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**Death of John L. Young**  
**One of the Oldest and Most Prominent**  
**Citizens of Union County.**

Union, Jan. 24. -- John L. Young, one of the oldest and most prominent men of Union, died this morning at 12:45 o'clock at his home here. He had been ill with pneumonia for a short while.

Mr. Young was 82 years old and one of the best known men in this section. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born in Laurens County January 27, 1820, the son of John and Sarah Young. His ancestors came from Virginia and it was said a few years ago that the original grant of land issued by King George III was still in possession of the family and that there had never been a mortgage or judgment on any of the land.

When a boy Mr. Young hears Robert Y. Hayne speak at Laurens upon the proposal to build the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Railroad. Greatly impressed by Hayne's eloquence and the hope he held out, Young subscribed to the road and became so interested in the subject of railroads that when his guardian refused to pay his subscription he went to work with the surveying party to work it out.

He became attached to the work and was not only engaged in the survey of the Columbia and Greenville and the Columbia and Laurens roads but the Spartanburg and Union line. In December, 1855, when the Spartanburg and Union road was in bad financial condition Mr. Young was made president and continued in that position with success until the war broke out.

Though opposed to secession he went to the front and served the four years. At its close he resumed business with his former energy and success. In 1872 he was appointed probate judge. He gained distinction of a will case in which none of the six different legatees could appeal from his decision. Mr. Young has lived quietly in Union the last years of his life.

There were with him at the time of his death all his surviving children: Mrs. John Langdon Weber of Kentucky, L.G. Young, McBeth Young and Miss Octavia Young of Union.

Mr. Young was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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