

Inscribed
TO THE MEMORY OF
JESSE MERCER
BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE
University
WHICH BEARS HIS NAME, AND OF
WHICH HE WAS A
MUNIFICENT BENEFACTOR

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THIS EMINENT MAN WAS BORN IN HALIFAX COUNTY, N. C.,
DEC. 16, 1769;
WAS ORDAINED A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL AT PHILLIP'S MILL, GA,
NOV. 7, 1789,
AND DEPARTED THIS LIFE IN BUTTS COUNTY, SEP. 6, 1841
IN THE 72ND YEAR OF HIS AGE.

HE WAS
MODERATOR
OF THE GEORGIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 23 YEARS;
PRESIDENT
OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF GEO. 19 YEARS;
PRESIDENT
OF THE BAPTIST BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS 11 YEARS; AND
MINISTER
OF THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL 52 YEARS.

His manners were simple, his mind was original, discriminating and profound. His piety was enlightened and fervent, exhibiting great love for the truth, and zeal for the glory of God. He was wise in counsel, firm in purpose, and energetic in action. He was mighty in the scriptures; and, as a minister of the Gospel, instructive, laborious and successful. Though greatly honored, and wielding an extraordinary influence, he was modest and humble. While he was the friend of all benevolent objects, he fostered this University with special solicitude, and bequeathed to it the principal part of his large estate.