

DEATH OF A STRANGE CREATURE.—

Miss Hettie Massie, of Madison county, died a few days ago, aged 65 years. She was born without limbs, (arms or legs,) was of more than ordinary intellect and energy: could sweep the floor as well and quickly as any one; could write well, and read most ducently. At an early age she became a member of the Baptist Church, and continued a devout christian to her death. She was the daughter of Miss — Massey. Her father's name was Thos. Revis. By his legitimate wife he had 17 children, and by Miss Massey the same number—34 in all. He raised the two families, and all became good, sober, industrious citizens. At his death, (at 70 years,) he left each child a good farm. The two families always maintained the greatest harmony of feelings, and all

“Went as smoothly as a marriage bell.”

Hettie Massey obit in Asheville

Says the *Asheville Citizen* of the 27th inst.:

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obituary of Hettie Massey

Asheville (N. C.) Citizen: "Miss Hettie Massey, of Madison county, died a few days ago aged sixty-five years. She was born without limbs (arms or legs), was of more than ordinary intellect and energy; could sweep the floor as well and quickly as any one; could write well and read most fluently. At an early age she became a member of the Baptist church, and continued a devout Christian to her death. She was the daughter of Miss ——— Massey. Her father's name was Thomas Revis. By his legitimate wife he had seventeen children and by Miss Massey the same number—thirty-four in all. He raised the two families, and all became good, sober, industrious citizens. At his death (at seventy years) he left each child a good farm. The two families always maintained the greatest harmony of feelings, and all went merry as a marriage bell."

Hettie Massey The Herald and Mail 12 Dec 1873

A Physical Phenomenon.

Topoka Correspondence Cincinnati Enquirer.
In your issue of October 3d you publish a special dispatch from Knoxville, Tenn., in regard to a child with no arms nor legs being born in Blount county, near Seaton Post office. I write to state what can be easily proved by applying to any county official of Madison county, North Carolina (Marshall is the county seat). About a half century ago a girl was born with no vestige of arms nor legs, but all the rest of her body fully developed. She was named Hetty Massey. She had an excellent mind, and was educated by her friends. She taught school, and could write by holding the pen in her mouth. She moved around the room by rocking in an ordinary chair, or by making the chair "walk." The writer saw her baptized in Ivy river in her chair by two ministers. I was born and lived within one mile of where she lived and died, a few years since, at about the age of fifty. Hundreds of old citizens in the town of Marshall or the surrounding country will testify that she was born without limbs, and lived near a half century in full physical and mental vigor. J. C. PICKENS.

Hester - Newspaper Article

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and now exhibiting herself in Columbia, S. C. who
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the with a sound mind, and uniformly enjoys good
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