

"The Williams-Sutton Marriage"

A most happy and delightful occasion.

The dinner and decorations.

Gov. McSweeney did not attend, but the occasion was a delightful one all the same---a splendid feast and handsome bridal presents.

There never occurred in our county a happier or more enjoyable wedding than on Wednesday, November 22d when Mr. Froadus Williams and Miss Bertie Sutton, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Governor McSweeney and other distinguished officials from Columbus had accepted the invitations to attend the wedding, and great preparations had been made both at Glendale and in Spartanburg city for their reception and entertainment while in this area but the evening before, after everything had been made ready these gentlemen had telephoned that circumstances beyond their control made it impossible for them to attend.

(A large space in this newspaper is worn out with time at the place and it is impossible to make out the content). The reception rooms and large dining hall were entwined with the choicest flowers and evergreens. Mr. Sutton and his family did everything in their power to add to the pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion, and most nobly did they succeed. Every guest was made to feel at home, and the house and premises turned over to them.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the bridal couple walked in and took their position beneath a bower of flowers, connecting the two large rooms, both of which were filled with friends. In a most beautiful and impressive manner Rev. J. D. Bailey, of Cowpens, performed the marriage ceremony, that made those two loving hearts one, when friends crowded around the happy couple to offer congratulations and best wishes.

A handsomer or more congenial couple never started together on the journey of life. The groom is one of the handsomest young men in our county, and occupies a prominent and rising position at Converse. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Sutton---a large space in the account here is too worn to read.).....

The banquet table was within itself a poem; for I never saw a more sumptuous repast or a table more beautifully arranged and decorated. Not only our own county, but the markets of distant cities had never been ransacked to find luxuries and dainties for this feast, and they were prepared in most bounteous profusion. There was not only the substantial, but every dainty that could tempt the appetite of the epicure. And never were dishes more deliciously prepared. At each place was a beautiful button hole bouquet, with a floral pin and motto, suitable to this festive occasion. Fully one hundred and fifty people took dinner, and there was enough left to have fed as many more. The wedding cake was beautifully trimmed. In fact, nothing was left undone that could possibly have added to the success of the occasion, or the pleasure and enjoyment of the guests. Old ladies, who have attended many weddings, say they never saw anything to surpass, if equal, this occasion.

While it was a matter of regret that Governor McSweeney and his party could not attend this wedding, it was a source of gratification to the families and their many friends that, with these Columbia exceptions, every invitation sent out was accepted. Mr. J. L. Weathers, for instance came all the way from Rome, Georgia, purposely to attend this wedding and then had to return home as soon as the ceremony was performed. Hugh G. Walling of Fairfield county came up also.

A large number of beautiful and costly presents were given the bride.

We have doubtlessly overlooked some names but the following were displayed:

Silver butter dish and knife - Gov. McSweeny, Attorney General
Bellinger, Secretary of State Copper, Messrs. Harris and Gunter.

Silver Spoons - Hon. Thos. S. Sease
Card Receiver - Miss Jusie Lockman
Silver cake knife - Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gault
Silver tea spoons - Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lancaster
Silver preserve spoon - Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Salad dish - Mr. and Mrs. Walker
Silver doiley rings - Mrs. J. D. Bailey
Silver butter knife - Miss Maggie Hames
(List torn off here)

"There were also handsome presents sent to Converse, of which we have not received a list.

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The occasion was so delightful and pleasant that many of the guests lingered until nearly sundown, so as to meet and become better acquainted with their friends.

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The bride and groom will make their future home in Converse and until they can arrange to go to housekeeping, live with Judge and Mrs. J. H. Williams.

The young bridal couple carry with them the best wished of hundreds of kind and true friends. May their own journey through life be strewn with Heaven's choicest blessings and may every day be to them as happy and jouyous as they made their friends on that wedding occasion.

T. L. Gantt."