A. R. McDaniel, Pioneer Citizen, Dies Saturday

Funeral services for A. R. McDaniel, 80, prominent Calhoun citizen, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. A. B. Ellzer officiating. Burial was in Fain Cemetery.

Mr. McDaniel, who had been in declining health for two years, died about 10 a.m. Saturday.

Born and reared in Gordon County, Mr. McDaniel was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDaniel of McDaniel Station. He moved to Calhoun with his parents when a child and was a resident here all his life except for a brief time spent in Atlanta.

A retired merchant and real estate dealer, Mr. McDaniel attended Calhoun High School. Barely out of his teens, he entered the retail mercantile business at a Railroad street location. In 1901 added to the stock and moved to Court street. In 1906 he opened a department store under the name of A. R. McDaniel & Co. In the 1920s eight branch stores were opened in this general area.
Mr. McDaniel was very active in civic affairs. He served a number of terms as mayor, alderman and as a member of the City Board of Education. Under his leadership, street paving in Calhoun was inaugurated in 1918. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and served as state vice president of the Civitan Club.

A writer of poetry, Mr. McDaniel was a regular contributor to the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Robert P. Hood, Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. John Corley of Calhoun; a son, Alton R. McDaniel, Calhoun; a sister, Mrs. Mary McCollum, Birmingham; a brother, H. D. McDaniel, Atlanta; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Clyde Evans, Warren Fite, Tom Shanahan, Jack Boston, John Ray and Trammell Chitwood.