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His funeral services were conducted today by Father Nolan of the Catholic church at this place. DMN 15 Nov 1899

Mortuary Selvege Weatherford, Tex., Nov 17 Hon. **R.B. Hood** of this city received a message early this morning announcing the death of his sister, **Mrs. Dave Selvege**, at her home, sixteen miles northeast of this place. He left to attend the funeral at the home cemetery today. DMN 18 Nov 1899

Mortuary Shaw Weatherford, Tex., Nov 8 **Jim Shaw**, aged about 45 years, a well to do farmer and stockman, died at his home on Spring creek, six miles south of town, last evening after seven weeks illness of slow fever. His remains were interred this afternoon in the Spring Creek cemetery DMN 10 Nov 1899

Mortuary Thomason Weatherford, Tex., Nov 7 The remains of **Ed L. Thomason** arrived here on last evening's train from Dallas where he died yesterday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church, on Palo Pinto street, today. Mr. Thomason was well known here, having been in the hardware business for a number of years. Relatives from Mississippi and other points attended his funeral here today. DMN 8 Nov 1899

A Pioneer Dead Mineral Wells, Tex., Nov 4 **Judge Wm. Veal**, a pioneer of this county, died very suddenly of heart failure at his home in Palo Pinto last night. He has resided in this county thirty five years. DMN 5 Nov 1899

Died From His Injuries Mineral Well, Tex., Nov 6 **J.N. Warren** of Parker county, was thrown from his wagon near this place last Friday, died yesterday in this city from the injuries received from the fall. Mr. Warren resided near Millsap and was 50 years old. His remains were shipped to Millsap for interment yesterday. DMN 6 Nov 1899

Mortuary Wells Weatherford, Tex., Nov 2 **W.E. Wells**, better known as here as **Dock Wells**, died at his home on East Lee avenue at 8 o'clock this morning. Mr. Wells was for a number of years in the mercantile business at this place, but owing to bad health he retired about a year ago. DMN 3 Nov 1899

Narrow Escape from Death Springtown, Tex., Jan 24 The clothes of the **daughter of W.D. Stroud** while standing before the fire took fire and she was seriously burned. Her father and mother were both badly burned about the hands while extinguishing the flames. DMN 28 Jan 1894

Jonas Prewitt, the eight months old child of **J.F. Swofford** died last Thursday after a long illness, and was buried the next day at Zion Hill cemetery. **Rev. Wm. Price** officiated at the burial. "The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taketh away." Weatherford Democrat 12 Sep 1895

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Mortuary Sullivan Mineral Wells, Tex., Oct 5 **Mrs. Hattie Sullivan**, aged 45 years, who lived at Black Springs, died yesterday DMN 6 Oct 1899

Mortuary Chick Mineral Wells, Tex., Oct 5 **Charley Chick**, aged 27 years, died Monday at his home four miles west of the city. DMN 6 Oct 1899

Mortuary Hodds Weatherford, Tex., Oct 12 **Bert Hodds**, aged 25 years, a farmer living near Peaster, eight miles southwest of here, died at his home night before last DMN 14 Oct 1899

Mortuary Straughan Stevensville, Tex., Oct 12 **Mrs. Straughan**, wife of the late Judge of the district court, died at their home at this place this afternoon. The remains will be shipped to Palo Pinto, Tex. for interment. DMN 14 Oct 1899

Mortuary Hodges Weatherford, Tex., Sept 30 **Miss Bertie**, age 13 years, daughter of **Deputy County Clerk J.E. Hodges**, died at 5 o'clock this morning. She was sick three weeks with typhoid fever. DMN 2 Oct 1899

Mortuary McCracken Springtown, Tex., Oct 21 **Mrs. Fannie McCracken**, wife of W.T. McCracken, died here suddenly at 2 a.m. yesterday morning. DMN 23 Oct 1899

Mortuary Queen Mineral Wells, Tex., Oct 6 **Daphney Queen**, the two year old daughter of **W.H. Queen**, died yesterday of tonsillitis. DMN 7 Oct 1899

Harry Waldock's Death Weatherford, Tex., Oct 6 **Harry Waldock's** death at this place on Wednesday night was from natural causes and not the result of wounds in the throat as stated in the press. DMN 7 Oct 1899

Mortuary VanArsdale Weatherford, Tex., Oct 23 **Sam Vanarsdale** (better known as **Sam Clanton**) of this city died here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. He leaves a wife and three children. DMN 24 Oct 1899

In Memoriam It is with sadness and regret that we chronicle the death of our friend, **E.D.K. Walters**, who died at Cleburne, this month of pneumonia. Mr. Walters was a zealous member of the Baptist church, and lived the daily life of a true Christian. He served four years during the late war, and his comrades have testimony to the purity of his Christian character during that long period of demoralizing tendency. Our earliest recollection is of him as our Sunday school teacher, ever kind and faithful to instruct. Peace be to his ashes. Lightly rest the sod on his noble, generous bosom. To his estimable wife and his only child, the Exponent tenders its sincerest sympathy. Exponent 29 May 1880

Saul Smith, father of our subject, came to the Lone Star state in 1851, taking up his residence in Smith county, where he purchased land and made a farm. Four years later he sold his property, and in 1855 became a resident of Parker county. Subsequently he lived in different parts of the state, his death occurring at Mineral Wells, in Palo Pinto

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county, May 17 1884. History of Texas Supplemented with Biographical mention of Many Families of the State Central Texas Vol II , Lewis Publishing, Chicago 1896 p 58

Mortuary Isaac Betty Weatherford, Tex., June 29 Mr. Isaac Betty died at his home near here yesterday. DMN 30 Jun 1891

A tragic death also marred the family operation. In June 1860 C.C.'s [**Slaughter**] **younger brother** was killed when he became entangled in a rope tied to a runaway mule. Although he was only seventeen, the boy was an invaluable part of the Slaughter cattle business; his death heralded the beginning of a dismal decade. C. C. Slaughter Rancher, Banker, Baptist by David J. Murrah U of TX Press Austin p 13

A venerable Citizen Commits Suicide Weatherford Tex., March 9 Mr. Vaughn, of Whitt, Parker County, came in today and reported the tragical death of Mr. Ellis, of that place, familiarly known as "**Grandfather**" Ellis. Mr. Vaughn says that Mr. Ellis was 74 years of age, the father of a large and influential family, one of his sons being a prominent minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Texas. The facts of his death as reported by Mr. Vaughn are about this: Mr. Ellis last night or early this morning (the report is meager on this point) went out to the barn to attend to some chores and while there procured a rope, climbed on top of a table, tied the rope round a rafter and swung off into eternity. He left no thing to show why he had committed the act, and no cause can be assigned. He was found by his wife early this morning, and the neighborhood was aroused. Mr. Vaughn was sent to this place to procure a coffin and detailed the above facts.

Mr. A.L. Morris, a prominent citizen, died this morning at 5 o'clock from convulsions caused by a fracture of the skull, which was made by a lick on the head about two years ago. DMN 10 Mar 1887

Thomas Jefferson [a dog] died last week rather mysteriously. He was found dead in the yard of J.K.P. Shirley and it is thought that he was a victim of foul play. What a sad thought. Stretched upon the cold ground, his body racked with the pain and the deadly poison preying upon his vitals, with no eye to pity. No one to save. No covering save the broad canopy of heaven this poor canine struggled in the cold embrace of death. Western Star 15 Sept 1877

Snyder is no more. On Monday evening last while **Dr. Rains** was standing in front of the post office waiting for the distribution of the mail his favorite dog Snyder had a spasm and it was soon discovered that he had got a dose of strychnine. All antidote, that of lard was administered, but to no effect. The deadly drug had done its work, and soon his spirit was wafted to the canine heaven. We shall miss you, Snyder! But trust you have gone to that happy hunting ground, where cats cease from troubling and Strychnine is not used. Western Star 15 Sept 1877

Notice of Final Account State of Texas County of Palo Pinto Texas In the County Court April 1878 Know ye that **W.C. Cochran**, Guardian of the person and estate of **James G. Cochran**, having filed in the Honorable County Court of Palo Pinto

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County, Texas real accounts is the guardian of the said person and state of the said minor which will be acted on at the April term of said Court.

Now, Therefore, these are to be notify all persons interested in the same to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the Honorable Court to be holden at the Court House in town of Palo Pinto on the second Monday in April A.D. 1878 the same being the 8th day of the said month then and there contest the matter if they see proper to do so.

Given this day under my hand and the seal of said Court at the office in the town of Palo Pinto the sixth day of March 1876 **W.Metcalf** Clerk County Court, Palo Pinto County, Texas **Jas. E. Beeman** Deputy Western Star 9 Mar 1878

State of Texas County of Palo Pinto In the County Court June Term 1878

To All Whom These ___ May come. Greetings:

Know Ye That Wm. Veale, Administrator of the Estate of **A. A. Santo**, deceased having filed in the Honorable County Court of Palo Pinto County Texas his final account in the Administrator of said Estate which will be acted on at the June Term of said Court

Now Therefore, these are to notify all persons interested in the same to be and personally appear at the next regular Term of the Honorable County Court, to be holden at the Court House, in the Town of Palo Pinto on the second Monday of June A.D. 1878 the same being the 16th day of said month, then and there ___ the name if they deem if proper to do so. Palo Pinto Star 4 May 1878

Special Notice All persons indebted to the estate of **W.B. Conatser**, deceased, are requested to come forward and settle at once, as I am directed by the Probate court to proceed at once in the collection of all indebtedness due said estate. It will therefore, be understood that I am not permitted to indulge debtors to said estate any further. I wish also to give notice that on the first Tuesday in February I will offer for sale, at public auction, the Costner Mill and Cotton Gin property in Palo Pinto.

J. M. Conateer, Administrator, P.S. Settlement of indebtedness due the estate may be made with me or with **J.S. Straghan** at Palo Pinto J.M.C. Palo Pinto Star 17 Jan 1885 and Jan 31 1885

Mr. John Clepper and his son living on Ioni about 15 miles north west of town, died of dysentery last week. Palo Pinto Star 24 Jan 1885

Obituary Know all men by these presents and bewail ye in the fact, that an earnestwhile inhabitant of our quiet little community as quietly died on Sunday night, with no loving hands to cheer him in his last moments. We refer to the gray mule that has abode with us all summer, but now alas!! Is dead No Cards Palo Pinto Star Feb 7, 1885

We regret to note the death of **Mr. John Mallory jr** which occurred at his home Thursday night of typhoid fever. Palo Pinto Star 21 Feb 1885

A difficulty occurred at the Coal mines, between **W.J. Witcher**, the barber of that place and a miner named **Dyer**, which resulted in the serious and perhaps fatal stabbing of Dyer. From the best information we could gather, it would seem that Dyer was the

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aggressor, being under the influence of liquor at the time. Wither is held in a bond of \$300 to await the action of the grand jury which will be in session next week.

Since the above was put in type, we learn that Dyer has died; and Witcher is lodged in our county jail. Palo Pinto Star 21 Feb 1885

Respect for the Dead On the western edge of town is a spot of ground hallowed to many of our citizens by remains of departed friends being there deposited. This is a beautiful spot and one many like to visit and deposit floral offerings. Some love to kneel and kiss the sod and drop a tear forced from sad hearts upon a tomb of loved ones who have crossed over the river of death. All would like to have the ground so inclosed that they could plant flowers, shrubbery and evergreens that would bloom, grow and stand a perpetual emblem of the love and esteem of the one who place them there for the one lying silent beneath. The last respect we can pay them, the least we can do for our departed friends is to see that their remains are decently interred, and nothing shows one's love more for his friends who have passed over the river, than to see that their graves are kept green. We therefore suggest that while we are hurrying through life we stop and think of the dead, and when we do this remember that our cemetery is not fenced, and that those who desire to keep the graves of their departed friends cannot do so. No flowers or shrubbery can be planted except to be trampled down by the herds that roam the prairies. Let our people move in this matter, and take up a subscription to fence the grounds. We believe all our citizens would contribute liberally. Will some of the ladies make the move? Palo Pinto Star Mar 21 1885

Very sorry to find nothing done as yet to the Cemetery. Have you ceased to think or care for your dear ones there laid Shame! Palo Pinto Star Mar 21 1885

Mr. Joe Rendar a wealthy young man from Kentucky died at the Coal Mines last Saturday of heart disease. Palo Pinto Star 21 Mar 1885

A Difficult and Intricate Surgical Operation By the request of **Dr. C.F. Yeager**, the attending physician, I witnessed a very important and formidable operation in the town of Mineral Wells Friday March 13 1885. By **Drs. Yeager & Withers** of Mineral Wells, with **Drs. J.K. Rucker & W.J. Johnson** of Whitt, Texas. In the removal of what they called Cystic Fibrosis of ovary or in other words a Massive Ovarian Tumor of six years standing, and weighting about 80 lbs from **Mrs. Antonette King**, a sister of our worthy citizens and Brother **M.B. Lock** of Palo Pinto county. The tumor commenced in the right side and grewed until it reached the enormous size given above. At the time of operations sister King was at the very verge of Death her attending physicians had recommended its removal over twenty months previous. How important for physicians to shoulder so great a responsibility in almost the last extremity, the good woman in pain almost unbearable consented to an operation and full knowledge of the chance against her in an operation at that late hour, requested her attending physician (even then) to give her the only hope for life. **Dr. Yeager** called his worthy neighbor Dr. Withers to advise with him preparation to performing so formidable and highly intricate an operation and at so late and critical a period. The Eminent Physician and Surgeon **J.K. Rucker** was telephoned to from Whitt to be present and assist in the operation, who came

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and brought with him Young **Dr. W.J. Johnson**. The operation was skillfully performed and as short a time as such an operation could be well performed. The physicians assisting performed each his part well, any case so unfortunate as to need a surgical operation I am confident that these Professional Gentlemen are fully competent to the performances of the most difficult Surgical Operation. Sister King seemed to stand the operation finely and reaction too place by Saturday noon the 14th inst. And strong hopes were entertained f her recovery. But alas it was soon found by her physicians that her vital forms were not sufficient to bear her up to final recovery and she gradually sunk until about a8 o'clock Saturday night she fell asleep in Jesus. She was buried on Monday the 16th inst at the burial at Brazos Valley School House in the presence of many weeping friends. Mineral Wells, Texas March 18th 1885 W.H. Lowe Palo Pinto Star 28 Mar 1885

Obituary Dies The **wife of W.B. Kye**, of Dark Valley, of Double Pneumonia, on Wednesday the 25th inst., at the residence of **J.M. Conatser**, of this place she was buried in Dark Valley on Thursday. Her end was peace. The Star extends sympathy and condolence to Mr. Kye on his bereavement, with the hope that his loss may be her fain.

We are grieved to note the death of little **Jennie**, infant daughter of **Jas. and Mary Owen** of this town. It yielded to the disease with which had been lingering for several days, and quietly fell asleep in the arms of its Savior on the evening of the 25th inst. To awake no more on earth but in Heaven a seraph to be. The Star extends sympathy to the grief stricken parents. Palo Pinto Star 28 Mar 1885

Mrs. Cautwell, wife of one of our staunch citizens was buried at the cemetery here on the 28th ult The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community. A little **child of Mr. McHenry's** was buried on the same day. Palo Pinto Star 4 Apr 1885

We have not heard as yet of any steps being taken looking towards the fencing of the town cemetery. The present aspect of this city of dead, does not show except in a few instances, that the hands of loved ones left behind done what they could to beautify and make green the last resting place f those gone before. Indeed, they cannot do so though they may be ever so much inclined, owing to the fact there is no fence to protect the work when done. We suggest a meeting of our citizens at an early day to make some arrangements for a suitable fence. What say you all, Gentlemen? Palo Pinto Star 11 Apr 1885

In Memoria Departed this life April 7th, 1885, Miss **Anna Hart**, daughter of **J.B. and Josie Hart**, after a brief illness of a few days.

Thus it is we people Heaven by individual settlement. How sad to thing one so lovely and so fair should be summoned to appear before the great white throne just as she was blooming into womanhood. Clothed with spotless innocence, she is now at rest with her Heavenly Father, in the mansions of the blessed. Grieve not dear parents, you loss is her gain and soon you will be permitted to join her in that sweet bye and bye, where parting will be no more. A Friend Palo Pinto Star 11 Apr 1885

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We regret to note the death of Miss **Anne**, eldest daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Hart**, which occurred at the residence of her parents Sunday night. Palo Pinto Star 11 Apr 1885

A young man calling himself **Mack Cain**, died near Strawn this county, about the first of this month of congestion of the bowels. He was penniless but was given a Christian burial by the good people of that town. The young man claimed to have a sister living at Whitesborough. There was nothing found on his person that would lead to the discovery of his residence or friends. Palo Pinto Star May 23, 1885

Nov 29, 1878 **George Milliken** buried

Nov 20, 1879 **Ed Milliken** died. 21 Nov 1879 Ed Milliken buried, longest funeral procession held in Weatherford

Dec 14, 1879 **Minnie Tandy** died

Feb 27, 1880 **Betie Nichols** died

Jan 24, 1880 **Mr. Price's** little boy accidentally shot by **Mrs. Stilly** [unknown if died or not]

Aug 18, 1880 Rail road accident west of here, **Mr. Dunn** killed

Sept 22 1880 **Joe Tinkel** killed by a negro Daybook of **Jane Rettig Barthold**
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A 19 year old **son of Mr. B.F. Browning** was killed by lightning last Tuesday afternoon at his home, six miles north of town. Palo Pinto Star May 31, 1885

Mrs. Tennison died at her home, near Caudill's store, last Tuesday Palo Pinto Star 13 Jun3 1885

We regret to note the death of little **Randolph**, youngest **son of Mr. and Mrs. M.O. Lunn**, which occurred Monday morning last at 6 o'clock Palo Pinto Star 20 June 1885

Mr. P. Ratcliff's little girls was bitten by a rattlesnake last Saturday while playing in the yard at his residence Palo Pinto Star 20 June 1885 [unknown if died or not]

Mrs. Hopkins died at Coalville Friday night of last week. Palo Pinto Star 25 Jul 1885

A **Mr. Stewart** at Coalville died, very sudden, on Thursday of last week of congestion. Palo Pinto Star 25 Jul 1885

Mrs. Moseley, sister of **Mr. F.M. Cain** of this place, died at her home in Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock Palo Pinto Star 8 Aug 1885

Chanute, Picket Co., Tenn July 26th, 1885 **Mr. F.J. White--Sir**—I seat myself this evening to write you a few lines to inform you of the death of my son **James Evans**, as you seemed to have been such a warm friend of his in hours of trouble and afflictions.

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He oftimes spake of your kindness to me for which you have my best wishes and warmest affections, though we may never meet in this world of misfortunes, yet I hope we will see each other in that world which is far beyond these painful ills, where the "just shall receive a just reward" for their acts of kindness here. Jimmie left Sparta July 5th, and reached home July 8th, died July 19th 5 o'clock p.m., during which time he spake much of the kindness of his friends in Texas, for which please tender to them my highest regards and receive apportion yourself, I will now close, hoping to hear from you I am Yours truly, **Elisha Evans** Chanute, Pickett County, Tenn. Palo Pinto Star 15 Aug 1885

Probate Court In the estate of **J.M. Reasoner**, it appearing that the law in all things having been complied with, the cause was dismissed.

In the matter of the estate of **W.P. Thompson**, minor, annual report filed and ordered of record.

In the matter of the estate of **E.Perkins**, the guardian was authorized to sell real estate.

In the matter of the estate of **James H. Williams**, the guardian discharged. Palo Pinto Star 15 Aug 1885

We regret to note the death of the little five months old **child of Mr. Byron Maddox**, which occurred last Thursday. Palo Pinto Star 12 Sept 1885

A seven year old **boy of Mr. S. Gaberil**, living on the Lee Dalton farm was drowned while fishing in the Brazos River last Monday. At last accounts the body had not been recovered. Palo Pinto Star 12 Sept 1885

We regret to note the death of the little 2 year old **child of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Mapes**, which occurred Thursday night. Palo Pinto star 19 Sept 1885

Two men by the name of **Lee** and **Gibson** were struck by lightening last Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock, and killed in Lovings Valley, while gathering corn. The team was also killed. It seems that they had started to the house with a load of corn as both men were in the wagon, and were lying side by side when found. Palo Pinto star 19 Sept 1885

R.Darby Weatherford, Tex, March 24 **R.Darby** died here this morning from the effects of poison taken by mistake. DMN 5 Mar 1891

S.J. McKee Weatherford, Parker Co., Tex, March 18 **S.J. McKee** died last night DMN 18 Mar 1896

M.E. Vershoyle vs supreme lodge, Knights of Honor. The petition alleges that her husband, **C.H. Verschoyle** joined the Knights of Honor Lodge at Mineral Wells, December, 1894; that he died July 8, 1895; that he faithfully complied with the laws of the order in all respects and that (without assigning any reason in the peititon) the supreme lodge, Knights of Honor, refused to pay her beneficiary certificate of \$2000 and hence she asks for judgment for that sum. DMN 3 Apr 1896

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Held a Memorial Service Weatherford, Tex., April 11 The Knights of Pythias will on Tuesday night at the opera house hold memorial services in honor of past Chancellors **N.C. Neer** and **W.A. Lisk**, recently deceased brothers. In addition to this regular ritualistic services of the order, suitable music and addresses will be held and the occasion will bring out a very large attendance, as the deceased were very popular. DMN 13 Apr 1896

Mortuary Williams Weatherford, Tex., April 14 **Mrs. Jim Williams** of Bridge street died yesterday evening. DMN 16 Apr 1896

Memorial Services Weatherford, Tex., April 15 Lone Star lodge No 14 Knights of Pythias, held memorial services in memory of **Dr. U.C. New** and **Mr. W.A. Lisk**. The programme consisted of the regular ritualistic exercises supplemented by a violin and cornet duet by **Mrs. Kate Long** and **Mr. R.W. Foat**; a vocal quartette by **Misses Foat** and **Eddleman** and **Messrs Cameron** and **Potter** and a vocal solo by Miss Foat. Appropriate addresses were made by **Messrs. O.A. Barry** and **A. B. Flanary**. Quite a large audience was present. DMN 16 Apr 1896

Fatal Fall on Scissors Weatherford, Tex, June 14 Today the little **son of Mr. W.M. Ellington**, living eight miles in the country, died from a wound received from falling on a pair of scissors. The scissors penetrated the stomach just below the heart. DMN 15 Jun 1891

Spinal Meningitis at Springtown, But Not Spread The News Hailed With Delight by Everybody Springtown, Tex., Feb There was considerable excitement in our little city last Saturday over the fact that a case of spinal meningitis was extant in the family of **Mr. William Gibson** and threats of migration are offered on every side at the appearance of a spread. The child that was affected was buried today. DMN 4 Feb 1891

We regret to note the death of little **Sammie, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Jeter**, which occurred at this place Tuesday last Palo Pinto Star 3 Oct 1885

It is with regret that we note the death of the little six year old **son of Mr. and Mrs. I.E. Greaves**, which occurred last night. The Star sympathizes with the bereaved parents. Palo Pinto Star 3 Oct 1885

We regret to note the death of the little infant **child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Yarbrough** of this place. Palo Pinto Star 24 Oct 1885

Mineral Wells, Texas Oct 22nd 1885 Ed. Star: Since my last communication, there has been several deaths in our community. A young man late from Kentucky, named **Slusher**, died here this morning of dengue. This is the first case we know of that has proven fatal. Several deaths among children have occurred, and a great many sick. Palo Pinto Star 24 Oct 1885

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Died At the residence of Mr. **C.C. Corbin**, on the morning of the 29th inst. Of Typhoid malarial fever, **Charles Elmo**, only son of **J.C. and Ida T. Son**, aged four years six months and 19 days.

None except those who have experienced the bereavement can imagine the untold agony parents suffer in resigning their loved offspring to the cold arms of death.

Our little darling was bright jewel and was idolized by his parents, and loved by all who knew him. We relegate his body to the tomb, his soul having previously ascended to the have of eternal rest. We trust that when we have passed the river of death, we will again meet and embrace our little darling who will be waiting to greet us on the crystal shore. Palo Pinto Star 31 Oct 1885

We regret to note the death of the wife of Mr. **Will Dalton**, which occurred at their residence in Parker county Palo Pinto Star Dec 25 1885

The infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Boone**, age five months, died suddenly early this morning. The entire community join in sympathy with the bereaved parents in this their hour of sad affliction Jan 2 1886

Citation The State of Texas To the sheriff or any constable of Palo Pinto County, greetings;

Your are herby commanded to summon all persons interested in the joint estate of **W.A. Violet** and **W. C. Black** both deceased by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in Palo Pinto county, Texas once in each week for four consecutive weeks preceding to the return day hereof to appear before the district court of Palo Pinto county, Texas the court house in the town of Palo Pinto at the next regular term of said court to be holden at the first Monday in March A.D. 1886 the and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 27th day of January A.D. 1886. Wherein the State of Texas as plaintiff and the joint estate of **W.A. Violet** and **W.C. Black**, both deceased and **J.W. House** are defendants. The situation of said suit being a suit by the State of Texas to receive and recover survey of thirteen (13) leagues of land situated in Palo Pinto county, state of Texas, and on the waters of the Brazos river about 17 miles North [obscured] Plaintiff alleges that the said **W.A. Violet** and **W.C. Black** have both been dead over seven years, that they died intestate and without heirs and were the persons lawfully seized and possessed of said land that no letter of administration have ever been granted on said estate that on lawful claim has been asserted to or lawful acts of ownership exercised ins aid estate for seven years, that said **J.W. Rouse**, is in actual jurisdiction of and resides on said land that said land has escheated to and become vested in the State of Texas and prays for judgement of recovery and writ of possession in her behalf. As per petition will more fully appear.

Herein fail not but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witnesses **J.H. Baker**, Clerk of the District Court of Palo Pinto county and seal of same at my office in Palo Pinto, this 27th day of January A.D. 1886 Palo Pinto Star 29 Jan 1886

Same type Citation for land belonging to **Arthur Thynne**, deceased and **J.W. Mershon** defendants Palo Pinto Star 19 Feb 1886

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Citation The State of Texas To the Sheriff and any Constable of Palo Pinto County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon all persons interested in the estate of **J.R. Pace**, deceased by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in Palo Pinto county, Texas, once in each week for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof to appeal; before the district court of Palo Pinto county, Texas, at that court house in the town of Palo Pinto, at the next regular term of said court, to be holden on the first Monday in March, A.D. 1886, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 28th day of January A.D. 1886. Wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and the estate of J.R. Pace, deceased is defendant, the file number of said suit being 611, the nature of said plaintiff's demand being a suit by the State of Texas to escheal and recover a 820 acre survey of land situated in Palo Pinto county, Texas on the waters of the Brazos river about 7 miles and 80 degrees east from the town of Palo Pinto surveyed forth said J.R. Pace, and patented to the said Pace by the State of Texas July 7th 1859 by patent No 17 Vol 1 known as the R.R. Pace Survey and more fully described in said petition. Plaintiff alleges that the said J.R. Pace is dead, that he has been dead over seven years, that he died intestate and without heirs and was the person last lawfully seized and pro___ of said land that no letters of administration have ever been granted on his said estate, that no lawful claim has been asserted to or lawful acts of ownership exercised in said property for seven years that the same has been encheated for and become verified is the State of Texas and prays for a judgment of recovery and writ of possession to her behalf. As per petition will more fully appear.

Herein fail not, let have you then and there be at said court this week, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness **J.H. Baker**, Clerk of the District Court of Palo Pinto county, and seal of same at my office in Palo Pinto, the 29th day of Jan A.D. 1886 **J.H. Baker**, Clerk Palo Pinto Star 13 Feb 1886

Mr. Jowell died at the residence of his son, **Mr. J.T. Jowell** near Strawn last Tuesday. Deceased was among the oldest settlers of Palo Pinto County Palo Pinto Star 19 Feb 1886

J.H. Edwards died last Monday at Gordon Palo Pinto Star 19 Feb 1886

Died of pneumonia at Mineral Wells, infant **child of M.B. and Mollie Bryar** Age 12 months.

Weep not parents, as those who have no hope, the bud has only been transplanted to a better land to bloom into everlasting life, and soon you will be permitted to meet it again, where seperation will be no more. If you live as God fearing and God honoring servants her Anon Palo Pinto Star 19 Feb 1886

Mr. Broughton, father of **Mr. J.O. Broughton** living near this place, died last Friday a the residence of his son, he was an old man, his age being near 90 years Palo Pinto Star 19 Feb 1886

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Miss Bettie Bruce, a fifteen year old girl of Mineral Wells attempted suicide last Saturday by taking both strychnine and arsenic. The speedy arrival of medical aid saved her life. Palo Pinto star 26 Feb 1886

Died Mrs. Sallie A. Jeter, died at the residence of her brother in law **Dr. W.L. Anderson**, Sparta, last Sunday morning at four o'clock, of Consumption, age 26 years.

Mrs. Jeter, was a consistent Christian lady of rare social qualities, and beloved by all who knew her. Her death is deeply mourned by her many friends, and the sympathies of the entire community flows freely to the bereaved husband, **Mr. S.M. Jeter**, and the three little ones left in his charge. Palo Pinto Star 26 Feb 1886

We regret to learn of the death of **Mr. John Mallory**, living ten or twelve miles west to this place, which occurred last Sunday. Palo Pinto Star 12 Mar 1886

Dr. Hopkins was found dead in his bed last Monday morning at Coalville. His death is supposed to have been caused by congestion produced by excessive use of alcohol. Palo Pinto Star 12 Mar 1886

Died At the residence of **Mr. W. A. Head** last Tuesday in this county of inflammation of the bowels, caused by a relapse of Measles, **G.F, son of Richard and Nancy Dearson** of LaFayette, Alabama, aged 29 years.

The deceased had been in this county only about one year, but had made many warm friends who sympathize with his relatives in their bereavement. He was universally considered an honorable true man, sympathetic in his nature, kind to all and every ready to assist those in distress. Through he received the every best attention at he hands of Mr. Head and his estimable lady, the angel of death claimed its victim and at 2 o'clock p.m. on the day above named, his spirit winged its way to its Creator, a period too often ignored by the living until death's shadow falls across their pathway, hiding from their view the face of loved ones whose loving smiles was the sunlight of their existence.

"We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forest, and the flowers that bloom and glitter today have no frailer hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that eve shook the earth with his footsteps. Palo Pinto Star 28 Apr 1886

Mr. John Daniel, brother of our townsman, **Mr. P.O. Daniel**, died last Monday morning in Kent county, of pneumonia. He was working upon the cow ranche of Messrs. **Yarbrough & Hindman**, and a short time since was over come by heat while at work in the branding pens which was the moving cause of his death. The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of the Star. Palo Pinto Star July 3 1886

We regret to note the death of **Mrs. P.J. Taylor**, which occurred at her home in Young county this Friday morning Palo Pinto Star 16 Jul 1886

The Mineral Wells Herald is responsible for the statement that Diphtheria is raging in the Whitt community, and **Mr. Wiley Peters** has already lost two of his children with the disease. Palo Pinto Star 2 Oct 1886

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We regret to learn of the death of **Mrs. Lourey**, which occurred, at her home in Gordon, last week. Palo Pinto Star 9 Oct 1886

It pains us to note the death of Miss **Nora**, eldest daughter of **Mr. W. L. and Mary White** aged 23 years.

The subject of the above had suffered long with that dread destroyer, consumption. She bore her sufferings with patience and Christian fortitude and now rejoices with those who have triumphantly passed over to the other shore. Palo Pinto Star 9 Oct 1886

We regret to note the death of **Mrs. Ida Crenshaw**, which occurred at her fathers residence three miles south west of town, last Wednesday morning. Also the little four year old **boy of Mr. A. Sanders** at the same place and day. The bereaved family and friends have the heartfelt sympathy of the Star in their sad trouble. Palo Pinto Star 19 Feb 1887

Weatherford, Tex March 9 **Mr. Vaughan** of Whitt, in the north part of this county came in today and reports a very surprising suicide at that place which occurred yesterday evening. **Rev. S.C. Ellis**, aged seventy nine years hung himself to a joist in a vacant store building. Mr. Vaughan says during the afternoon the old gentleman left his dwelling, taking with him his keys to a vacant store building, and after a time his wife, an old lady of seventy five years of age, missed her husband and instituted a search for him, finding him swinging to the joists of the store building. All evidences showed that he had been dead only a few minutes, not yet being cold. No reason for this rash act by the reverend old devine can be given, as his conduct did not indicate insanity. He had lived long in this country and was universally loved and respected by all who knew him. His son, **Rev. C.H. Ellis** has been presiding elder of this district for several years up to November last. Palo Pinto Star 12 Mar 1887

We regret to note the death of **Mrs. McAdams**, wife of **Capt W.C. McAdams**, which occurred at her home, Friday April [probably March] 19th 1889 [actually 1887]. she settled in this county with her husband about 30 years ago and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends in this as well as other counties. Palo Pinto Star 19 Mar 1887

Died at this place last Wednesday about noon, **W.C. Pearson** of Erysiplas. He was well known in this county by the name of "Big Bill" and was a blacksmith by trade. Death is a sad thought to a very large portion of man kind, but sadder still is it for our homeless (as in this case with no loving hand to caress and no loved one to speak kind words of cheer while grappling with the gloomy monster. Palo Pinto Star 2 Apr 1887

Mrs. Salley Otwell living with her sister **Mrs. Green**, about three miles South-West of town, died late last Monday evening, and was buried Tuesday in the city cemetery. Deceased was an aunt of the wife of our efficient County and District Clerk, **Mr. W.E. Newbrough**. *The Star deeply sympathizes with the bereaved relatives and friends of the departed.* Palo Pinto Star 16 Apr 1887

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Flood Gates Opened. One Family of Nine Souls Drowned at Cleburne A Visitation of the sight. Special to the Fort Worth Gazette.

Cleburne, Tex., Aug 30 the greatest calamity that has ever befallen our city occurred this morning. It had been raining almost all night. Our citizens were lulled into peaceful slumber by the patter paiter of the rain on the roofs. No dreams of danger disturbed them, but feeling that their anticipations of a good rain were being realized, they quietly rested in the arms of Morpheus till the clang of the fire bell at about 5 o'clock rang out.

The Dreadful Tidings that all was not well. Scores of people hurriedly donned their clothes and rushed into the streets, expecting probably to see some building on fire, but were confronted with something which has proved more destructive to property and human life than all the fires that has ever occurred in our city. Looking towards West Buffalo, a great sea of water could be seen. Cottages which had only yesterday stood near the creek

Had Been Swept Away by the angry waves in their onward march to the sea, and families which, had set last night and talked in a happy strain of the great good being done by the shower awoke this morning to find their homes swept away and themselves being rushed down by the surging billows to a watery grave. Some were drowned and others narrowly escaped with their lives, loosing their dwellings with their contents, not even saving.

Their Wearing Apparel At this writing it is impossible to get all the particulars. The following is a meager account of the damage done.

Bill Schmidt's house which was situated on the west bank of the creek, just west of the Presbyterian church was swept away and himself, wife and seven children were drowned. The dead body of his oldest son was found in a drift near where the East and West Buffalo join. Later on the bodies of **Mrs. Schmidt** and three more of her children were found near where the two creeks join south of town.

Persons living near the creek saw the unfortunate man's house as it went down. There was a lamp burning on one of the rooms. The pitiful cries of "help, help!" could be heard, but no aid

Would be Given It was heart rendering to see within that room. There in the center, stood the father wringing his hands in an agony of despair. Just behind him knelt the devoted wife, praying to Almighty God to save them, while the little innocent children unaware of the danger they were in, but knowing that something dreadful had occurred were crying and clinging to their mother's garments for protection, which alas, she was unable to give. It was a sight too touching for pen to picture and too dreadful and

Heartrendering to Behold.

Many narrow escapes and other damage attended this flood, but the loss of no other lives are reported. Palo Pinto Star 3 Sept 1887

Harsey Carter who killed **Judge Waits** in this county in 1884, was arrested in MO by **Sheriff Morris** of Hood county, and lodged in Parker county jail. He will be bought here next Monday. Palo Pinto Star 3 Sep 1887

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Notice of final account The State of Texas To the Sheriff and any Constable of Palo Pinto County Greetings;

G.W. McDonald, Administrator of the Estate of **James. E. Beaman** having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said **James E. Beaman** together with an application to be discharged from said trust as administrator. You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this write for twenty days in the Palo Pinto Star, a newspaper regularly published in the county of Palo Pinto you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to file their objections thereto if any they have, on or before the August term, 1887, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the town of Palo Pinto on the 1st Monday in August A.D. 1887, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witnesses, **W.E. Newbrough**, Clerk of the County court of Palo Pinto county. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the town of Palo Pinto this 3rd day of June A.D. 1887 **W.E. Newbrough** Clerk, C.C. Palo Pinto Co A true copy I certify **James Owens** Sheriff of Palo Pinto County. Palo Pinto Star 3 Sept 1887

We regret to note the death of the little fifteen months old **daughter of Mr. Byron Maddox**, which occurred yesterday morning at its fathers residence a few miles West of town. Palo Pinto Star 1 Oct 1887

From Millsap Millsap, Tex., Oct 11 **J.J. Gleghorn** of this place died suddenly this morning from a spider bite. **Mr. Gleghorn** had occasion to visit the outhouse and was bitten in a delicate place. His suffering was intense but the bite was not considered dangerous up to the time of death.

Mr. R.W. Millsap arrived from Sweetwater last evening with the remains of his 3 year old **child** for burial. The child was bitten by a small snake. Palo Pinto Star 15 Oct 1887

We regret to note the death of **Miss Allie Neer**, which occurred at her father's residence in Weatherford, last Saturday night. Miss Neer once taught in the public school of this place, has many warm friends here who will learn with much sorrow of her death. She was an estimable and talented young lady. Palo Pinto Star 22 Oct 1887

We regret to learn of the sad death of the little two years old **boy of Mr. McJimsey** at Graham this week. The little fellow climbed upon a chicken coup in the yard, and fell and broke his neck. Palo Pinto Star Oct 29 1887

We regret to note the death last week, of the youngest **child of Mr. Thomas Conatser** which occurred at his home in Dallas. Palo Pinto Star 5 Nov 1887

Santo Dots Little Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Kemp, after gladdening the happy hearts of her parents for two years was called away by Him who said "suffer little children to come unto me." "A sweet little bud for earth too fair, Has gone to heaven to ever blossom there."

The parents have the sympathy of the community Palo Pinto Star 19 Nov 1887