

## J. H. Boyd Succumbs After Short Illness

After suffering for the past fifteen days from dropsy of the heart and lungs J. H. Boyd, old time citizen of Stephenville and Erath county, died last Monday night at 9:20 o'clock. He was buried Wednesday afternoon at West End cemetery at four-thirty following a short funeral ceremony at the family residence by Rev. S. B. Culpepper. The I. O. O. F. conducted the services at the cemetery.

Mr. Boyd was one of the oldest settlers in the county and undoubtedly one of its best liked citizens. For many years the family lived on the Boyd homestead south of Stephenville and there they were happy, contented and considered leaders in the community. Until a few years back the entire family were together there, Mr. Boyd later moving to Stephenville and relinquishing the duties of the farm to his son, Harve Boyd.

The dreaded disease which settled in his heart and lungs was such that attending physicians could offer little relief and he suffered untold agony during his last days. The disease seemingly struck suddenly as he had been of a robust nature and thought himself in good health for a man of his age. He was 76 years old.

Before coming to Texas Mr. Boyd lived in the state of Arkansas. In 1853 when only a small boy his family came to Texas and settled near Weatherford. While the exact date is not known, it is thought that he came to Erath county a short time afterwards. During the early days of the county he was married to Miss Rosa Keith, in the Alarm Creek neighborhood and together they have lived and prospered and reared a fine set of children.

Deceased is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. L. W. Croft, Big Spring, Texas; Mrs. W. O. Croft, Brownwood, Miss Rudine Boyd, Stephenville, and Harve Boyd, Stephenville. They were all present for the funeral. A sister, Mrs. L. H. Lipp, of Bridgeport, was also here but the other sisters and brothers could not be located in time to be here.

The passing of Mr. Boyd records the loss of another high type citizen and to the good mother and the broken hearted children who have always looked to their father for consultation for their better welfare the Tribune extends its deepest sympathy.