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Mrs. Walker, consort of Wm. Walker, Esq. a highly esteemed and wealthy citizen of Harris county, was, on Tuesday before last, precipitated in her carriage from the bridge over Mulberry Creek and drowned, before it was possible to extricate her from the stream. The circumstances, as we have obtained them from the neighbors of Mr. Walker, are these: On the morning above stated, the carriage of Mr. Walker, containing his wife and child, with two other ladies and a servant girl, were crossing the bridge near his plantation, on their return from Harris Camp meeting. When partly across the bridge the mules suddenly took fright, and ran the carriage back against the railing. In this position the driver, fearing the terrible result, and unable to force his mules forward, sprang from the box, opened the door, and succeeded in getting the two young ladies out, before the railing gave way which it did in an instant after they were out--and the carriage and mules, with Mrs. W. and child and the servant girl, were all precipitated into the stream. Hearing the shrieks of the driver, Mr. Walker and his brother, who were but a short distance behind, spurred up their horses to full speed; but before they reached the spot, Mrs. W. and the child were buried in the swollen creek. The brother of Mr. Walker sprang into the creek, at the spot where they fell; the child floated from the carriage and rose to the surface; he caught it in his arms and rushed to the bank with it, but was all he could save. The mother and servant rose no more, until they were, after much exertion, drawn from their watery graves, cold in death.--Columbus Enquirer.