

Mount Vernon

July 1930

E. M. Campbell

W. M. Campbell, 84 years of age and for over 60 years a resident of Houston County, died suddenly Friday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock at the home of his niece, Mrs. Isbell, in the Arbor community, ten miles southeast of Crockett. Mr. Campbell's sudden death was believed to have been caused by heart failure. He was in Crockett Friday morning and the early part of the same afternoon visiting his many friends here. He complained to several persons of feeling slightly ill, although he said that he did not think it was anything serious.

Mr. Campbell was taken home shortly after noon Friday and was sitting on the porch when he collapsed. He had been talking to several persons who had passed and told them that he experienced a peculiar feeling about his head. He had just asked his niece for a glass of water. Mrs. Isbell said she left to get the water and when she returned, Mr. Campbell had collapsed. It was believed that he was dead when Mrs. Isbell reached him. The death was so sudden that no doctor was summoned.

Funeral services were held in the Mount Vernon church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and interment followed in the Mount Vernon cemetery, Rev. Wallace and Rev. Hodge conducted the funeral services, while funeral arrangements were in charge of C. H. Callaway.

Mr. Campbell was well known in Crockett, where he had a large host of friends who will mourn his passing. He was born in Holmes County, Mississippi, in 1847, but came to Texas about sixty-five years ago and settled in Houston county, where he had resided continuously until his death. When a young man, he was married to Miss Frances McCombs, who preceded him in death two years ago. He was a Confederate veteran, having served the South during the Civil War. He united with the Baptist church in early childhood and was a consistent member of the church until his death. He served as superintendent of his home Sunday school for thirty-five years.

Survivors of the deceased are his brother, Dave W. Campbell of Austin; one sister, Mrs. Susie McCombs of Weldon; a niece, Mrs. C. B. Isbell, of Arbor, and numerous other relatives in Houston County.

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