

# *Ex-Gov. John M. Slaton of Georgia Dies; Clemency for Leo Frank Created Furor*

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ATLANTA, Jan. 11—John Marshall Slaton, former Governor of Georgia, died today in a local hospital. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Slaton, who was Georgia's sixtieth Governor, was elected in 1912 and served a two-year term. Prior to that, he had been a member of the Legislature for four years.

His administration turned out to be a stormy one because of the celebrated Leo Frank case in 1915. It was Governor Slaton, who commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Frank, who had been convicted of the murder of 15-year-old Mary Phagan.

A violent storm of resentment

swept over Georgia and made it necessary for state troops to be called out to protect the Governor's Mansion. Later, an armed mob seized Frank and hanged him.

A graduate of the University of Georgia Law School in 1886 with first honors, Mr. Slaton was a past president of the Georgia Bar Association and served for twenty-nine years as chairman of the Georgia Board of Law Examiners. He had been a member of the general council of the American Bar Association since 1933 and Georgia's delegate to its House of Delegates and a member of its board of governors since 1930.

A sister, Miss Martha Lee Slaton, survives.

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