

DEATH LIST OF A DAY.

COL. JERE BAXTER DEAD.

Originator and First President of Tennessee Central Railroad.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 29.—Col. Jere Baxter, lawyer, political power, and builder of railroads, died here to-day after a short illness. There were few men who had played a more important part in the history of Tennessee, or who had done more to develop its resources.

Mr. Baxter was born in this city Feb. 11, 1852. His father, Judge Nathaniel Baxter, was a leading jurist, and Jere had every advantage which wealth could give. He was educated at the Montgomery Bell Academy, and, upon graduation, studied law, becoming the publisher of The Legal Reporter, later bound into nine volumes and widely known to the legal profession as Baxter's Reports.

Before he had attained the age of thirty years he was President of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. He built the town of Sheffield, Ala.; organized the South Pittsburg Town Company, and did much to open up the coal and iron fields.

He took a great interest in politics, and in 1889 was a candidate for Governor of Tennessee. Of late years he had devoted most of his time to railroad affairs. He was the originator and first President of the Tennessee Central Railroad and only retired from the position eight months ago, when the enterprise was completed and in good running order.

CIVIL WAR HEROINE BURIED.

Mrs. H. P. Butt Saved Husband Condemned to Death by Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. Hannah Perks Butt, who died at her home, 157 Pulaski Street, Brooklyn, on Friday, was buried in Evergreens Cemetery yesterday. Mrs. Butt was born in England in 1820. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion her husband was the only Union sympathizer in Portsmouth, Va. On the order of Jefferson Davis he was placed in Libby Prison, and was to have been shot.

After a long fight on the part of Mrs. Butt, during which she became a prominent figure, he was released from prison, and later escaped from the South on a locomotive that he stole. He died in Brooklyn thirteen years ago. Mrs. Butt leaves five daughters, three sons, and eight grandchildren.