

John Claudius Bradshaw died at his home in Franklin, Virginia, on January 14, 1961, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. Funeral services were held in Franklin on the sixteenth under the care of James A. Coney, minister of the Religious Society of Friends, and the Rev. C. W. Gibson, Jr., pastor of the Methodist Church of Courtland, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Ruth S. Joyner Bradshaw, of Franklin; his son, John C. Bradshaw, Jr., of Norfolk; and a daughter, Hazel Bradshaw Railey, of Courtland; and also two sisters, Lizzie Babb Bradshaw of Norfolk and Addie W. Bradshaw Lupton of Denver, Colorado; and seven grandchildren.

His parents were James Madison and Geneva Babb Bradshaw, he being born on February 12, 1885, the youngest son in their family of seven children. His birthplace was the family farm, near Sedley, Virginia, not far from the location of the old Black Creek Meeting House. He was educated in the local public school and the Black Creek Monthly Meeting School near his home. He also attended Guilford College in North Carolina. For many years his parents were the leaders in the support of the Friends School of the Black Creek Meeting and were known for this paramount service to their community and for their unflagging devotion to the cause of education. He was an integral part of this loyal family group.

Early in life he had opportunity to work with Joseph Fell, a member of Black Creek Meeting who was a master carpenter, and developed into a master builder himself as the years passed. He was a builder contractor for a number of years, constructing many of the finer homes in Franklin and Southampton County, also building for business firms. He was known for his honesty and integrity in all business affairs, and for fair employment practices by all who worked with and for him.

John C. Bradshaw and Ruth S. Joyner were married in Norfolk, Virginia, January 25, 1910. They had celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Bethel Friends Meeting House on January 25, 1960, among a large gathering of their family, relatives, and friends.

They had lived at their home in Sedley until 1928, when for business reasons they moved to Franklin.

In his family life he set and maintained high standards. In his strong principles, he was firm with himself and gentle with others. As in public, he was not given to much talking at home, but his family and friends had little doubt as to what his position was or would be. He was never known to avoid an honest debt or duty. He could not condone intemperance or bad language in anyone. He did not allow it to himself or to his family. He was conscientious in holding family worship and careful in the study of his Bible