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last night at the same place with typhoid fever. Another one of the children has the fever and is reported very ill. DMN 11 Dec 1899

Peaster Mr. Dumas Newton's seven months old **child** was buried at the Baptist cemetery last Sabbath. WD 24 Oct 1895

Sad Accident At 11 o'clock last Saturday, **Oran Noble**, son of **D.C. Noble**, whose home is two and one half miles nearly north of town, was shot by a target gun in the hands of **Jim Swires**. **Carl and Oran Noble** and young **Swires** were in the kitchen of Mr. Noble's house at the time, when the gun which had been taken down predatory to the boys starting out hunting, was accidentally discharged, the ball going through Oran's wrist and into his body, near the heart, producing death in fifteen minutes. **Dr. McKenzie** was called, but of course arrived too late to tender his services of any avail. The wounded boy walked out of the kitchen into the bed room where he died.

Oran Noble was fourteen years of age, was a good, industrious boy. The sad accident has brought a great grief to his family, as well as to the family of the boy at whose hands he met his death. All parties have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

The funeral services were conducted by **A.S. Bunting**, and burial took place in the city cemetery Sunday evening. WD Nov 14 1895

Mortuary Nobles Weatherford, Tex., Dec 10 **Mrs. Nobles** wife of **W.F. Nobles**, editor of the Parker County Leader, died at her home in this city at 3 o'clock this morning DMN 11 Dec 1899

Mortuary Oble Weatherford, Tex., Sept 4 **J.W. Oble**, aged about 50 years, died yesterday while sitting in a chair at the Arlington hotel in this city, where he was stopping. **Mr. Oble's** home was at Gordon, and his remains were prepared for burial at this place and sent to Gordon today. DMN 5 Sept 1899

Ross R. O'Donald died at Millsap yesterday. He was an honest, hard working young man and had many friends in Weatherford. He left Weatherford two or three days ago, not feeling well, to look after his cattle interests. He was a member of the Frontier Guards and will be buried with military honors. WC 22 Sep 1890

Last Tribute to Our Dead Comrade These who knew **Ross O'Donald** best loved him most. He was a man true to his convictions, he was firm but kind hearted and generous. While he had not been in our ranks but a short time he won the esteem and confidence to that full extent which no one but a soldier can appreciate, and to say that we do miss him and mourn with his friends and relations is but slightly expressing our deep sorrow for our dead comrade. His dealings with his fellow men since a citizen of Weatherford is proof sufficient of his honesty and integrity. To his aged mother who will miss Ross more than any of us, we can fully say that we believe that our loss has been his gain and when she will have crossed over the dark river, her boy will be waiting to escort her to the Pearly Gates of the new Jerusalem.

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To his friends and loved ones we can say, follow his example and put your trust in God, and you will meet him on the other shore, where the word goodbye will be said no more.

To his and our fellow comrades we will say, when you have to face the dark river we hope you can do as we believe he did—stack your arms and obey the command of your maker, Forward, march! With that confidence of victory a which none but a true soldier can place in his commanding officer. Soldier Weatherford Constitution 24 Sept 1890

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Obituary Mrs. Elizabeth R. Oldham, was born July 3, 1847 in the State of Tennessee, and died in Weatherford, Texas, September 30, 1879 at 7 ½ o'clock p.m.

In 1850 her parents came with their family, of which, she was a loved inmate, to reside in Texas. Her native gifts and graces guided and developed under the fostering care of Christian parents rendered her a bright ornament and a source of comfort to the home circle. She was united in marriage March the 8th, 1866, with **J. D. Oldham**; and thus became the sympathizing companion and ministering angel to him with who she had chosen to walk life's short pathway. She was a Christian. At the age of fifteen confessing her faith in Christ she united with the Baptist church and from that date her deportment most beautifully recorded her Christian profession. She was a loving epistle, known and read of all.

It was altogether proper and suitable that a life so lovely and consistent, so devoted to the cause of piety should have a peaceful and happy close. And thus it was. At brief intervals during her last hours, the features were lighted up with a soft radiance evidently indicating the sweet foretaste of supernal bliss. And finally, surrounded by Christian friends and bathed in the very atmosphere of prayer she departed to be with Christ.

“Prayer is the Christians vital breath,
The Christian's native air
His watchword at the gates of death,
He enters Heaven with prayer.”

May God bless the bereaved husband and little ones. Exponent 4 Oct 1879

Sad End of a Young Married Pair Thus far the holidays have been with us most eventful, in the sad and sorrowful accidents and among them all, nothing is more calculated to move the heart than that of the drowning of the man and wife, at the old cattle trail crossing at the Trinity, on Tuesday evening last. At this writing nothing has developed which will lead, or give clue to the names of the unfortunate pair. A reporter made a second visit to the scene of the drowning yesterday morning and found the wagon and horse tied to the bank several hundred yards below the place where the entrance was made into the river, the wagon track was very plainly tracked to the waters edge. A woman camped close by told the following story: About 5 o'clock in the evening a young

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appearing man, dressed in black, wearing a brimmed black hat accompanied by a young and neatly dressed lady apparently his wife, passed the tent in a wagon drawn by one black horse and a bay mare. He hesitated several minutes before descending the bank but finally decided to risk the danger and attempt to ford. She waited to see them ascend the opposite bank, but they failed to appear, she went in person to the edge of the bluff and there before her was the helpless woman floating rapidly along with the swift current; her husband about twenty feet behind trying to catch up with his drowned wife. He hallowed for help and the woman gave the alarm to some neighbors who arrived in time to see the wife sink in the distance and the man float off beneath a projecting bluff a helpless victim to the merciless waters of the turbulent Trinity. The wagon and horses floated two hundred yards away before coming to the shore, one of them was drowned but the other was still alive. Every effort was made to find the bodies of the unknown and in the afternoon a woman's nuby and hat together with some false hair, were found hanging to some brush about a quarter of a mile from the place of their entrance. A rope has been stretched across the river and both bodies will probably be found soon. It is supposition that they are residents of the county. Fort Worth Democrat. Dec 26th

Later—We received information last evening that the efforts of those who have been dragging the river for the man and woman drowned in the Trinity on Monday, were rewarded by finding the body of a lady who proved to be **Miss Mattie Brown**, of Birdville a relative of **Mr. O'Neal** one of the county collectors. She was a young girl, not more than seventeen years of age. Her companion in death was a brother of Collector O'Neal. The body of **William O'Neal** will undoubtedly be found today as it is pretty well decided that he sank in the same locality as the lady. **Mattie Brown's** remains have been conveyed to Birdville for interment. Exponent 29 Dec 1877

Washington Osborne, an old man and highly respected citizen of Hood county died suddenly from heart disease at a gin near Granbury Saturday. WD 20 Oct 1895

Obituary T.A. Underwood died April 20, 1896, at his home, one mile west of Aledo. He was born Nov 26, 1867, and was the son of **Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Underwood**. He professed faith in Christ and was baptized by the writer in 1894, and gave abundant evidence before he died that all was well. He leaves a wife and three children, also an aged mother, brothers and sisters to mourn his death. May the God of the fatherless and the widow watch over the bereaved ones and comfort them in this sad hour of grief. [followed by long poem] **H.A. Thompson** WD May 7 1896

Dr. J.M. Doyle, mayor of Granbury, died Oct 1st of consumption. The News speaks of him as one of the best citizens of Hood county. WD 10 Oct 1895

Gibtown Mr. R.M. Heath, who has suffered so long with a cancer, died the 9th inst. WD 16 Apr 1896

Springtown A small child of **Mr. Kinnard's** died Saturday and was buried at the cemetery Sunday. WD 28 Mar 1895

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Mortuary Neal—Weatherford, Tex., Oct 21—**A.J. Neal**, aged 65 years, died at his home yesterday. Mr. Neal was a farmer and lived near Peaster, in the county. He had been confined to his bed several months. DMN 22 Oct 1898

Another fireside is desolate, another family circle holds an empty chair; once more the sable draped messenger of Death has tapped, and the spirit of **Nathan Columbus Neer** has gone to God who gave it. "Life is real, life is earnest" and at most the temporary shell that clothes us here is but a thin partition between time and eternity, where the door from the trials of life to the bliss of futurity ever stands wide open, and our cumbering habiliments of mortality has cast them aside, and assuming the shining robes of exalted spirituality, here ascended to that sweet home, where the transcendent brightness of the face of the reconciled Father supplants the glory of the noon tide sun, and clad in the regalia of Knighthood immortal, basks in that supernal clime. It is fitting that we who are left behind should give some expression of our warmth of feelings towards him as a citizen, as a man, as a brother. Sleep on dear brother, sleep, you shall not be forgotten; in the long years to come, we will cherish your memory, extol your virtues and ocer your humanity with a Christian given charity. In our castle hall we make this pledge. To the grief stricken and inconsolable widow and orphan we extend our most heart felt sympathy. Your loss cannot be regained in this life, but be of good cheer, there is another.

Further resolved by this, Lone Star Lodge No 4 K. of P. That a copy of this document be furnished to the family of our departed brother, that as an additional mark of respect our charter and alter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days and that the city papers be requested to publish this. **H.H. Culwell, W.K. Shorpshire, Jno. A. Ford** Committee WD 20 Feb 1896

Resolutions of Respect Whereas on the 10th day of February, A.D. 1896, death invaded our circle, and removed from our midst, our beloved brother **N.C. Neer**, after long and patient suffering. And whereas, it is just and meet that we pay our final tribute to respect to his _____ therefore be it.

Resolved, by the Phoenix Lodge, No. 275, A.F. & A.NM. that we profoundly regret and lament the loss of his companionship among us and sincerely tender to the bereaved family our heart felt sympathy in their hour of affliction and sorrow;

Resolved further, that the life of brother **Neer** was adorned with many of the highest virtues; that, in his intercourse with men, his personal integrity was above reproach; that he was generous in his impulses, faithful in his attachment, abiding in his friendship, loyal to principle, true and noble in all his instincts, and that, in his private and personal relationship, he enjoyed the fullest confidence of his associates and acquaintances, and we can truly say that he was one of the noblest works of God—an honest man;

Resolved, That we commend the family of our dear brother to Him that doeth all things well; that they may have faith to make them look forward to that blessed immortality beyond the grave., so that the when they pass the portals, and then the Celestial Lodge above, the gates of Heaven will be made to ring with the welcome extended by the loved ones that have gone before:

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Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and that a copy of the same, under the seal of the Lodge, be furnished the family of the deceased brother. **F. Applegate, M.W. Buster, O.K. Shannon** Committee WD 20 Feb 1896

Mrs. Palmer, mother of the **Palmer brothers** living on the North side, died last Monday morning. WD 13 Feb 1896

Rock Creek Mrs. S.S. Robinson, wife to **T.J. Robinson**, of this place, died of pneumonia January 14th. WD 23 Jan 1896

Mortuary Thos. B. Reeves died last Sunday morning, Jan 5th, near Greenwood, aged 76 years, of general debility or paralysis. He was sick only about 36 hours. He moved to this country from Missouri last November. He has been a member of the Missionary Baptist church since 1862. He was a member of the Cotton Hill lodge No. 306, I.O.O.F. of Missouri since 1874. His remains were interred in the Greenwood cemetery Monday, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows of this city. **Rev. Mr. Tenison** of the Greenwood settlement preached the funeral discourse at the home of the deceased's son, where Mr. Reeves died.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large concourse of people attended the obsequies.

The thanks of the family are hereby tendered to the Odd Fellows, the minister and many kind friends for their aid and sympathy. WD 9 Jan 1896

Sudden Death Mrs. D.H. Rundle, the wife of a railroad contractor, died very suddenly at Fort Worth Monday morning. She arose at the usual hour and found a letter awaiting her from an absent sister. The letter stated that the writer was very ill, and that her death was momentarily expected and instructed **Mrs. Rundell** as to the full details of the funeral, even so far as to select the hymes to be sung at the burial service. Immediately after reading the letter **Mrs. Rundell** dropped to the floor, a corpse. WD Apr 4 1895

Mortuary Sears—Weatherford, Parker Co., Tex., May 27—**David Sears**, one of the old settlers of this county and a highly respected citizen, died at his home near Peaster this morning. He was about 65 years of age. DMN 20 May 1897

Peaster An aged lady of Peaster vicinity died Saturday, (**Mrs. Sheehan**). WD 25 Apr 1895

Mortuary—Sibley—Graham, Tex., June 26—**Major J.T. Sibley** died here yesterday. His remains will be carried to St. Louis for interment. DMN 29 June 1899

The family of **Mr. A.Q. Simmons**, on the Clear Fork, have sustained the loss of two members by death during the past week. **Eddie Simmons**, a son, died last Friday, and Monday **Mrs. Simmons** died of a slow fever. Mr. Simmons and one of the children are now left. The heartfelt sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved family. WD 10 Oct 1895

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

Mrs. Rachel Slayter died last Monday at Mineral Wells. WD Oct 10, 1895

Sad Ending of 1895 Tuesday morning **Rev. D. J. Stewart**, an aged minister of the Christian church, was fatally injured near the T & P railroad crossing on North Main street. A farmer's team became frightened by a passing train, and ran over the old gentleman, breaking several ribs and bruising his head and face badly. He lived until about four o'clock in the evening. Burial took place at Greenwood Wednesday afternoon. Deceased had lived in this country for years and was universally esteemed.

We have been told since the above was written that a line broke and gave the driver no chance to control his team. WD 2 Jan 1896

Deaths of Old Residents **Mr. J.W. Tevis** died last Sunday and was buried Monday. He was injured some time since by falling on a fence, but it was thought he would recover. **Mrs. Tevis** had been very low for several weeks, and the end came Tuesday evening. The funeral was held at the First Christian church Thursday morning. We regret that we have not information at hand for a more extended notice of these old and respected residents. WD 16 Jan 1896

Obituary **Mrs. M.J. Upton, nee Stanfield**, was born Jun 30th, 1851 in Harrison county, Texas, was married to **Rev. C.C. Upton** June 26th 1884, at Aurora, Wise county; departed this life Jan 17, 1896, at Peaster, Texas, after a long sickness. She suffered most intensely, but bore it with Christian fortitude and patience. She died triumphant, and requested all loved ones and friends to meet her in the bright beyond. She leaves a husband and precious little girl, six years of age to mourn her loss.

Deceased was a daughter of **Mr. W.W. O. Stanfield**, one of the pioneers of Texas, who crossed the Red river with Gen. Sam Houston in 1834. **Mr. Stanfield** died at Aurora, Wise county in 1886. WD 30 Jan 1896

Pleasant Hill **Mr. and Mrs. Carroll** lost their little **infant boy** last week. WD 27 Feb 1896

Sudden Death An Old Citizen Passes Away At 1 o'clock today **Mr. W.J. Carson**, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Parker county dropped dead while sitting in a chair in front of **R.W Bonner & Co.**'s store. Just previous to his death he was talking to a countryman, when he was seen to suddenly lurch forward and fall to the floor. Friends ran to his assistance immediately, but before anything could be done he had breathed his last. Up to the very moment when the death summons came he was apparently in his usual health.

Mr. Carson was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Parker county, and in his death one of her old landmarks disappears, who has done much for the upbuilding and progress of both town and county.

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In his day he has done much for the town of Weatherford in the way of building it up. He built the Carson-Lewis hotel and a number of brick buildings and was always ready with his purse for the advancement of the material interests of the city. Latterly he had met with reverses, and for some years had been in rather straightened circumstances. He leaves neither wife nor child to mourn his death, but a sorrowing community will attest his worth and bear in memory the many noble traits which characterized his life. Truly in the midst of life we are in death. WD 16 Apr 1896

Death In It Pugh Darby, a teamster for Lige Putnam met with a strange death last week. He was hauling some of the household goods of Mr. Lowe who was moving to Mineral wells, and in moving the things from the kitchen to the wagon, he found in the former a bottle containing corrosive substance, but he thought it was alcohol. He put it in his wagon intending to take a drink. While crossing the branch near the Mineral Wells railroad depot he took it. He soon became sick, went home and took to his bed and died at 2 a.m. Saturday. WD 19 Mar 1896

Correction In the Gibtown correspondence in the issue of August 1st of the Democrat it was stated that Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were attending meeting at Gibtown when their little one died, which statement is a mistake. Mr. Edwards informs us that his child died on Tuesday and the meeting began on the following Saturday. WD 29 Aug 1895

Bethesda The remains of Mr. Jim Herring who has suffered for quite a while with paralysis were carried to the Bethesda cemetery on the 28th inst. and buried before a large gathering of bereaved relatives and friends. WD 27 Feb 1896

Mr. H.T. Gordon, living some three or four miles west of the city, died very suddenly on last Wednesday evening. He was attacked with something like heart trouble which took him off almost without a moment's warning. Up to the time when he was stricken down he was well and hearty. WD 12 Mar 1896

In Memorism At a meeting of the members of Weatherford Lodge, No. 1007, Knights of Honor, the following resolutions were adopted in memory of Mrs. W.B. Gracey, a deceased member, who died on Fort Worth street, this city, Feb 15, 1896.

We, the members of Weatherford Lodge No. 1007, Knights of Honor desiring to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased sister, Mrs. W.B. Gracey, therefore be it

1. Resolved, That we bow in submission to the will of him who doeth all things rightly.
2. That we tender our sincere condolence to her greatly bereaved companion, relatives and friends.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the lodge, that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and to the county papers for publication.

F.I. Stilley, J.H. Lovelady, L.L. Lindsay Committee WD 27 Feb 1896

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Mr. J.B. Hastings of Long Creek died at Mineral Wells last Saturday and was buried in the city cemetery of Weatherford by the Masons on Sunday. May his relatives and friends be comforted by the eternal God who is our Refuge, and realize that "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms." "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." WD 15 Aug 1895

Died At his residence in this city, on Monday morning, April 6, **Mr. James H. Hogle**, in the 60th year of his age. He was buried from his late residence Tuesday at 4 p.m. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn the loss of a husband and father. He was a native of New York and a quiet, unassuming man, loved and respected by all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted by there. **A.S. Bunting**. WD 9 Apr 1896

Perry Green Johnston, father of **Joe Johnston**, died at the residence of **R.G. Hill** Aug 16th and was interred at Goshen on the 17th, **Rev. J.W. Carson** officiating at the grave. Mr. Johnston was a faithful member of the Methodist church, having joined when quite young. He was a class leader in his church. He lived to be 83 years and 7 months old. WD 29 Aug 1895

The little daughter of **Henry Johnson** died Aug 12th and was buried at Lone Star on the 13th, **Rev. Jesse McCord** officiating at the grave. WD 29 Aug 1895

Bedford School House (omitted last week) **P.G. Johnson**, an octogenarian and one of the early settlers of this county was buried at Goshen last Saturday. WD 29 Aug 1895

Mrs. Jane Jordt, mother of **Mrs. J.M. Boyer**, died Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock, of cancer of the stomach. **Mrs. Jordt** was a native of Texas and had lived in Weatherford about twelve years. She was buried in Greenwood cemetery at 4 o'clock p.m. today. WD 9 Apr 1896

Died At the home of her parent, **May Belle Kearby**, daughter of **W.C. and P.E. Kearby**. The funeral services took place from Coutts Memorial church on Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m. WD 9 Apr 1896

Resolutions of Respect Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our respected and highly esteemed friend and fellow townsman, **Dr. N.C. Neer** and

Whereas, the deceased was the father of our worthy brother, **Ed. J. Neer** and the husband of **Mrs. N.C. Neer**, be it

Resolved, That in the death of **Dr. Neer** the community has lost a useful and valuable citizen, and his family a kind and affectionate husband, and fond, dutiful father. Be it further

Resolved, That Court Weatherford No. 3. F. of A., tender their condolence to the family of our deceased friends in this their greater affliction. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family, the same be spread upon the minutes, and furnished

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the city papers for publication. **J.N. Chandler, H.M. Means, W.A. Chew** Committee
WD 27 Feb 1896

Post Oak Wash Newsome's little baby died the 16th and was buried at the
Boonevill cemetery. WD 5 Mar 1896

Gibtown Mr. Raper, of Joplin, was in town Saturday after a coffin for **Mr. S.A. Robbins**. WD 16 Apr 1896

Died, in this city, March 24th, 1896, at the home of her parents, **Lovie**, the infant daughter of **T.J. and Lilly Patterson**. She was laid to rest in the city cemetery. She had left at the call of him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." WD 26 Mar 1896

Poolville Several of our citizens attended the funeral of **Uncle Henry Peaster** at the town of Peaster last Sunday. WD 27 Mar 1896

Millsap Grandma Robbards, wife of **Joe Robbards**, died last Friday. WD 9 Apr 1896

Mrs. W. H. Spivey, wife of **W.H. Spivey**, died in the Lambert settlement March 13, and was buried in the Cox cemetery. She left a loving husband and two infant children. WD 26 Mar 1896

Died at his residence near Carter, **Mr. Charles Tacket**, on Wednesday after a lingering illness. Relatives from Weatherford attended the funeral. Deceased leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. WD 27 Feb 1896

Mrs. W.G. Tackett of Springtown died from poisoning last Thursday. Whether taken with suicidal intent or otherwise will never be known. Death was almost instantaneous. WD 9 Apr 1896

Died Dr. I.P. Vollentine, and old and well known citizen of Weatherford. He had a serious spell, one year ago, and that at time his life was despaired of, but after an operation he rallied and got well. He was seized with his lat illness a few days ago and gradually grew worse until death relieved him of his suffering. Funeral services were held at his late residence, Monday, at 2 o'clock and his remains were laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery. WD 2 Apr 1896

Knob Mr. John R. Wilson, an old and much respected citizen, died a few days ago. The family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. WD 26 Mar 1896

Resolutions of Respect Whereas, on March 17, 1896, the silent reaper took from us little **Ina**, the five year old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Woody**, and a precious little gem of our Sunday school, and

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Whereas, We are hereby deprived of the sweet influence of her genial presence and bright little face among our "lambs" therefore be it

Resolved, That, while bowing in humble submission to an all wise Providence, by her death our Sunday school sustains an irreparable loss and one of its most beloved and faithful pupils,

Resolved, That while each member feels a deep regret for our loss, we extend our sincerest and tenderest sympathies to the bereft parents and relations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished our secretary for records; that copies be sent to our church and county papers for publication, and that a copy be tendered to the bereaved family. **Sallie Spann, Edith Wampler, Fannie Stowe,**
Committee Veal Station S.S. March 29, 1896 WD 9 Apr 1896

Child of Mrs. Wedge of the north side died Monday. WD 9 Apr 1896

Died last Tuesday night August 13th, at the Hotel Weatherford, **Mr. Wm. Wilson**, of apoplexy. He was well and took a drive in the afternoon. At 9 o'clock someone in a room near him heard him breathing heavily and went to him. A physician was immediately summoned, but he died at 10 o'clock. He was a Mason in good standing and will be buried next Saturday evening as Mrs. Wilson is expected to arrive Saturday morning. WD 15 Aug 1895

Card of Thanks Mrs. Ida Wilson desire to express her thanks to the Masons and to her friends for their many deeds of kindness shown during the death and funeral of her late husband **Wm. Wilson** WD 22 Aug 1895

Earnest Crawford, a young man seventeen years of age of Waco died on Thursday morning August 22, 1895 about 1 o'clock at the Sikes house after an illness of several days. His remains were shipped to Waco for interment. Deceased was a moral and upright young man, and a bookkeeper in the Citizens National bank of Waco. WD 29 Aug 1895

Bethel (Hood Co.) Lee Rippetoe; little infant died last week and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery WD 5 Sept 1895

Gibtown Mrs. Charles Thornhill died here last week WD 19 Sept 1895

Died, near Carter last Thursday inst, **Esme Farris**, the five year old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Jas Green**, of scarlet fever. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many relatives and friends. WD 29 Sept 1895

Paul Tyler, aged 77 years died last Monday at 1 o'clock p.m. at the residence of **Mr. Sullivan** near Lambert. His remains were interred in the city cemetery Tuesday with Masonic honors. WD 29 Sept 1895

Death of **Mr. Thomas Porter White** of Louisville, Kentucky **Mr. White** was a brother of **Mrs. A.M. Harcourt**, wife of **Judge John T. Harcourt** of Weatherford. The

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following notice of his death appeared in the Louisville Courier Journal of the 13th of April, 1896

Mr. Thomas Porter White, a retired pork packer, was killed yesterday afternoon at Crescent Hill. **Mr. White** fell from a third story window and died five hours later.

Mr. White had been in failing health for the past two years. Six months ago his handsome new residence at Crescent Hill was completed, and he moved from Third street and Ormsby avenue, where he had lived for many years, to his new home. His wife was usually with him, as were his three sons. Shortly after noon yesterday **Mr. White** went to the third story of his residence. A few minutes later there was the sound of his falling body on the outside. His relatives hastened to his side and found him gasping for breath.

Mr. White was carried into his room and **Dr. Chenowith**, of Crescent Hill, was sent for. The injured man's enfeebled condition would not permit of an examination. He was injured internally and died about 6 o'clock last night. His wife, his daughter, **Mrs. J.M. Fetter**, and **Mr. Fetter** were with him. His wife had been in the city and returned to Crescent Hill shortly after the accident occurred.

Few men were better known on Main street than **Mr. White**. He was born in Shelby Count, Kentucky in November 1823, where he received a practical education, which was later finished in this city. Soon after became of age he associated himself in business with **Mr. B.F. Guthrie**, under the firm name of Guthrie, White & Co., pork packers. This firm did a big business for in those days pork packing was on a boom in this city. Several years later **Mr. White** became a member of the firm of Owsley & Co. also pork packers, and when **Mr. Owsley** died some time later he joined partnership with **Mr. Aikin** under the firm name of White, Aikin & Co. He was particularly successful in pork packing, and continued at that business until about ten years ago, when he retired permanently. In the meantime, he had accumulated considerable property, and was a director in the Merchants' National bank, the bank of Louisville and several other financial institutions. Besides he owned considerable real estate.

Mr. White was an upright, charitable man. His reputation for honest dealing was the main cause of his success, for it was known all over Main street and throughout the South that a man who dealt with the firm with which **Mr. White** was connected would get the worth of his money. He was a devout Christian gentleman, and helped to build the Second Presbyterian church, of which he was a member.

Mr. White married **Miss Eugenia Stut**, who came from the southern part of the State. He was the father of five children, all of whom are living. They are **Mrs. J.M. Fetter** of 9 St. James Court, **Mrs. Charles Pearce** of Maysville, Ky., and three sons, **William, Robert and Sidney**, all of this city. **Mr. White's** three sons lived with him but several days ago **Mr. Sidney White** took a trip south, and the funeral arrangements will not be made until he returns and until **Mrs. Pearce** arrives from Maysville. He was quiet in his life, unostentatious and gentle as a woman. WD14 May 1896

Poolville Little **Tommy** infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Solon** died last Monday WD 14 May 1896

Died As 10 o'clock Monday morning **Mrs. J.N. Stuart**, who has been sick for two years, quietly passed from life to death. She left behind to mourn her great loss, a loving husband and three small children, a boy and two girls. Besides there is a large

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circle of sorrowing friends who will miss her and mourn with the bereaved husband and children. The remains of Mrs. Stuart, accompanied by the stricken husband, left on Monday evenings train for Arkadelphia, Ark, where the interment and funeral will take place. Before coming to Texas Mr. and Mrs. Stuart resided in Arkadelphia WD 14 May 1896

Poolville ... The day however, was its joy, was mingled with sorrow, as on Saturday evening death invaded the home of **Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Waters**, and took their little two year old **daughter Alice**, whose funeral was preached Sunday evening by **Rev. Baker**, and the remains interred in the Poolville cemetery in the presence of a vast concourse of sympathizing friends. We extend to the parents and relatives our heartfelt sympathies in their sad hour of bereavement. WD 14 May 1896

Obituary On Friday, May 25th, Death, the monarch from whose decrees there is no appeal, claimed as his own, all that was mortal of **Elizabeth Mcneely Leach**, one of the oldest pioneers of Weatherford.

She was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on Nov. 1st, 1826. On February 8, 1844, were taken the solemn vows which united her in holy wedlock to **F.A. Leach**. Accompanied by her husband, who still survives her, she came to Texas in 1856, settling in Weatherford in 1859, then an extreme frontier town of less than 100 people, and where Indians were a common sight.

She was a member of the Old School Presbyterian church when she came to Texas and when the Weatherford church was organized, she became one of its first members. Her life was a busy and useful one. Through fifty two years of married life she proved indeed the noble helpmeet that God intended a wife should be.

Her best years were spent here in Weatherford and she watched with deep interest the little frontier town grown to one of the fairest little cities on the Texas prairies.

Those who knew her longest and best held her in the highest esteem and the going out of her life takes from the charmed circle of friendship of many a member to whom that almost sacred word held a true meaning.

She is survived by her husband and five children, as follows **Mrs. R.F. Bell, Mrs. Louisa Bell, John, Albert and Walter Leach**. Two, children, her oldest son and youngest daughter, preceded her in death.

The funeral was held on Friday May 28th at 7:30 p.m. from the church of which she was a loved member WD 4 Jun 1896

Millsap Mrs. and Mrs. Little lost their **infant** Saturday night, and **Mr. and Mrs. Martin**, of Brick Yard, lost their **babe** this week. The people and friends in and around Millsap extend their sympathy to the bereaved parents of the little ones. WD 28 May 1896

Annetta Mr. Mott lost another **one of his children** last Friday, and his wife is also very low as of this writing. We cannot always see that our troubles, the loss of dear ones, etc., are for the best, but God has declared in His Word that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, and this should be a consoling thought to all. WD 4 Jun 1896

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Aledo The 2 year old **son of Mr. Nott** who lives two miles from town died this week after only a few days illness. The family have our deepest sympathy. WD 28 May 1896

Springtown A gloom was cast over our town Monday morning when it was announced that **Mrs. Ed. Hall** had suddenly passed into the shadowy land of death. Her bereaved husband and sorrowing little children have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. **Mrs. Hall** was a most estimable lady and loved by all who knew her. The direct cause of her death was heart failure. WD 11 Jun 1896

Funeral of **David C. Newberry** who died in Mineral Wells was held this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. from the family residence. WD 11 Jun 1896

Millsap Aunt **Dick** as she was best known, **Uncle White Dick's** wife, died Thursday morning. She has been an invalid for a great many years, but has always borne it patiently and has been a devoted Christian and had great faith in the Lord. What was our loss was her gain. WD 11 Jun 1896

Author Died on Friday, **Mrs. __. C. Alford**. She was buried Saturday in Bethesda cemetery followed by a large concourse of friends. She was a good Christian woman, 72 years of age and well beloved by the whole community. WD 18 Jun 1896

Bethesda. Mrs. Alford, one of the oldest settlers in this community, died last Friday evening at 2:30 o'clock aged 72 years. She was a member of the Christian church and leaves a daughter, **Mrs. Carson**, and a son, **Ohn Alford**. The funeral was held Saturday, being conducted by **C. Leomons**, class leader of the Methodist church. WD 11 Jun 1896

Millsap While it is so unceasingly hot and dry some people want to die. Last Thursday morning about 9 o'clock a man by the name of **Ed ____**, a brother in law of **Mr. Atterbean** of this place shot and killed himself while ____ her and **Mrs. Arterbean** stepped off to **Grandma Arterbean's** which was only about 200 yards away. They were absent about an hour and when they came back he was laying on the floor dead, with a pistol ball through his head and the pistol laying on the floor. It appeared that he was standing before the looking glass when he fired the fatal shot, there was blood on the glass and the wall around. He had been in bad health for about three years. WD 25 Jun 1896

Gibtown The little **child of William Tabor** of Bridgeport was buried at this place last week. WD 25 Jun 1896

Gibtown Also **Mr. Cogger's infant babe** was buried here last week. WD 25 Jun 896

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Gibtown Mr. and Mrs. George Cross of this place lost their **baby** the 21st. with measles. WD 25 Jun 1896.

Post Oak Mrs. Callison of Sandbed died Saturday and was buried at Lone Star Sunday WD 2 Jul 1896

Death of Nora Crawford On Sunday morning at 3 o'clock the grim messenger of death entered the home of **Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Crawford** on the north side and robbed their home of one of its sweetest treasures, their daughter, Nora, aged 12 years.

On Saturday she had enjoyed herself with other picnickers at Rock Creek and Saturday night played with her usual spirit and gaiety up to her hour of going to bed. About 12 o'clock she was taken sick with some fatal stomach malady and in three short hours she was no more.

Mr. Crawford was in St. Louis at the time but arrived home on Monday morning. The funeral was held from Couts Memorial church at 1 o'clock on Monday.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved parents. WD 9 Jul 1896

Departed this Life Sunday morning as a shock to everyone, came the news of the death of little **Nora Crawford**. To her intimate friends and playmates, her death came as a bewildering, unbelievable astonishment. They could not realize it, and today some of us can scarcely realize that she will never more take part in our schools and Sunday schools or sit by our side.

"The lily so fair that grew
By the drooping parent flower,
Stately and pale in her weakness strong.
Has flourished but an hour.
The winds of earth were too rude and cold.
For the bloom of heavenly birth;
God knows why the choicest ones
Are torn from the aching hearts on earth."

Her life at school was one of studiousness, harmonizing with her favorite song. "Scatter bright smiles" She was loved and admired by all who knew her, which gave her the promise of a bright future. We cannot understand why a bud should be plucked just when it is ready to bloom

Beyond the lifted veil is the true life,
The holy life, with death beneath its feet.
Which never more is touched by stir and strife,
But crowned with glory all complete.

To the bereaved ones, will go out from hundreds of homes prayers, that in their deep and dark affliction there will come that consciousness that will settle into sweet rest, as one who hears the still small voice that whispers "Peace Where I am there shalt thou be also"

Nora is not dead, but gone before. She has reached a fairer home than the perishable ones on earth can be.

"Then let us not speak of the dead,

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For non are dead, all live, all love.
Our friends have only changed—have sped
From lower homes to home above.”

Jennie Anderson WD 9 Jul 1896

Authon The **infant child** of **Dr. and Mrs. Simmons** of Adell died last Saturday and was buried Sunday morning in the Bethesda cemetery. WD 9 Jul 1896

The **infant** of **Dr. and Mrs. Simmons** died last Saturday and was buried at Bethesda cemetery Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Simmons have the sympathy of the community in their loss. WD 9 Jul 1896

The **infant son** of **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnett** died on Sunday evening at 8:40 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held at the residence on Monday. **Mr. Barnett** is commissioner from Precinct 3 and his many friends extend their sympathy. WD 9 Jul 1896

Millsap **Avery** died here Thursday gong with lung trouble. He was the son of **Mrs. Candon**, the hotel keeper at this place. He is the third son to die in the last two years, just a year between their deaths. WD 16 Jul 1896

Card of Thanks **Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Crawford** would return their earnest thanks for the many acts of kindness shown them in their sudden bereavement.

May Heaven's choicest blessings rest on all the friends of little Nora, is their prayer WD 16 Jul 1896

Resolution of Respect Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has again sent the Death Angel and has taken from our Sunday school and junior Epworth League, little **Nora Crawford**, our Sunday school mate, and first vice president of our junior league.

She was born Aug. 20th, 1884 and baptized January 5th 1890 by her pastor, **Rev. T.J. Mackey**. Our little friend was sick only a few hours, and everything that love and skill could suggest was done to save her life, but on Sunday morning, July 5th, 1896, her spirit went to dwell on high.

Our Heavenly Teacher has promoted her to a higher school where her report will always be perfect.

Now, as we mourn the loss of her we so much loved, we feel and know it has been her eternal gain, and she will forever stand with outstretched arms ready to embrace all who cross over one by one. Nora was a bright, interesting scholar, the joy of her home, and the delight of many friends.

While with us she loved to sing our songs and now she is with the choir of children around the throne of God in Heaven, singing the everlasting praises of our Savior King.

She was the first from our Junior League to join the angel band; there therefore ,
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