

IVY OWENS

A service for Ivy Ivory Owens, a former slave whose age was between 109 and 118 years, will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Anderson Funeral Home, 201 Sandford St.

The Rev. Charles Shelton will officiate and interment will be in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick.

Mr. Owens died yesterday in St. Peter's General Hospital where he had been a patient since July 31 with a heart condition. Death was attributed to a hardening of the arteries around the heart.

Following the death of his third wife, Sarah, in 1951, Mr. Owens went from his home in North Brunswick to live with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lundy, 33 Schureman St. They cared for him through another illness in 1949 when he

was in St. Peter's with a lung condition. There was little hope for his recovery at that time, but Mr. Owens pulled through and was able to tell a reporter the secret of his long life — "Never drank and never smoked." At that time he had most of his teeth and if he knew how to read, said he wouldn't need glasses.

Born on a farm in Georgia, Mr. Owens was freed by Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. There are no known survivors.