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depressing effects no longer, and He who blessed the little one while here on earth called it for His own. Weatherford Constitution 24 Jun 1889

The Constitution is pained to learn that the little child of **Mr. and Mrs. Hood** of Miles City, and grand child of **Judge A.J. Hood**, died at the latter's residence in the city Friday last, and was buried in the family grave yard near Aledo on Sunday. Mrs. Hood and her children were on a visit to her father in law. Weatherford Constitution 28 Aug 1889

Died Mrs. W.G. Baxter died at her home in this county, Thursday, August 22nd of typhoid fever. Weatherford Constitution 28 Aug 1889

At Rest Mrs. Mary Ann Stewart, wife of **Hugh M. Stewart**, after a severe illness passed from this to the better life, at the home of her son in law, **Mr. D.R. Wood**, in the city of Weatherford, Parker county, Texas at 830 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15th 1889. She was born in Illinois January 9th 1836. Came to the republic of Texas with her parents in 1839. Was educated at **Mrs. Weatherford's** school in Daingerfield, Texas. Was married to Mr. Stewart at Pine Forest, Hopkins county, Texas, May 22, 1886 [date must be in error]. Moved with her husband and settled near Veal's Station, Parker county, in 1857 where they reared a large family. She embraced religion and united with the M.E. church south on White Oak, in Hopkins county, in 1851. She lived and died a constant Christian. Her purity of life, toil and labor to accommodate others and rear and provide for her family was almost without an equal. But few knew more of the hardships incident to a frontier life than did this noble woman. Her parents, **Thomas and Palina Wilson**, erected the first frame house in the then small village of log cabins, but is now the great commercial city of Chicago, Illinois, when Mary was less than three years old. Her parents located in Nacogdoches, Texas, and with other families fortified up in the old stone house which is still standing and is over two hundred years old, bearing the name of the Old Stone Fort. In Parker county she knew from sad experience what was meant by the savage yell, tomahawk and scalping knife of the Comanche Indian, as many of her near neighbors and friends fell victims to their brutal and hellish cruelty. But, thanks be to God, her life of toil, labor and suffering is over, her worn out body is at rest, and her deathless spirit has entered upon that life of joy and peace, that know no end.

Surely "her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also." Prov 31-23 Sept. 17th 1889 A Relative Weatherford Constitution 25 Sept 1889

In Memoriam The Jacksboro Sentinel of the 10th prints the following brief biography of a worthy citizen gone to his rest.

Died: At his home near Jacksboro Sunday morning, September 29th, **W.J. Womack**. Mr. Womack was born in Washington county Arkansas, February the 1st, 1838 and came to Texas in 1849, settling in Parker county. He married in 1856 and lived in Parker county until after the death of his first wife in 1875. After his second marriage he moved to Jack county where he has since resided. He was three times married and leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss. He joined Alliance No. 21 in 1880, and was at once commissioned by the State Alliance as an organizer, and for five years he continued as an organizer in the counties of Jack, Young, Hardeman and Willbarger. He

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organized nearly all the early Alliance in these counties and underwent all the hardships which the first organizers endured.

A large number of friends attended the interment at the Lost Creek cemetery on Monday, September 30th Weatherford Constitution 17 Oct 1889

Died: Harvey Green, aged twenty years, died at his home, three miles from the city, October 14, 1889 at 10 a.m. Weatherford Constitution 23 Oct 1889

From Lipan Oct 21 We are sorry to state that on Wednesday last **Mr. J.J. Adams**, one of our most respected citizens, dropped on the sidewalk in front of the business house of Neggiegen, Zacharias & Co., at Weatherford, and died almost instantly, of heart disease. He was conversing with one of his acquaintances when suddenly, without any warning, he fell into the gutter. Medical assistance was procured but by the time they had carried into **R.W. Kindel's** drug store the spirit of **J.J. Adams** had left its mortal habitation. He leaves a large family to mourn him. Weatherford Constitution 23 Oct 1889

A Sudden Death Mr. J.J. Adams, a good citizen residing near Lipan came to the city Monday last with six bales of cotton. He remained with friends in the city till the 17th instant, apparently in his usual health. That morning he was walking about the streets at an early hour and about 7 o'clock, met an acquaintance in front of Neumgan & Zacharias's store on North Main Street, and while standing in conversation suddenly reeled and fell from the sidewalk a dead man. He was picked up and carried across the street to Kindel's drug store where physicians examined him and pronounced life extinct.

Mr. Adams was about fifty years old and was highly esteemed where he was best known. His friends took charge of the remains and conveyed them to his home for interment. Weatherford Constitution 30 Oct 1889

Springtown Personals An infant son of **Frank Pearson's** died Monday evening and was buried in the Goshen cemetery Tuesday. Weatherford Constitution 30 Oct 1889

From Lipan **Mr. Lee Queen's** baby died a short time since. Weatherford Constitution 13 Nov 1889

From Whitt Nov 11 **Mr. B. Hill** died near here on last Sunday morning and was interred in the Whitt cemetery on last Monday. Weatherford Constitution 13 Nov 1889

A Sad Sequel Mr. Charles B. Martin, residing in this city, relates a sad story to the Constitution. He had a brother and sister whom he had not seen for thirty years, nor had he known anything of their whereabouts till a few months since. In September last he received a letter from his brother asking him to meet him at their sister's home in Cass county, Texas. By appointment they all met October 6th. Mr. Martin remained there five days and nights in sweet reunion with the long separated brother and sister, and then returned home. Sunday or Monday last he received intelligence that after he left the

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brother and sister were taken sick and both had died at Kildare, Cass county. Weatherford Constitution Nov 20 1889

Mr. A. Rawlins this week put up a magnificent monument for **Bruce Wheeler**, a gentleman of Graham, who was killed in the Marlow battle last January. Weatherford Constitution 4 Dec 1889

From Aledo Dec 10 **George Long**, a former resident of this village, died in Dallas county Thursday the 5th last. Weatherford Constitution 18 Dec 1889

Obituary McCibbin, nee Gipson—Mrs. Musie Dora McCibbin, was born April 11, 1850. Was married to **George McCibbin** October 9. 1866. Died at her home on the Clear Fork November 14, 1889, at 6 o'clock a.m.

Sister McCibbin was a good neighbor, a meek, faithful Christian, a patient, loving wife and a good mother. Her life was a personification of noble womanhood. She is gone, but not forgotten, for no fallen monarch was ever missed more in his realm than this good woman is missed in her home. God help the heart broken husband and may He pity and care for the little orphan children who are so lonely and sad. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **J.F Swofford** Weatherford Constitution 18 Dec 1889

Mrs. A.E. Millsap, widow of **Fuller Millsap**, one of the first settlers, and after whom the town of Millsap was named, was the guest of **Mrs. Ross** Saturday, Sunday and Monday last. Mrs. Millsap has eight living children—all grown and prosperous. Since her husband's death in 1873 she has managed her own affairs and is one of the best farmers in the country. Weatherford Constitution 15 Jan 1890

Obituary Mrs. L. E. Johnson died Thursday, Jan 19, 1890 at the family residence in this city, and was buried in the city cemetery the following day. Weatherford Constitution 22 Jan 1890

Bad Wreck on the T&P Brakeman's Leg and Crushed and Amputated A Mule the Cause Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock an accident occurred to a freight train on the Texas Pacific, twenty seven miles west of the city, in which several cars were ditched and a brakeman's leg crushed. Engine No 17, 2nd section, in charge of **Charlie Brown**, engineer, **Charlie Smith**, conductor and **Angus McCarty**, fireman was bound west and running on time. A mile appeared on the trace so close that checking up to avoid collision was impossible. The engine struck the mule and its front trucks jumped the rails spreading them and throwing seven or eight of the freight cars from the track. Mr. **Southers**, the forward brakeman was caught between cars loaded with steel rails, and had his right leg crushed from the knee down. Engineer Brown was considerably bruised and fireman McCarty received slight contusions. Conductor Smith and the rear brakeman escaped unhurt.

Mr. Southers was brought to this city, and his leg was amputated above the knee joint by **Drs. Emanuel and Milliken**. The poor fellow suffered intense pain but bore his misfortune like a hero.

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Later: **Mr. Southers** died last night about 10:30 o'clock. Reaction failed and death relieved the sufferer. Weatherford Constitution 29 Jan 1890

Obituary John Staggs, son of the **Rev. James Staggs**, of South Weatherford, died Sunday, January 26, 1890, at 4: 5 p.m., of pneumonia and fever. The remains were interred in the old cemetery. **Dr. J.A. Woods** directing the funeral services. Weatherford Constitution 29 Jan 1890

From Reno Mrs. Springfield, wife of **Henry Springfield**, died 17th of consumption. She leaves a husband and two little children and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss Weatherford Constitution 4 Feb 1890

From Aledo A Sad Death Feb 3 The people of Aledo were startled on the morning of the 25th by the sad intelligence that one of our townspeople had crossed life's portal and launched her bark on the unseen shore. On Friday night the 24th inst. **Mrs. Lizzie Archer**, wife of **A.W. Archer**, closed her eyes to all things earthly and succumbed to the fell destroyer. All could do was of no avail, and at the age of 23; she bade adieu to the scenes of this life in exchange for the life to come. She leaves a devoted husband and one child, a daughter, to mourn her loss. The funeral was held Sunday evening following and the remains laid to rest at the Cole cemetery. Weatherford Constitution 5 Feb 1890

From Power Calvin M. Carr, an old settler and highly respected citizen of our county died at his home two miles north of Annetta, at 8 o'clock Friday morning, after battling with paralyss for several months. His remains were interred in the Willow Springs grave yard at 10 o'clock yesterday. Weatherford Constitution 5 Feb 1890

From Whitt Whitt, Feb 3 **Miss Ada Patton** died Jan ___ and was buried in the Whitt Cemetery the next day. The school lost one of its best pupils, and the family has the condolence of the entire community. Weatherford Constitution 12 Feb 1890

From Power Also on the same day [Friday] **Mr. Bill Reynolds** died about two miles north of here. Weatherford Constitution 5 Feb 1890

Died Mr. L. Rhodes died at his home, near Poolville, Wednesday night, Feb 5, 1890 of pneumonia, and was buried Friday by the Knights of Honor. Weatherford Constitution 12 Feb 1890

Died Mrs. Bruton, residing just south of the city died Saturday night of consumption and was buried Sunday. Weatherford Constitution 12 Feb 1890

Died Dr.W.W.H. Blackwell, aged 77, died at his residence in this city Tuesday Feb 11, 1890, and buried in city cemetery, Wednesday, 12th. Funeral services were conducted at the house by **Rev. W.B. Carnes**. He leaves an aged widow who is almost blind, and otherwise in a condition to require the attention of friends. Weatherford Constitution 19 Feb 1890

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Obituary Albert Carl Coleman, son of **H.H. and M.A. Coleman**, was taken with a complicated influenza, Feb 2nd 1890. After a long and painful sickness little Carl breathed his last on the morning of March 4th. No more will we see little Carl on earth, he has gone to the realms of the unseen world to take up his abode in that celestial city where all is joy and gladness. Happy indeed will the hand of the little Angels be upon the arrival of sweet little Carl in their midst, for a more pleasanter little face never met my gaze. I do not remember of ever visiting the family but what the little fellow met me with a smile of welcome playing about his brow. While little Carl was one among the few whose lives were joy and gladness from birth to death, yet we doubt not that his joys today far excel those of this day on earth. Dear parents, while it seems to us that death plucks always from our midst the sweetest gems, yet we should realize that they are better off than we, and sorrow not. Again when we think of the last sentence pronounced by little Carl, "Mama, I love for you to kiss me" tears fill our eyes and we are made to weep and mourn, and in this hour of trouble it seems that our home is robbed of its brightest jewel, again let our minds return to thought that Carl is now a sweet little Angel in Heaven.

Waiting for the day to come when he can come forth to greet his dear mama and papa and all those who live in the service of his Heavenly father and welcome them to that happy home where sorrow and sadness never come. Little Walter, you will doubtless be brought to tears many times in wandering o'er the places where you and your little brother were accustomed to play things that his own childish hand arranged. For then a vision of his sweet little face will appear and you will be made to weep, yet little man there awaits for you in the future enter sorrows or gladness, and death at last, and I will say, as you grown older, and perhaps reach the age of manhood, prepare yourself and so live that when ages creep on and you are called upon to pass through the dark valley of the shadow of death that it may be a consolation to you to know that you will meet sweet little Carl beyond the grave and dwell with him in that bright and happy home where all is joy and gladness forever and ever. To sorrowing mother and father and the many friends of little Carl, I want to say in conclusion, that whatever in life ___ my lot where ere I may roam o've distant lands and far away I wish these few words to show that you have my heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement ___ as one who lives in hope of shaking hands with you and with little Carl beyond this vale of tears, then and there to enjoy the pleasure of a better world throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. A Friend Poolville, Texas, Weatherford Constitution March 6 1890

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Christian lost their sweet little two year old baby boy **Cabel**, Friday March 21st 1890 and laid him away in the final sleep, Saturday 22d, in the city cemetery. Weatherford Constitution 26 Mar 1890

Items from Buckner The old lady **Campbell** died last week of old age. Weatherford Constitution 11 Jun 1890

Died Mr. Cara Edmondson, aged about twenty six died at his home in this county. Wednesday, Jan 29, 2890. Weatherford Constitution 19 Feb 1890

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Drowned in the Brazos Palo Pinto, Tex., May 25 **W.H. Gordon**, commonly known as **Horse Gordon**, living in the northwestern part of this county, was drowned this morning while attempting to cross the Brazos river at the Carter crossing. His body was washed down the river and up to the present has not been recovered. Two other men were with him who narrowly escaped the same fate, but succeeded in getting to the bank exhausted. Deceased was a man possessed of considerable means and was a perfect type of the old Virginia gentleman. His sad fate is deeply deplored. Deceased acted as a prominent part in the civil war, having had command of a confederate gunboat during the entire struggle. Weatherford Constitution 28 May 1890

In Memoriam Prof. Garrett H. Hathaway from Lone Star Lodge [rest obscured] Weatherford Constitution 25 Feb 1892

Died Mr. A.T. Hudson, aged sixty seven, died at the residence of his widowed daughter, Mrs. Harris, on Spring street, at 11 a.m. Friday March 21st 1890, after protracted illness with complicated afflictions. Mrs. Hudson was a quiet, good citizen and a member of good standing of Weatherford Lodge F. and A. M., by which body his remains were consigned to their last resting place in the city cemetery, with imposing ceremonies. Saturday at 4 p.m. **Mrs. Hudson**, wife of deceased, preceeded him to the grave six years ago, and was buried in the city cemetery. Two daughters and a son survive their parents all grown, have families and are much esteemed. Robert, the son, is foreman of the Southern Mercury office, and is an efficient and faithful employee.

"God's finger touched him and he slept." Weatherford Constitution 26 Mar 1890

Died Rubie Lewis, the darling little daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. T.D. Lewis**, died Saturday evening last with paralysis and was buried in the city cemetery Sunday afternoon. The stricken family have the sympathies of the community in their sad bereavement. Weatherford Constitution 2 Apr 1890

The death of **Mrs. Dr. W.B. Miller** is announced this morning. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the entire community. Funeral services at the residence tomorrow at 3 o'clock, conducted by **Rev. J.A. Woods** Weatherford Constitution 26 Feb 1890

A Good Woman Gone **Mrs. Nicholson**, wife of **Col. E.P. Nicholson**, breathed her last on Friday morning Dec. 18th at 7 o'clock after a brief illness of three days. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss. Enquirer 31 Dec 1891

Obituary On Friday morning before Christmas ____ **Elizabeth Nicholson**, the wife of our distinguished citizen **Col. E.P. Nicholson**. The circumstances were peculiarly sad and yet mournfully sweet. For more than forty years Mrs. Nicholson had been the mainstay and loving helpmeet of her husband who has himself for some time been quite sick.

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With unwearied vigilance she watched at the bedside of her husband ___ every want, generously unmindful of her own frail condition, and thinking only of him she loved for whose lie she would so gladly lay down her own.

Col. Nicholson passed the crisis of his disease the dread typhoid pneumonia on Wednesday and suspense, which hitherto for had sustained his noble wife and enabled her to attend his bed side being at last over, tired, nature sunk and the strain, and on Friday morning she breathed her last.

And what a death was that! The brave and patient spirit left its tenement of clay as easily and as pleasantly as the early morning, kissed into existence by the rising sun, throws off the darkness of the night.

At the last moment she called her children round about her, and taking an affectionate leave of each, she said "I am dying now." "Shall we tell our father?" asked one. "No," was the response, the remembrance of which must ever remain a legacy to those she left behind. "the shock would be too great for him." Such unselfishness has rarely been recorded in the annals of human heroism.

She died without a struggle. So easily was the transition from life to death that no one present knew the exact instant when the _____ was extinguished.

Never was death so shorn of his terrors, never was grave so robbed of _____.

"Like the traveler who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams; passed the spirit of her we mourn. We can only say with others who loved her, requiescat in pace. A Friend Enquirer 31 Dec 1891

Col. Nicholson Many are the hearts that go out in loving sympathy to **Col. E.P. Nicholson** in this time of sore affliction and saddest bereavement. Only he who has traveled down that dark valley can truly feel with him in his sorrow and grief. The Enquirer in common with all who know him and his excellent family extend them sincerest condolence. Enquirer 31 Dec 1891

A Beautiful Death Mrs. E.P. Nicholson, wife of our eminent townsman, **Col. E.P. Nicholson**, died with pneumonia at her home in Weatherford, Texas, Dec 18, 1891. She was not only a devoted mother and wife, but a most estimatable woman. She was refined and cultured and her conversational powers were unsurpassed; and although her delicate health prevented her mingling in society a great deal, yet she was beloved by all who knew her. She was sick only three days and on the third day she called her children around her and told them she was going to die; she called each of them by name and with her arms around their neck kissed them good bye. Her sweet face was perfectly radiant with joy; she was on earth yet so closely connected with Heaven. The veil was withdrawn and she saw the beautiful world to which she was hastening. The links in life's mystical chain were being shortened fast, when one asked her "Shall we tell Pa" "oh, no, she replied, the shock would will be too much for him. (The Col. was dangerously ill at the same time in another room).

She then looked all around and with that bright sweet expression passed over on the other side, with out a struggle. Enquirer 7 Jan 1892

Mrs. S.J. North, mother of **Mrs. S.M. Dooley**, died Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and was buried in North Side cemetery Wednesday. Enquirer 8 Oct 1881

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Mrs. I.W. Petty aged 81 years, died at the home of her granddaughter, **Mrs. Manning** in this city on last Wednesday. Deceased was a mother of **P.W. Petty** and a sister of **Mayor M.W. Buster**. She was a true Christian and a noble woman. Weekly Republic 23 Feb 1899

Mortuary Mr. W.H. Phillips, sexton City Cemetery, reports seven interments during the month of December, 1890 as follows:

Adults 3

Children 4

Total 7 Weatherford Constitution 12 Feb 1890

Obituary Died on the night of June 6th, in the Olive Branch community, **Mr. Probib**, after a lingering illness of chronic disease of the liver the result of strong drink. **Mr. Probib** was attending in his last illness by **Doctor Howard** at Weatherford, who applied every restorative within his power, but without effect. Between the hours of 6 and 8 he peacefully sank to rest comforted by **Col. Babb** and **Dr. Howard**. His funeral services will be attended to on Wednesday by a large crowd of _____, **W.C. Brashears** attending. May his remains rest in peace under the shade of the vine that God has made. Sun 16 Jun 1888

In Memorial Of Departed Friends, the Work of the Silent Reaper, Death On the Death of J.G. Putnam At a meeting of Lone Star Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, held Tuesday March 21, 1893 the following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, It hath pleased the Supreme Chancellor, Commander of the universe, in his inscrutable wisdom to call from our midst our brother James G. Putman and transfer his membership to the celestial castle hall of the most high, we as brother knights, while bowing in humble submission to the will of Him, whose will to us is law, publish this testimonial to his memory. As a husband and father he was king, loving and indulgent, as a citizen he was frank, honest and manly, and as a member of our order he was alone in the discharge of his duty and upholding its tenants. Friendship, charity and benevolence. While mourning his loss we shall ever cherish his memory, and further.

Resolved that this testimonial be spread upon the records of the lodge, and that a copy be presented the family of the deceased and the press of our city for publication and that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days. Fraternally submitted **Henry Miller, W.A. Lask, F.I. Hutchinson** Committee Enquirer 24 Mar 1893

Lone Star Mrs. M. A. Parsley died very suddenly July 4th and was buried here the next day. **Rev. J.W. Carson** officiating at the funeral. She leaves a large family to mourn her loss. She was much beloved by the community, being a true Christian, fond mother and kind neighbor. Many persons attended her funeral. We tender our sympathies to the family. WD Jul 18 1895

Myrtle Parsley, daughter of **W. Parsley** died August 3d and was interred at Lone Star Sunday. WD 8 Aug 1895

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Obituary Mrs. S.A. Parsons, of south Bear Creek, died last Sunday and was buried in Spring Creek cemetery. She was the mother of **W.J. Parsons**, and was aged 66 years. Rheumatism of the heart was the cause of death. WD 12 Dec 1895

Died, at her home on Bear Creek Parker County, Tex Dec 8 1895 **Mrs. Susanna Parsons** wife of **Amesley Parsons**, aged 66 years. Sister Parsons was born Nov 20, 1820 in Orange county Indiana. She was married there June 22 1848 and came to Parker County Texas January 9th 1854. Truly another mother and pioneer has gone from us to the church triumphant above. She professed faith in Christ in 1850 and united with the Methodist church the same year. Sister Parsons was the mother of ten children three of whom have preceded her to the glory land. The writer having know her for 38 years, and seeing the Christian graces which she always endeavored to cultivate she conspicuously in daily life. We could but say she was a noble woman filled with generous impulses and shouldering in good works all the days of her life. So when disease fell upon her, which she bore for twelve weeks, racked with pain she was never known to murmur or utter an unchristian word, but would speak of Heaven as her future home, saying, "I hear them singing "listen, don't you hear that sweet music?" at times seemed to be unconscious of all around her and to commune sweetly with her Savior, in whom she had so long put her trust. The esteem in which she was held by her friends and neighbors was manifested in the close attention they gave her in her sickness, and especially on the day of her burial we witnessed many tearful eyes when looking on her silent smiling face for the last time, at Spring Creek grave yard. Then we would say to husband, children, grandchildren and also far away friends, weep not for her, for truly "She hath entered into that rest which remaineth to the people of God." A Friend WD 19 Dec 1895

Mortuary Perkins Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec 9 **Avery Perkins** aged 21 who lived at Whitt, Tex., died yesterday DMN 11 Dec 1899

We regret to hear of the death of **Dr. J.E. Potter**, who lived on Grindstone Creek about 8 miles west of town. He was an old citizen and much esteemed. He died last Friday morning, aged about 53 years. He had been blind for about ten years; leaves four sons and three daughters surviving him. WD 30 May 1895

Mortuary Price Weatherford, Tex., Sept 29 **Rev. William Price**, aged 73 years, after being confined to his bed for several months, died this morning at 7 o'clock. Rev Price has resided here for many years, being presiding elder of this district at one time. His funeral will be preached in the First Methodist church on South Main street, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. DMN 30 Sept 1899

Tribute of Respect In as much as the hand of death has taken from our midst one of our most devoted and efficient members, **W.E. Prince**, therefore be it resolved:

1. That as superintendent, teachers and pupils we deeply deplore the loss of Bro. Prince, and while we thus deplore his loss, his life justifies the belief that his sleeping dust awaits a blissful immortality.

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2. That, in his death the Church has lost a devoted member, the Sunday school a teacher able, willing and efficient, and pleasant as the evening breeze, and society a worthy and valuable citizen.
3. That he was endeared to us; and our love of him was made to wax but the stronger by his true nobility of soul, his manly bearing and his dignified deportment in all the relations of life.
4. That, we all hope when the trump of God shall sound "awake ye dead and come to judgment" we may be sharers with him ___ blessed inheritance beyond this vale of tears.
5. That, a copy of these resolutions be sent to his greatly bereaved mother when the arrows of sorrow have pierced so deep, praying that the God of all grace may sustain her in this seemingly dark and impenicible dispensation of providence.
6. That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Exponent and Times and also to the Texas Advocate for publication.

A.D. Gaskill W.W. Davis Exponent 12 May 1877

Tribute of Respect At a meeting of the Weatherford Bar, held during the April term, 1877, of the District Court, sitting at Weatherford, Judge A.J. Hood was called to the chair and the following resolutions unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased Him, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, to removed **W.E. Prince**, therefore be it.

Resolved, That whilst we submit with resignation to this afflicting decree of an all-wise Providence, we deeply mourn the loss of one who, in his highminded, honorable course, had endeared himself to us by all the virtues that adorn the character of a true, good man.

Resolved, That the name and personal qualities of **W.E. Prince** shall ever be held sacred in our memory, and that we will ever recur with pride and pleasure to his "brief" but brilliant career at our bar, from which we were privileged to derive lustre and ornament to our profession.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved mother and family the expression of our sincere condolence in this their darkest hour of affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Court and furnished to the Weatherford Exponent and Times for publication
S.W.T. Lanhan, W.R. Shannon, R.W. Stephens Com. Exponent 12 May 1877

Mortuary Puryear Weatherford., Tex July 11 **W.G. Puryear**, a farmer aged 42 years, died yesterday at his home, near Dicy, in this county. He had measles about one month ago, which finally caused his death DMN 15 July 1899

Prominent Physician's Death Last Saturday night, about 10 o'clock the report was circulated in the streets that **Dr. J.P. Raines**, one of the foremost physicians of the town was dying from the effects of an overdose of chloride, taken to allay nervous excitement. Medical aid was at once called in, and **Drs. Milliken, Inge, Potter**, and **C.B. Raines**, the brother of the unfortunate man, hastened to his assistance, but too late, the deadly poison had done its worst, and they arrived only in time to behold the anguish of a

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grief stricken wife, and three orphaned children bending in deep despair over the pallid form of what was once a loving husband and an indulgent father. The powerful sedative had so benumbed the senses that the end was painless and death had come without a struggle.

It seems the deceased had been in the habit of taking chloride when suffering from the effect of nervous excitement and being somewhat careless of the quantity, had taken a poisonous dose.

Dr. Raines was a man highly respected in the community, and was a warm personal friend of the editor of this paper. We extend our sincere and heart-felt sympathy to the sorrowing family and friends of the deceased, in whose death they have sustained a great and deplorable loss—a loss never to be forgotten or repaired in this world.

He was buried Sunday evening; a large concourse of friends following the body to its last resting place. Exponent 9 Jun 1877

Motuary Reynolds Weatherford, Tex., May 16 **Mrs. E.J. Reynolds**, aged 30, died at her home near Aledo last Friday. She was buried on Saturday at Willow Point cemetery DMN 17 May 1898

Resolution of Respect Phoenix Lodge No 255 A.F. ?N is again called upon to record the death of one of its members. **J.P. Rice** a true and worthy brother passed away June 25th, 1892 aged 75 years a man beloved by all members of the M.E. church and Half Century Club. He was a captain of the Confederate Veterans of this county, worthy and useful was he.

We recognized that the death of Bro. Rice frees _____

We sympathize with the family in their great and _____

Kind and loving husband and father. _____ [very difficult to read] Exponent 14 Jul 1892

Deaths at Weatherford Weatherford, Tex., Aug 13 **Miss Ora Riley**, a grown daughter of Mr. **J.F. Riley**, who lives west of town, near Greenwood, died last evening of typhoid fever. DNM 14 Aug 1899

Mineral Wells Dec 6 **Mrs. Francis J. Rimare**, about 70 years of age, died at her home in this city yesterday. DMN Dec 7, 1899

The Verdict Was That He Was Killed Accidentally How the Thing Occurred Weatherford, Tex., Oct 7 Day before yesterday a west bound freight train on the Texas and Pacific ran into and killed a man near the town of Millsap in this county.

The man, whose name was **Robertson**, lived in the country near the place of the accident, and at the time it occurred he had been to Millsap and was going home, walking up the track meeting the train.

No one but the trainmen witnessed the occurrence, and they say he was stepping off when the pilot of the engine struck him, knocking him down and breaking both legs and his neck. It is supposed that he contemplated suicide and changed his mind and attempted to get off after it was too late. His body was picked up later on and an inquest

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was held subsequently by **Esquire McCall**. The decision was that he was killed accidentally. DMN 8 Oct 1890

Memorism Meslisa M. Rider, nee ____ born in Blount county ____ Aug 27 1834. She wed in the county of her nativity W. Rider, Aug 27, 1854. Shortly after moved in ____ to Texas, settling on ____ Creek in Parker county before the organization of the city. The husband engaged in ox team freighting some years to the head ____ on Red river and to ____ which took him away for periods of time during one the young wife was left and thus became thoroughly used to the hardships and ____ as well as the dangers to frontier life, which she endured with that resolution and courage characterized her in her fatal illness. They also became extensively engaged in stock raising and in which the husband was on his cattle ranch on the Brazos, the Comanche Indians raided their neighborhood, and came within a mile of the house and came to the very when there was no one at home except the subject of this sketch and her little daughter ____ now **Mrs. Moran**. Mother and child shut and fled to the loft where they remained in safety the Indians being too cowardly to enter the house, but passed on and rounded up all their horses, several hundred, and drove them off. The father heard about the raid at Jacksboro and that they had murdered his wife and child and hastily retraced his steps. The Indian outbreak then being general, he was unable to reach his ranch until every had been driven off by persons, either whites or Indians,. The family removed to Weatherford the following fall and have lived here since that time. Wm. Rider, the husband, in March, 1895. Mrs. Rider was left alone with **H.S. Moran**, her son in law. She had not been back to her native Tennessee since they removed thence, and after looking forward to the visit she had arranged to make to her old home where many of her relatives live for several months with unusual pleasures of anticipation, she in July left her home for Tennessee. She remained until the latter part of October, and while there complained of some throat trouble which became very malignant, and she came home very sick, and in less than two weeks she took to her bed and soon became unable to swallow anything. She grew rapidly worse and died Nov 30 at 8:30 pm.. Her death was characterized by the most triumphant faith in the Christian religion which she had professed since early life. She talked of her approaching death with that calm complacency and most perfect resignation which had characterized her life in all times of danger and hardship, never for one moment doubting that she was entering into the full fruition of her hopes, and praising God for his tender mercies, with a tongue all parched with fever. WD 8 Dec 1895

Obituary Alexander Needham Roach was born in Carroll Co., Tennessee, Nov 22nd 1859 and died in Weatherford May 17th 1880, aged 20 years 5 months and 25 days. He came to Texas Dec 18th, 1870 for his health which had given away some time previous. He professed religion and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church about 6 years ago in which he has ever been a shining light. He died as he had lived a devoted Christian, loved and mourned by all who knew him. He leaves a mother, three brothers and three sisters with many warm friends in Tennessee and one brother and a number of relatives and friends in Texas to mourn for him. He was a patient sufferer and as the Lamp of life grew dim, nearer and nearer the draw to the other shore and his unfettered soul was upon the wings of angels borne away within the pearly gates of the new Jerusalem; there to dwell with the loved one bone before and await the coming of

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those on earth. Weep not fond mother your son is gone from earth but you will meet him again in a happier world than this where there will be no more parting and sorrow is never known. Exponent 5 Jun 1880

We beg to tender to the bereaved and grief-stricken parents, **Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Ross**, our sincerest sympathies in the loss of their little son, **Charlie** who died on Wednesday, the 16th inst, at the age of two and a half months. Remember that little Charlie has answered the call of a Heavenly Father who is able to provide a happiness more perfect and eternal beyond all that you, his earthly parents, can possibly think or conceive. Epigraph 19 Jul 1897

Successful Embalming Remarkable Preservation Has the Lost Art Been Recovered? Six years ago little **Willie Hoyt Richmond** died in this city, and was embalmed by **Mr. J.R. Williams**, placed in a metallic casket, and buried in the city cemetery. Last week, the parents, desiring to remove the remains of their darling little one to New Hampshire had the casket uncovered, when to their astonishment and delight there was the face in fact unshriveled and as perfect and as beautiful as the day of his burial. The sweet smile that bade goodbye to mama and papa and winged its soul to heaven seemed to be still lingering on the lips, and the unsunken cheeks and cherished brow bore the form and beauty of life. Weatherford Constitution 2 Apr 1890

Died R.C. Stinnett died April 10th, 1890, at his home on Clear Fork, of pneumonia. The deceased leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. They have the sympathy of the county. Weatherford Constitution 23 Apr 1890

Mrs. Lucy Sallee died last Friday night at the residence of **Mr. W.M. Reynolds** and was buried in the Kidwell cemetery on Saturday. WD 20 Jun 1895

Bob Shaw died in the Nation and his body arrived in this city Monday on the Santa Fe. He lived on the Bandy place west of town. Burial was at Greenwood WD 31 Oct 1895

The body of **Mr. J.D. Shelton** vice president of the First National bank of Eastland was brought to this city from Mineral Wells, where he died Tuesday and was sent on the 10:26 passenger the same day to Eastland. WD 1 Aug 1895

Bethesda Died at her home near Bethesda on Monday the 21 inst. **Mrs. Minerva** wife of **D.G. Simmons**. She was buried in Bethesda cemetery on Tuesday about 2 o'clock. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to her. The funeral sermon was preached by **Rev. J. F. Swafford** of Weatherford. WD 31 Oct 1895

Estate of **Sarah C. Simmons, J.F. Simmons**, executor; will admitted to probate WD 28 Mar 1895

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Obituary Mrs. Sue E. Simpson, wife of our worthy citizen, __. N. Simpson is numbered among the victims of death. She was the daughter of **Dr. James H. Sloan** (deceased) and **Mrs. Margaret Sloan** and was born in Randolph Co. Ark. August 9th 1856. After the death of her father she came to Texas with her mother who in the fall of 1871 became a resident of Weatherford where she lived til the present. Mrs. Simpson was married June 6th 1875 and the same year joined the Methodist church which she was a consistent member till death removed her, as we believe to the church triumphant. Her long affliction was borne with patience and resignation, cheerfulness was maintained throughout and when earthly hopes failed, hope look upon the bounds of more." She conversed with calmness and even pleasure of her approaching dissolution. She died Oct 13th, 1879. On Tuesday the 11th her remains were conveyed to the cemetery by a large concourse of friends evicing by their kindly attendance and acts of love that she has a warm place in their hearts. We tender to the bereaved ones our sincerest sympathy with a hope that there may be a meeting beyond the river as joyous as the parting has been. Weatherford Oct 16th 1879
Oscar Hightower Pastor Exponent 18 Oct 1879

Bill Slaughter, formerly of this county but now of Arizona, was in the county last Saturday. He had been in Palo Pinto County to attend the funeral of his father, **Rev. Slaughter**. WD 28 Mar 1895

Peaster Mrs. Andrew Stephens was buried at the Baptist cemetery last Wednesday. WD 16 May 1895

Peaster Robert Stephens died last Wednesday and was buried that evening. He leaves a surviving wife and one child. The large number who attended his funeral attested his worth as a citizen. WD 27 Jun 1895

Resolution of Respect to an Ex-Confederate

The U.C.V. company for Precinct No 1 met at the court house in Palo Pinto, on Saturday Sept 22, 1891, and passed the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, it has pleased our all wise and omnipotent Ruler, to remove from our midst and association, our late comrade and fellow citizen, **C.W. Stephenson**, 1st Lieutenant of this company. Therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of our worthy comrade, this company has lost an efficient officer and member; the country a worthy, patriotic and useful citizen and in times of war, a true and brave soldier.

Resolved further, that this company tender its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and friends and that the Secretary is requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the wife of the deceased, and also a copy to the Palo Pinto County Star with request to publish same. Palo Pinto County Star Sep 28 1894

Died At the residence of **J.H. Stevenson**, one and half miles southeast of Authon on the morning of the 26th inst, his little son, **George Ezra**, of malarial fever, aged five years, three months and 26 days. His remains were interred in the Fondren cemetery on

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the next day at 3 o'clock p.m. **Elder J.A. Rutledge** conducted the service. Over 200 people were present at the funeral. Weatherford Constitution 30 Apr 1890

In Memoriam Whereas; sometime in the month of ____ Our Bro. **S. A Stover** came into our midst from his home in Dayton, Iowa for the purpose of recovering his health. And whereas, we recognize in Brother Stover a Christian gentleman, and a Mason possessed of high moral character, and many of the virtues which adorn the character of a good man and Mason. And whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God in his wisdom on the 21st day of Decemeber 1879 to remove from among us our brother. Therefore let it be Resolved by Phoenix Lodge, No 275 A Friend A.M. that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the most high God, we do not the less mourn the our brother who has been taken from us and that we should be deprived of the example and fellowship of a brother, who in the daily walks of walk, exemplified the precepts and teachings of our venerable order.

Resolved, that we sincerely condole with the friends of the deceased on the ____ which it has pleased divine providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to Him ____ who ____ this ____ transmitted to the Dayton Lodge No 149, Daytonville, Iowa of which the deceased was a member and that the Weatherford Exponent be requested to publish these resolutions . **E. J. Mumford, M.W. Buster, Chas. Lindsay** Committee Exponent 31 Jan 1880

Dan Sullivan, of Colorado, who had been in the city for some time, stopping at the Curtis house, committed suicide last Thursday night by cutting his throat with a razor. He was here for his health, and became despondent because he could not get well, and frequently said that he would rather be dead than to suffer always. **Justice Green** held an inquest and found papers on his body stating that he owned a ranch at Bloomfield, N.M. and that his family resided there. His family was communicated with regarding the disposition of the body and in answer to a telegram the body was embalmed and shipped there for burial—Mineral Wells Health Resort Palo Pinto County Star 13 Sep 1899

Mineral Wells June 13 **Mrs. Sam Sellars** died at her home, two miles south of here, yesterday. She with her husband were among the first settlers of this county. DMN Jun 15, 1898

Resolution of Respect Weatherford Lodge No 1007 K of H. having learned with deep regret that the messenger of death has entered the home of our esteemed brother **Dr. W.B. Simmons** and claimed from him the beloved companion of his bosom, therefore be it.

Resolved, That we tender to him and his family in this their sad hour of bereavement our heartfelt sympathies and our condolences. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our lodge, that a copy be presented to our bereaved brother and each of the city papers requested to publish same. **J.H. Rentz, J.L. Gaskell, C.S. Alexander** Committee Enquirer 24 Mar 1893

On the Death of **Mrs. W.L. Simmons** Half Century Club Hall, Weatherford, Texas Mar 22, 93 Whereas It has pleased Almighty God to removed from our midst, on