean of eternity.

—DeKalb New Era. OCT 24 1918

# ABOUT MARKING THE GRAVE OF THE LATE JOHN T. McVAY

EDITOR TIMES:

I am glad that Mrs. J. A. Neal and her associates of the Woman's Club have undertaken to erect a marker at the grave of John T. McVay, and I am glad to be a modest contributor to this undertaking.

Mr. McVay was one of those rare persons who carried into his mature years the gentleness and the sympathetic, and albeit, the irresponsible spirit of childhood. The highest ambitions of his life were to do something for the enjoyment and pleasure of somebody else. He cared but little for himself, and the parks and other public improvements in Calhoun which he helped to develop must forever remain a monument to his unselfish devotion to the public welfare.

John T. McVay began life as a galley boy in the printing offices of Macon. There he was associated with a number of printers who afterward became well known Georgians. Among these were Bridges Smith, for many terms mayor of Macon, and Jerome Pound, formerly editor of the Chattahoochee News. Bridges Smith was a life long friend of Mr. McVay, and as long as the latter lived he received every Christmas some sort of reminder from Mr. Smith.

Mr. McVay was a born newspaper man. He possessed to a remarkable degree the instinct for news and the ability to write it without giving offense to any one. He also possessed literary gifts of a high order. While he lived in Calhoun he was a regular contributor to the magazine section of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and other great daily papers of the country, and his sketches of Southern rural life were given prominent position and embellished with numerous illustrations. He received letters from the editor of the Globe-Democrat praising his work and asking for more.

He was never married. If he had any relatives he never mentioned them. He came to Calhoun from Rome and spent a large part of his life as a member of the Times' force. His personality and service to the community are both too well known to the older citizens of the town to need any comment from me. It seems entirely fitting that the community in which he lived so long and which he always dearly loved should place a suitable marker over his last resting place in Fain cemetery, and I, for one, hope to see the undertaking speedily carried out.

March 16, 1922

Decatur, Ga., March 14, 1922

Very truly yours, J. A. HALL