

And this is from a clipping from a Florida newspaper of April 1892:

Major Richard Walpole

The demands on our column will not permit us to elaborate on the many virtues and many excellences in the life and character of Major Richard Walpole, whose life and influence went out of his residence at Orange Home, Sumter county, April 11, 1892.

Deceased had been a journalist of distinction in his native state and in that of his adoption, Florida, and so conducted himself that he won the admiration and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. Major Walpole was a man of fine social qualities, possessed of an active, energetic mind filled with a rich store of useful information, a liberal minded and progressive citizen.

He was born in Monroe County, Mississippi, in 1811. Early in life he was thrown on his own resources, he learned the printer's trade and at 16 was editor and proprietor of a newspaper in his native county. The war coming on, he served four years with great bravery and distinction, rising from the ranks of a private to that of major. At the close of the war he again entered journalism, and for a number of years successfully edited the Kosciusco Star. At this stage of his life he abandoned news paper work and became a commercial traveler for the Mississippi Cotton Mills, which he resigned to become the editor of the Yazoo City Herald, one of the leading democratic papers of the state, which responsible position he was compelled to relinquish from failing health, when he sought the more genial clime of

received the appointment under Mr. Cleveland's administration of special revenue agent at Key West and his work was highly commended.

The party in power changing, he returned, settled at Orange Home, where he became railroad and express agent in connection with which he conducted a general mercantile business and looked after a very promising orange grove, the fruits of which was to solace his declining days.

While engaged in journalism in Mississippi, the appreciation in which he was held is best evidenced by stating that he held for two terms, 1881 and 1882, the honored and distinguished position of president of the State Press Association. He was also a member of the Knights of Honor and Knights of Pythias, in which organization, his life was insured for \$5,000.

Major Walpole was one of nature's noblemen, brave, chivalric, and generous. Over his piney wood grave we drop the fraternal tear and extend a hearty sympathy to his bereaved wife and five children who mourn a devoted husband and kind, generous, and lovable father.

I plan to look for the origins of both of these clippings and hope to find additional information in the process.

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