

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1929

Mrs. M. E. Webb, Dallas Resident 43 Years, Dies

In the death Thursday night of Mrs. M. E. Webb, 3818 Hall street, another of those links which bind the Greater Dallas of today to the hustling little Dallas of nearly half a century ago was broken.

Born in Milton County, Georgia, June 24, 1849, as Mary Elizabeth Rainwater, Mrs. Webb went through the stirring scenes of the Civil War. Her mother's home was directly in the path of Sherman's march to the sea and was used by General Sherman as headquarters for his officers while in that section. The courteous treatment of the "little rebel" and her mother by these officers, the booming cannon and the pall of smoke from burning villages and cities which marked the course taken by the invader as he crossed Georgia on his famous march all made a vivid impression on the young school girl's mind which never faded. The impression made by the Yankee officers did not go very deep, however, as she married Capt. James H. Webb, a young officer in Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army, when she was 17.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Webb moved to Dallas in December, 1888, and had lived here ever since, celebrating her

eightieth birthday June 24. A member of the First Baptist Church here for nearly forty-three years, she saw it grow in membership from less than 500 to over 5,000.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Ethel Webb of Dallas; by three sons, Charles H. Webb of San Antonio, Ollie B. Webb, assistant to the president of the Texas & Pacific Railway, New Orleans, and James H. Webb, president Southwestern Engraving Company, Dallas, and by a niece, Mrs. John F. Knott of Dallas. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, 3818 Hall street, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. In the absence of Dr. Truett, Dr. Marshall Craig of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church will conduct the services, assisted by Robert H. Coleman, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. The pallbearers will be Roy Chandler, John F. Knott, Robert Short, R. S. Shapard, Frank Jensen, R. G. Buford, Guy Cahoon and W. B. Todd.

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