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the messenger of mercy, always in sympathy with the suffering and oppressed of every class. **Grandma Jowell** raised a large family of honorable sons and daughters and an extensive progeny of grandchildren and great grandchildren. **Grandma Jowell** cherished the hope that she would live to attend one more reunion of Old Settlers, which commenced Jul 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mineral Wells. But alas, we are again reminded that in life there is death is ever in our midst. This good old mother of 82 years was summoned to appear before the giver of all mercies on July 21, 1896, so the writer was informed, while meeting at the door, at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Wm. Metcalf**. Her remains were interred in the Strawn grave yard. Palo Pinto County Star Jul 24, 1896

**Died** Departed this life on Monday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1890, at the residence of her parents, two and a half miles southwest of this city. **Hestellah, daughter of Noah Webster and Emily J. Keigh**. Little **Hestellah** was a sweet, precious child, aged two years four months and nineteen days. While not the youngest, she seemed to be the pet of the entire family. For some time little **Hestellah** had been the very picture of health and beauty and loveliness, but was seized with flux and measles combined and after a few days illness passed away. It was a severe blow to the parents, and all who knew this precious little one, but the writer is comforted by the receipt of a note from the mother a few days after the funeral, in which she says, "I love the Savior for His goodness, and His promises to sustain me. All things work together for good to them that love Him.:

"He has called for many a loved one  
We have seen them leave our side;  
With our Savior we shall meet them,  
When we too, have crossed the tide."

**Chas. B. Martin** Weatherford Constitution 4 Jun 1890

**Mortuary** With sad hearts we announce the death of **Mrs. Alice B. Kerr**, wife of our friend and former citizen **S.G. Kerr** (but now of Georgetown, Texas) on the 3d inst. The burial and funeral services occurred at Georgetown the next day at 11 a.m. She left an infant of only three weeks old. **Mrs. J.P. Kerr**, mother of **S.G. Kerr** was present at the funeral and burial services. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family. WD 6 Jun 1895

**Died a Horrible Death** Lipan, Hood Co., Tex March 24 The 3 year old son of **Mr. George Key** went in the drug store and drank some nitric acid at 6 o'clock this evening and died at 9 the same night in great pain. DMN 28 Mar 1897

**Thrown and Seriously Hurt** Whitt, Parker Co., Tex., April 3 **Tom King** while running cattle Saturday was thrown against the ground heavily his horse falling on him. The attending physicians say there is little hope for his recovery. DMN 5 Apr 1899

**Injuries Proved Fatal** Weatherford, Tex., April 5 It was learned here today that **Tom King** who was seriously hurt near Whitt last Saturday evening while running his horse after cattle, never regained consciousness and died from the effects of his injuries at his home night before last. He leaves a wife and several children DMN 6 Apr 1899

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**Mrs. Sarah Knight**, mother of **Bonham** and **Thomas Knight** of this city departed life, on yesterday 19<sup>th</sup> inst. Many friends extend their sympathies to the bereaved family. WD 20 Jun 1895

**Bonham Knight**, of Waco, arrived in the city last night to attend the funeral of his mother, **Mrs. Sarah I. Knight**. WD 20 Jun 1895

The funeral of **Mrs. Sarah I. Knight** took place today at the family residence on South Main street at two o'clock. WD 20 Jun 1895

**Resolution of Condolence** Whereas, It has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe to remove from our midst **Mrs. Sarah J. Knight**, mother of our beloved brother, **Wm. Knight**, who died at her home in this city on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of her age. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Weatherford Lodge No 77. I.O.O.F., bow in humble submission to the will of the Grand Master of the Supreme Lodge and extend to our beloved brother and his sorrow stricken family our heartfelt sympathy and that we invoke the aid of the Supreme Rules in our efforts to comfort and to console the grieved ones who now mourn the demise of their devoted, kind, loving Christian mother.

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy be furnished the family of the deceased and a copy be presented to the press for publications. **Wm. Haas, L.R. Oats, John S. Bowman** Committee WD 27 Jun 1895

**Died John Ambrose Ellis Knight**, son of **M.J. and C.A. Knight**, was born in Lunenburg county VA August 5<sup>th</sup> 1828. Came to Missouri with his father when about fourteen years old, moved to Texas when nineteen. He crossed the Staked Plains with an outfit to open a road to Santa Fe Mexico from there to Chihuahua and back to Texas, went to Missouri in 1849 to California in 1850, back through Arizona to Missouri in 1851. He was married to **Lucy Dinning** the same year, and moved back to California in 1852, staid there until after his wife's death in 1861, went to Oregon, traveled all over California and Oregon, traded cattle and run a pack train to the mines, at intervals, from 1852 until 1863. Married his last wife who was **Mrs. Henrietta Chiles** widow of **J.B. Chiles**, and daughter of **Thos. W. Mercer** of Independence, Missouri and with her and his children moved back to Texas, passing through Oregon, California, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. He got to Texas in October, 1866. Since that time he has been identified with the cattle and rancho business, having driven cattle to all the territories north and shipped to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other places, both horses and cattle, and for the last ten years has been living in Palo Pinto County. Prior to coming here he lived in Fort Worth twelve years.

The subject of this memoir has been in bad health for eighteen months, he was prostrated with inflammation of the bowels, about ten o'clock Thursday and died about four o'clock Monday morning, April 30, 1894.

A good citizen, a kind husband and a loving, indulgent father has fallen asleep. He was generous to a fault and bore no malice toward any man. He expressed himself, before he died, as never having wronged any man. No traveler was ever turned from his door, and he always fed the hungry. Many a time have he and his good wife made



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themselves weary trying to make others comfortable. His many friends can only show their appreciation of his generosity by an effort to comfort and care for his noble wife, left in this world only for a season, her life clouded by bereavement, let us see that she is not left without friends. The man for this house has passed away, he rests from his labors—Noble generous soul, sleep in peace—Many are left to remember you with love and affection, we spread the mantle of charity over your faults and remember only your virtues. That message sent to a living child in Missouri, to meet you in heaven is our hope and consolation that your love is your eternal gala. Patient loving, generous soul, farewell till we meet again A Friend Fort Worth Gazette please take note Palo Pinto County Star May 5, 1894

**Grindstone** Died at the residence of **H.M. Hill** on the last day of May, old father **Kyle**, aged about 95 years. He has been in this country a long time and lived to witness its transformation from a wilderness to the best agricultural county in Texas WD 6 Jun 1895

**Capt. J. \_\_\_ Kidd** on last Friday night received the sad intelligence of the death of his aged father, **Mr. O.C. Kidd**, at Fairburn, Ga. Mr. Kidd, though almost ninety one years of age, met death with a clear mind, retaining his faculties to the last. Springtown Sun WD 26 Dec 1895

**Bethesda** The remains of **George Lamb** were buried in the Bethesda cemetery last Thursday. His sad fate was the result of an accident with a gun. He was pushing the brush and the \_\_\_ of his gun into a brush heap at a cat when the ball was discharged and entered his leg near the groin. The injury did not seem fatal until in a few days a stream of blood broke from a large artery which had been injured by the bullet. He was about fifteen years old, and a member of the Baptist church. He was attending school at Rock Tank, under **Prof. Kuhn**, and was dearly beloved by both teacher and pupils. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of their many friends. WD 9 Jan 1896

**Suicide of Jess B. Lane** One of the saddest cases of suicide that has ever been recorded in Parker county occurred Saturday evening, January 11, about eight miles west of this city. **Jesse B. Lane**, a man aged about 45 years, took his double barreled gun and went into the woods at about 5:30 p.m. and having cut notches in the end of a stave to fit the triggers of his gun, sat down under a tree and fired both barrels into his left breast. Of course death was instantaneous. As night came on and the unfortunate man did not return home, his wife sent word to several neighbors, who came and searched with lanterns, finding the body about 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Burial took place in the Newberry cemetery Monday morning.

Deceased had been in poor health for some time. We are told by a friend that he appeared at times greatly depressed in spirits, and during such a period of despondency it undoubtedly was that he took his life. He was well known in that part of the country—was a good man and well spoken of by all. His wife was a **Miss Cowan**. There is a grown daughter, **Miss Hattie**, and several younger children. They live on what is known as the Potter place, near Grindstone creek, four miles from Millsap. The family have the sincere sympathy of all in their deep sorrow. WD 16 Jan 1896

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**Little Child Drowned** Weatherford, Tex., Nov 29 Parties coming in today from the Millsap neighborhood after a coffin brought the news of the death of the 2 year old **child of Mr. Farris Lack**, a farmer residing in the western portion of this county, late yesterday evening. The little fellow was out playing near a tank of water in the yard and waded into far and drowned before assistance could be given. DMN 30 Nov 1899

**Millsap.** No particular news to chronicle this week, excepting the death by suicide of **Mr. Jesse Lane**, a prominent citizen. He shot himself to death with a double barreled shotgun. He had been in bad health all the fall and winter. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death. His death is deeply regretted by all, and much sympathy is extended the stricken family. WD 16 Jan 1896

**A Sad Accident** Last Sunday evening a very deplorable accident occurred to **Mr. Geo. M. Lasater**, sheriff elect of this county. It seems that while driving some cattle on horseback, the animal began to pitch and threw **Mr. Lasater** who fell upon his head, bursting his skull, from the effects of which he died Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m. **Mr. Lasater** was born in Grayson county, Texas, Sept 21, 1852, and moved to this county when he was three years old and has been identified with the cattle business ever since. He has to a number of years been engaged in farming and stock raising, and was one among our most prominent citizens. On the 8<sup>th</sup> inst, he was elected sheriff of this county, but did not live to receive even legal notice of his election as he died before the votes were counted by the Commissioners court. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, and for a number of years he has employed his time and talents for the promotion of the standard of morality and Christianity among his neighbors and friends. He was held in high esteem by those who differed with him politically and though they did what they could to defeat him in the recent election, they held no personal malice and regarded him as a straightforward and honorable gentleman. The remains were laid to rest under the beautiful ceremony of the Masonic ritual in the Oran cemetery last Wednesday afternoon. A number of citizens from this place attended the funeral. The Star extends to the grief stricken family, relatives and friends its profound sympathy and condolence. Palo Pinto County Star Nov 18, 1898

**An Old Settler Gone** **Mrs. Elizabeth Lemons**, one of the oldest settlers of this place, passed away last Monday morning at the residence of **C.C. Martin**, at the ripe old age of 86 years. **Mother Lemons**, as she was familiarly known, was a Kentuckian by birth and had been a resident of Palo Pinto county since 1856. She was a kind hearted Christian lady, having been a consistent member of the Methodist church for many years, Thus this old "mother in Israel" died as she had lived, with the blessed hope of a happy reunion with those who had gone before in that land where sorrow, pain and suffering will be no more. Some one has written that

"There are three words that sweetly blend,  
That on the heart are graven;  
A precious, soothing balm they lend—  
They're Mother, Home and heaven!!



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They build an altar where each day  
Love's offering is renewed;  
And peace illumines with genial ray,  
Life's darkened solitude.

If from our side the first has fled,  
And home be but a name,  
Let's strive the narrow path to tread,  
That we the last may gain."

Palo Pinto County Star May 20, 1898

**Death of Dr. John F. Lennox** An article in last weeks Democrat referring to the difficulty at Detroit in which **Dr. John F. Lennox** met his death was based upon telegraphic reports which we are satisfied were incorrect, and calculated to do the deceased an injustice. An interview with **Mr. S.C. Dean**, an uncle of **Dr. Lennox**, and a respected citizen of Weatherford, puts a different phase on the matter. **Dr. Lennox** was in this city some six years ago. The reports spoken of conveyed the impression that he was a typical desperado, a bad man generally. **Mr. Dean**, while disclaiming any desire to conceal or palliate any of this nephew's failings, very naturally wishes to have the matter properly reported. **Dr. Lennox** had become involved in a number of unfortunate difficulties, but was in no sense a desperado—he had warm friends, was generous and impulsive, and possessed of no more than the ordinary failings of humanity. We regret the publication of the article referred to. WD 30 Jan 1896

**Died** Last Thursday night. **Mrs. J.D. Leslie** wife of **Rev. J. D. Lesley** after a protracted and lingering illness. The funeral took place from the family residence Friday at 2:30 p.m. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and acquaintances paid their last respects to the lamented dead. At the conclusion of the services her remains were taken to the Texas and Pacific depot and placed on the evening mail train and taken to Holly springs, Miss., for interment. They were accompanied by the bereaved husband and **Mr. W.F. Altfather**. The services at Weatherford were conducted by **Rev J.C. McCall**.

The New Orleans Times Democrat of Feb 28 has the following special from Holly Springs in regard to her death.

Holly Springs, Miss. A telegram was received here today announcing the death of **Mrs. Gertrude Mattison Leslie** at her residence in Weatherford, Tex. Mrs. Leslie was the youngest daughter of **Capt. J.B. Mattison**, of the Holly Springs South. She was born and reared in this city, and had a host of friends here who are much distressed over her untimely death. About ten years ago she married **Rev. J.D. Leslie**, a Presbyterian minister. For seven years he had charge of the Presbyterian church at Water Valley, and it was there that Mrs. Leslie won a lasting reputation for her Christian virtues, her acts of charity and her beautiful character Her remains will reach here tomorrow night and will be interred in the Holly springs cemetery Sunday morning. WD 5 Mar 1896

**Mortuary Mr. John S. Lindsey** aged about 80 years, departed life in this city at his residence on Bridge street n Sunday night last and was buried on yesterday at 4 o'clock p.m. at the city cemetery. Funeral services were held at the residence.

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Mr. Lindsey was the father of our ex postmistress, **Mrs. Campbell** and grandfather of **Mr. Claude Campbell** of Rock Creek coal mines. He removed to this county from Litchfield Ill. and has resided here for the past eighteen years His aged wife who is now about 80 years of age survives him. WD 11 Jul 1895

**Horace S. Lionberger**, formerly of this city, died at Fort Worth of meningitis last Thursday, aged 27 years. The bereaved relatives have our profound sympathy. WD 18 Apr 1895

**Mr. W. J. Lucas** died August 1<sup>st</sup> of hemorrhage of the bowels. He was buried at the Poolville cemetery Friday in the presence of a large concourse of people. He came to this country from Alabama about a year ago. He was about 22 years old, a devout Christian and a consistent member of the Methodist church. He leaves a mother and two sister to mourn his loss. His funeral was preached by **Rev. Rippey** of Grayson county, who is assisting **Bro. Snoddy** in conducting a very interesting series of meetings at this place. WD 7 Aug 1895

**A Foul Murder** An old Frenchman by the name of **Lyons**, who owned a sheep ranche out on the Palo Pinto road, was found murdered in his tent near the crossing of the Brazos, last Sunday evening. He had a bullet hole in the forehead and had been struck on the back of the head with some heavy instrument, fracturing the skull. After consummating their fearful deed the murderers had ransacked the tent, evidently in search of money, of which, it was generally supposed, he kept a considerable sum. The appearance of the body indicated that the murder had been committed the day previous. No clue has yet been obtained to the perpetrators of the horrid deed, and as far as we have been able to learn no one has been suspected. Exponent 23 Jun 1877

**Veal Station Little Henry Lytle** the son of **Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Lytle**, living near this place, died last Friday afternoon and was buried here Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.W. Stephens, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. WD 11 Jul 1895

**Millsap Ona, the infant daughter of Henry Lynch** died last week and was interred in Springtown. WD 12 Dec 1895

Lone Star Lodge No. 4, K. of P. will hold memorial services at the opera house next Tuesday night, April 14, in memory of **W.A. Lisk** and **Dr. N.C. Neer**. WD 9 Apr 1896

**Death of W.A. Lisk** Died Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Arlington Hotel, in Weatherford. **W.A. Lisk**, city tax assessment collector. He was born in Putman county, Tennessee Feb 12, 1856, and at the time of his death was 40 years and 26 days old. He came to Texas in 1881, first stopping a few months on Trinity river, then coming on to Weatherford, where he has since resided. During his residence here, he was employed at various times by **W.E. Tate**, **Jno. Hart** and his brother in law, **B.R. Womack**. In every situation he was found to be faithful, honest and industrious discharging the duties



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devolving upon him with conscientious regarding to the interests of his employers. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, a Sunday school teacher, and a kind Christian gentleman. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and was followed to his last resting place by a large number of the members of that order.

He had been ailing some six weeks and his physician pronounced his trouble malaria. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. He leaves a brother and sister, **T.F. Lisk**, Los Angeles, Cal., and **Mrs. B.R. Womack**, Weatherford, to mourn his untimely death. Besides these the entire people of our city feel like they had lost a near relative or friend, and mourn his death with sorrow unspeakable. The procession was the largest ever seen in Weatherford.

He died in the morning of life with every sail set to catch the breeze on the sunny sea of life, yet amid all the glorious prospect his bark struck the silent sea of death. From his complaining lips came no utterance or regret. Like the vine he clambered toward the light, and amid the cold and callous realities of life, seeing good unmixed with evil, he embraced and lived it.

Farewell noble heart, generous and good, thy lips that leaped with song and laughter are sealed in death. On thy eyelids rest no tear of grief; on thy placid brow no trace of sorrow, blessed peace nestles close to thy narrow bed on which morning's sunlight and evening twilight will rise and fade, while affection will lovingly linger forever. If beyond this mist of darkness there is love, light, mirth and music, glory and gladness he must have found it. Requiescat in peace. WD 12 Mar 1897 Note; Resolutions of Respect from Pythians, Lone Star Lodge, and City Council on 12 Mar. Sunday School and First Baptist Church on 19 Mar 1897

**Peaster** One of **Tobe Lytle's** children died yesterday and was buried at Peaster Cemetery WD 2 Apr 1896

**Aunt Becky Lents** wife of **Epp Lents**, died Sunday morning of slow fever and heart trouble. She was about 53 years old, had lived a devoted Christian and consistent member of the Missionary Baptist church for about 36 years. She was buried at the Poolville cemetery Monday in the presence of a vast multitude of relatives and friends who came to pay the last tribute of respect to one whom they so much loved. Religious services were conducted by **Brothers Beltain, Head and Smith** WD 15 Aug 1895

The infant **son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leiper** died last Thursday night, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:35 o'clock. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents. WD 15 Aug 1895

**Mortuary** **Mrs. Emily Lewis**, of Authon, died yesterday morning, September 4<sup>th</sup>, after a long illness. A good, true woman has passed away. She was always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need. She was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years before her death and died in the full triumph of a living faith. She leaves an aged companion, several children and many other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was a good humble Christian whose trust was always in One who is mighty and able to save and who declared that His sheep should never perish.

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She realized that the eternal God was her refuge and that underneath were the everlasting arms. We have learned no particulars about her burial WD 5 Sep 1895

Aledo Our pastor, **Rev. C.E. Lindsay**, was called to Mineral Wells on Monday to the bedside of his dying sister. He has our deepest sympathy. WD 5 Sept 1895

**Mortuary Mrs. Melina Lyon** died last Sunday morning after a long illness of consumption. She was a member of the First Methodist church of this city. Her remains were interred in the city cemetery Sunday evening. **Rev. R.C. Armstrong** conducting funeral services. She leaves four sons, to wit: **I.N.** and **J.W. Franklin** of this city, **W.A. Franklin** of Itasca and **Jess Franklin** of Palo Pinto county, and many friends to mourn her loss May the God she served comfort them. WD 29 Sept 1895

A **Miss McLemore**, one half miles west of Millsap, poisoned herself last Friday by drinking carbolic acid WD 2 May 1895

**Poolville Grandma Lefors** died at the residence of her son in law, **Mr. James Warren**, and was buried at Poolville Saturday. She was 79 years old. WD 7 May 1896

**Post Oak Mrs. Leforce** aged 80 or 90 years died Friday and was buried at Poolville Saturday. WD 14 May 1896

Logan—Weatherford, Tex., June 28—**R. J. Logan**, aged 55 years, a well to do farmer living near Peaster, in this county, died at his home last night. DMN 29 June 1899

**Bethel (Hood County)** A sad accident occurred a few miles from here a few days ago. **Uncle Billy Long**, living near Morgan's mill, started to Bluff Dale; his team became frightened and ran away throwing him from the wagon into a wire fence, mangling him in a horrible manner. **Dr. Burger** was sent for and dressed the wounds and sewed up the cuts and everything was done that could be but he died in a few hours. WD 16 Apr 1896

**Millsap Aunt Sarah Murphy** died Sunday at 4 o'clock a.m.. Her remains were interred in the Newberry cemetery. She was 81 years old, and a devoted member of the Baptist church. Neighbors and friends extend to her family their sincere sympathy. WD 16 Apr 1896

**J.M. Mallett**, editor of the Leader, returned yesterday morning from Morrilton, Ark., where he spent several days with his sister, **Mrs. M.A. Dorsey**, who died last Monday. The bereaved family have our sympathy. WD 4 Apr 1895

**Buckner Mrs. Robt. McClure** died Monday and was buried Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the Buckner cemetery. She leaves four small children, only a few months old. WD 20 Feb 1896



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**Poolville** Last Friday evening **J.P. McConnell** received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, **John McConnell** near Garner in Wise County. Jim and his family and sister, **Mrs. Bridgewater**, attended the funeral near Garner and returned Saturday. WD 14 May 1896

The three year old **child of M.D. Maples** died of dropsy near Zion Hill last Thursday WD 19 Sept 1895

Remains of **S.M. McConnell** who died at Vernon last week were brought to this county for burial. He was buried at Aledo last Saturday. WD 2 Apr 1896

Died at his residence in this city on the night of March 17, **S.J. McKee**. He has been sick a long time and his death was not unexpected. He was buried in the city cemetery on Wednesday evening at 3 o'clock with Masonic honors, of which fraternity he was a honored member. WD 19 Mar 1896

**Mrs. Eliza Anne McCall** Sunday morning, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> just as the church bells were tolling the hour for the morning service, **Mrs. Eliza Anne McCall**, wife of **Judge J.L.L. McCall**, passed into the eternal Sabbath of rest. The community was shocked at the intelligence of her serious illness, which was only a few days duration. The telegraphic messages soon brought to her bedside all her children who fondly nursed and cared for her during the last hours of her mortal life. Those from a distance arrived too late to be recognized by her.

In her death a large family of children and grandchildren lose a devoted mother and grandmother. The husband is bereft of the wife of his bosom, who had traveled with him the pathway of life for over fifty years. Our city loses one of its oldest inhabitants and noblest women. The church, of which she had been an active member since its organization will miss from her accustomed seat one of its most loyal, faithful and devoted members. She loved the sanctuary and the ministrations of the gospel. It was a cross to her to be deprived of the services of God's house. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church for over sixty years.

She spent most of her life in Texas living with her family in Waco and Weatherford, Tex. She was born in Blountville, Tenn. Feb 24, 1825 and died in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of her life.

She visited last summer the scene of her earlier days and fondly cherished the hope of returning again next summer.

On Nov. 19, 1895 she with her husband celebrated their "golden wedding," an event which she had looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, as it brought around her, in the enjoyment of health, all of her children.

She took a deep interest in the building of the new church as she also did in the organization and erection of the first church. It is to be regretted that her days were not lengthened out, that she might see its stately spire pointing heavenward.

Though the tie which bound her to this life is broken, she is not dead, she lives in a better land. "Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Pastor WD 9 Jan 1896

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**Resolutions of Respect** The following resolutions were adopted by the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church.

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has removed from our midst our beloved sister, **Mrs. J.L.L. McCall**, who was one of the organizers of our society and a generous supporter of its purpose and efforts, through prevented by infirmities for many months from regular attendance upon its meetings, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ladies Aid society and Presbyterian church have sustained a great loss in her death and that we feel called to more consecrated and devoted service to our Gracious Master as He is calling His children above. That we are reminded of our Savior's command to love one another, for soon we must give place to other workers, in whose memories we wish a loving place. That, while sure the dear sister is in heaven looking upon her Savior and serving Him we tender our sympathies and prayers for her afflicted dear ones, assuring them of our love for, and interest in them, praying our Heavenly Father to continually keep and guide them making them useful in life and happy in heaven at last. Mrs. W.T. \_\_\_\_be, Mr. J.D. Committee WD 16 Jan 1896

**Aledo Rev. Medaris** (familiarily called **Uncle Frank**,) an aged citizen of this place died at his residence on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., and was buried the same day. He was followed to his last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. WD 16 Jan 1896

**Mr. Thos. Murry** buried a **child** here recently. WD 9 Jan 1896

**Suicide** Last Saturday morning the body of an unknown man who had committed suicide was brought in from a camp about a mile south of town near the fair grounds. He had been in the town the day before trying to get work but failed, and on Friday evening he had stopped at the camp of some freighters and asked to stay overnight, which was granted. During the night the party were awakened by the sound of groans and going to his bed found him in violent convulsions. They attempted to alleviate his sufferings, but he begged them to let him alone, telling them that nothing serious was the matter, that he had been that way before and would soon be all right. After a while he became quiet, and his companions again went to sleep. The next morning he was lying on his face by the side of his bed, stark and still in the embrace of death. In his pocket book was found a small druggist's envelope labeled. "Poison" which contained a quantity of Crystals of Strychnine, one of the most deadly and virulent poisons known to the modern chemist. The envelope had been torn open at one corner and one of the party remembered to have see him taking some kind of medicine from his valise the evening previous. There is not the lightest doubt, but that his death was the result of the poison which his own hand administered. The spasmodic contractions of the muscles, constriction of the throat, and violet contortions of the neck and spinal column, all unmistakable symptoms peculiar to the toxicology of the fatal drug, left little doubt as to the immediate cause of his death. A small pocket diary was found on his person which contained the following entry:

Fort Worth, July 8-Tomorrow I will be on the move. My God will this never end!

In another place was written,

"My name is **James Maddox**. For further information address **James Maddox**,



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The day before his death he had given his name as **James Arnold** but it is thought that it was assumed, and that his real name was Maddox.

No other papers were found which could furnish a clue to his identity. He was a man of medium height, heavy set, of florid complexion, and had a light sandy moustache, through that he came from Louisiana. Exponent 21 Jul 1877

**Mortuary** McGrady Mineral Wells, Tex., Sept 12 **H.A. McGrady** died early yesterday morning aged 69 years. His remains were shipped to his home in St. Jo. Montague Co. DMN 13 Sept 1899

**Mary's Creek** Mrs. E. Marsh died Jan 20<sup>th</sup> in the 84<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Rev. G.W. Rushing conducted the funeral services. Mr. A.A. Blackburn and G.B.R. Smith of Howe, Texas, attended the funeral of Mrs. Marsh. WD 6 Feb 1896

**Mortuary** Massie Weatherford, Tex., Aug 15 Miss Bessie Massie, the 18 year old daughter of Thomas Massie, a farmer living west of town a few miles, died at her father's home yesterday about noon and was buried this morning. DMN 17 Aug 1899

Mrs. E.F. Mathews, aged about 74 years, died at Springtown last Thursday after a short illness of general debility and stomach trouble. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church. Her remains were interred in the Springtown cemetery on Friday. Rev. B.F. Fronabarger conducting the funeral services. WD 17 Oct 1895

**Mortuary** McCall Weatherford., Tex Sept 11 Ezra McCall, aged 62 years, died at his home in this city last night. He was a son of Col J.L.L. McCall of this place. Deceased was well known here and at Waco where he has considerable financial interest. DMN 12 Sept 1899

**Millsap** Miss Bettie McCarty died this week very suddenly, only lived about twenty minutes after taken. The doctor pronounced it to be spinal meningitis. WD 6 Jun 1895

It is with sadness that we note the death of little **Earl McClure**, who was accidentally shot by his cousin, **Ed Hobbs**, on the 27<sup>th</sup>. He lingered for twelve days and passed peacefully away to join his angel mother in a brighter, better world than this. All was done that loving hands and medical aid could do to alleviate his suffering. The grief stricken families have the sympathy of the entire community, and we hope it will be a sad warning to all other boys to be more careful how they handle a gun. L.C.N. Palo Pinto County Star Sep 13, 1899

**Well Pleased with Texas** J.H. McClurkin of Springtown was in Weatherford last Friday, awaiting the arrival from Alabama of Sm. Gentry, who will work for him the coming year. Our friend had noticed in the Democrat of the death of Mrs. Katharine Pyles in Alabama. She was a colored woman who had reached the great age of 115 years. She was brought to Alabama from South Carolina by Mr. John McClurkin, father of

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**J.H. McClurkin**, about forty years ago, and after the war married a colored man named **Pyles**. The fact that she really reached the age mention was duly authenticated. **Mr. John McClurkin** was one of the oldest and best known residents of Silver Run, Talladega county, Alabama. He died the 22 day of last October, and after his death his son decided to come to the Lone Star State. He tells us that in the old state he never felt as if he could afford to send all his children to school, but now all of them, six in number, are attending regularly. He thinks well of Texas, and we hope will be the means of bringing others to settle on the rich lands of Parker County. WD 23 Jan 1896

It is with regret that we record the death of **Mrs. M.P. McCracken**, nee **Mollie Gaines**, which occurred at the home of her father, **W.H. Gaines**, four miles north of this place, Monday, August 1, 1898, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. McCracken was a native of Palo Pinto County, and lived all her life in and around the town of Palo Pinto. She was an exemplary Christian woman, being a consistent member of the Baptist church from early childhood. She was loved by all who knew her, and leaves a thirteen months old babe and an affectionate husband, who idolized her as well as a large circle of friends in Palo Pinto and Mineral Wells, together with devoted parents, brothers and sister, to mourn her untimely death. She was type of the true woman and devoted to her home and Christ, and will be sadly missed, not only by her husband and little babe, but by the entire circle of her acquaintances. The Star extends its sincere condolences to the bereaved, one and all. She was 22 years, 5 months and 12 days old at her death, and was interred in the Palo Pinto cemetery. Services were held at the Palo Pinto Baptist church by Rev. B.F. Howard which was filled to overflowing. All business houses closed, and not withstanding the rain and mud everybody attended the funeral together with a large crowd from Mineral Wells. Palo Pinto County Star Aug 5, 1898

On last Saturday a bolt of lightning descended and instantly killed the 13 year old son of **Mr. McClary** and badly shocked two other children but it was thought under the treatment of **Dr. Kianiman** they would recover. WD 20 Jun 1895

On last Friday, **Earl McCurry** and his two younger brothers, sons of **Mr. Ebb McCurry** who resides about five miles south of Poolville, while hoeing cotton were struck down by lightning. Earl was instantly killed, the others were severely shocked but have about recovered. Earl was buried at the Poolville cemetery Saturday in the presence of a large concourse of people who deeply sympathized with the grief stricken father, step mother and other relatives in their sad hours of affliction. Religious services were conducted by **Bro. J.W. Carson**. Early was about 13 years old, he was a good boy, kind and generous to his playmates, and loved by all who knew him. WD 20 Jun 1895

**Mary**, the little daughter of **Dr. W.B. McKnight**, died of diphtheria a few days ago, and was buried at Mansfield, Texas. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family. WD 2 May 1895

**Uncle Berry Meaders**, on of the oldest and best known citizens of the county [Stephens] died at his residence near this place Wednesday morning. He was elected sheriff of this county in 1876 and reelected in 1878, retiring at the end of his term to his



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farm near Crystal falls where he has resided since until his removal to this place to school his children. He was a good man and an exemplary citizen and he had a warm place in the hearts of \_\_\_\_\_ WD 31 Oct 1895

**His Team Ran Away** Weatherford, Tex., Sept 27 About 1 o'clock today, while **Henry Measures**, a farmer living at Peaster, in this county, was going down Fort Worth street to the compress with four bales of cotton on his wagon, the breast yoke slipped off the end of the tongue, causing his team to run away. **Mr. Measures** when picked up was found to be badly hurt. DMN 28 Sept 1899

**Fell Into the Fire** A sad accident occurred about seventeen miles north of town last Tuesday. **Mrs. Sm. Middleton** and child were at home alone. She was seized, it is supposed with an epileptic fit, and with the child in her arms, fell into the fire. Neighbors heard the screams and ran to the house, where they found the woman and child both in bed and the bed burning. She had crawled out of the fire with the child and gotten in bed. The flames were extinguished and all possible done for the suffering, but the child died in a few hours, and the mother is not expected to live. Mrs. Middleton is a daughter of one of the **Larners** at Morgan Mill. Stephenville Empire WD 23

**Mortuary** Milam Weatherford, Tex., Sept 5 Little **Mary Ellen**, the 4 year old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Milam** of this city, died last night after a week's illness at their residence on East L. Avenue DMN 6 Sept 1899

**Mrs. John X. Miller**, who has been quite ill for some time, died at her home Monday Morning, and was buried in the Palo Pinto cemetery last Tuesday. Mrs. Miller was among the early settlers of this country and highly esteemed by all who knew her and leaves in addition to her immediate family a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Palo Pinto County Star Apr 29, 1898

**Resolutions of Sympathy** Whereas God in his wisdom has seem fit to take from our midst **the infant son of Brother and Mrs. B.F. Monden**; we, the Knights and Ladies of Honor extend to them our sympathies in this their bereavement.

Resolved<sup>1</sup> That we bow with submission to his righteous will.

2. That we humbly pray that the God of all grace may minister comfort and strength to the bereaved family.

That a copy of the resolutions be furnished the family and a copy be sent to the county papers for publications. **Jno. Buckner, Mrs. J. H. Lovelady, Mrs. B.F. Griffith** Committee WD 24 Oct 1895

**Rev. Rippey** also preached the funeral of **Mrs. W.R. Moore** who died about a year ago, on Sunday. WD 8 Aug 1895

**Mr. Joe Moose**, druggist, an esteemed resident of Poolville, died last week, and **B.B. Price** went out immediately upon receiving the papers to prepare for a settlement of deceased's policy in the New York Life. Mr. Moose had paid three premiums amount to 90.90; his heirs will receive all that he paid in and \$1000 additional. WD 21 Nov 1895

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**Mortuary** The **infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Myers** died yesterday morning on Spring street, after an illness of several days. May the One who took little children in His arms and blessed them comfort the bereaved parents in this hour of affliction. WD 30 May 1895

**Q.B. McCallum** died with the small pox at the home of his uncle **Dr. McQueen**, 4 miles southwest of town Saturday night. Weekly Republic 16 Feb 1899

The funeral of **Mrs. E.J. McDermott** took place from her late residence on North Main street at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Many friends extend condolence to the bereaved relations. Weekly Republic 13 Oct 1893

**Obituary Mrs. Mollie Meador, nee Newberry**, was born July 12<sup>th</sup> 1870, died at Meridian, Bosque county Texas the 16 of August 1890. She professed religion and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 12 years of age, Oct 1888 she was married to Mr. **W.P. Meador** who with a little babe lament their loss.

As a wife she was affectionate and kind, as a neighbor she was generous and charitable, as a Christian as near perfection as mortality is ever seen. She ever adorned the cause she professed by living an exemplary Christian. "Death loves a shining mark" and claimed her, and she "was not for God took" her.

Her remains were brought to Grindstone and on Monday morning at the campmeeting were laid in the silent grave. The burial was witnessed by a large concourse of friends and relatives. We weep not for her as those who have no hope, for we believe we shall meet her again in Elysian fields of glory. Through we may miss her at the church, at Sunday school, at the fireside she like the ripe grain was ready for the summons when it came, and is today enjoying the bliss of heaven. Her pleasant ways and patient toil for the cause should encourage us to more useful lives.

"Through dead she speaks to loved one yet

And in example lies

Her faith and hope and kindly deeds

Still fresh instruction gives." **Matt Russell** Weatherford Constitution 27 Aug 1890

**Aledo Notes B. J. Medford**, whose little **daughter** was burned to death at Norman, I.T. is a son of **W.M. Medford** of this city. Weekly Republic 12 Jan 1889

**Doctor's Sudden Death** Weatherford, Tex., Sept 30 **Dr. J.A. Merkison** died suddenly about 5 o'clock yesterday evening at Aledo in this county. Particulars unknown. A physician was sent for at this place, but when he got there the doctor had been dead about one hour. **Dr. Merkison** was about 47 years old and had been practicing medicine at Aledo about thirteen years. DMN 1 Oct 1898

**In Memoriam** In the death of **Mrs. B.R. Milam**, which occurred at her residence in this city at 6 o'clock last Sunday evening, this community suffers a serious loss. She adorned every relation of life. As daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend and



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neighbor, she won the admiration and regard of all who watched her bright unselfish consecrated life.

To others will be given the writing of suitable obituary notice of the lovely Christian just called up higher, but the writer of this little tribute speaks of **Mrs. Lula Milam** as seen in her daily round of duty and charity.

She was the sun and centre of her happy home; with all that could render life attractive, a devoted husband, and a bright and promising family of sons and daughters, she never lost sight of the truth that this life is one of probation, and so she directed every thought and every energy to the forming of a perfectly symmetrical Christian character, and though bereft of the joy of being in her bodily presence her well trained children are so imbued with her teachings that they must have her guidance while memory lasts.

Hers was the home altar, but she labored for the Master's cause. Her last public work here was in raising funds for building a home for the presiding elder. In Glen Rose the Methodist church stands a monument to her zeal and liberality, and few who knew her will ever enter its portals without a kindly thought of the sweet and gracious woman to whom untiring labors they are indebted for a place of worship. Weatherford Constitution 30 Apr 1890

**Mortuary Mrs. E.W. Miller** Aledo, Parker Co., Tex., Jan 10 Mrs. E.W. Miller died today DMN 11 Jan 1894

**Millsap, Tex Oct 11 Mr. R.W. Millsap** arrived from Sweetwater last evening with the remains of his 3 year old **child** for burial. This child was bitten by a small snake. DMN 12 Oct 1887

**Aledo** The little five month old baby of **Mrs. J.A. Murchison** was buried today. It died with pneumonia. Mrs. Murchison has the heartfelt sympathy of the Aledo people. Weekly Republic 23 Feb 1899

**Mortuary** Neal Weatherford, Tex., Sept 14 **Mrs. A.J. Neal** died yesterday at her home out six miles, northwest of town. Funeral services today. DMN 15 Sept 1899

**Dr. N.C. Neer**, long a well known of this city, died last Monday evening, and was buried Wednesday evening. The Masoic and Knights of Pythias orders took part in the funeral ceremonies. **Rev. J.B. C. Beatubien** of Fort Wroth (formerly rector of the All Saints Episcopal Church here) came over to preach the funeral sermon. WD 13 Feb 1896

**From Santo** **Uncle Bob Newberry** died Aug 19 and was laid to rest in the Santo Cemetery PPCS Aug 26, 1898

**Mortuary** Newberry Weatherford, Tex., Sept 21 **J.C. Newberry** aged 30 years, died here yesterday with typhoid fever. His remains were interred in the Newberry cemetery, eight miles west of town, yesterday. DMN 24 Sept 1899

**Mortuary** Newberry Weatherford, Tex., Dec 10 **Miss Newberry, daughter of James Newberry** who died about six weeks ago on Spring street with typhoid fever, died