

Bride of 1865 Dies in Sleep At Age of 95

Mrs. Polly Mayfield Watched Building of Capitol at Austin

Mrs. Polly Mayfield, who was born the year before Texas was admitted to the Union and who had a vivid memory of Gen. Sam Houston wearing a pink calico ruffled shirt at a political meeting in Austin, died in her sleep Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hope Mayfield Lander, 5018 Bryan. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Weed Funeral Home in Austin.

Mrs. Mayfield was born at Fayetteville, Ark., on Feb. 13, 1844, moved to Austin when she was 3 years old, and lived ninety-two of her ninety-five years in the Lone Star State. Her mother died soon after the family moved to Austin and was one of the first twelve persons buried in the Austin city cemetery. As a girl, Mrs. Mayfield made her home with the late Judge and Mrs. Seeborn Sneed, a family well known in legal circles of the state, and was married to Ephriam Mayfield after his return from the Civil War. The wedding took place in the Sneed home, which was the first rock house in Austin and which Mrs. Mayfield visited just two years ago.

She often told stories of dancing with early Governors of the state, of the hooped skirt and the Civil War eras, of the day when the Capitol burned in Austin, and of their home in Austin located only a block from the present Capitol grounds which the family watched with interest while the present Capitol building was being erected.

To the children of the Lander School, which Mrs. Langer operated until a few years ago, Mrs. Mayfield was known as WaWa. Mrs. Mayfield, who never weighed more than eighty-eight pounds in her life, was active for her years and only Monday afternoon went for an automobile ride. She had lived in Dallas for fifteen years.

Four of her nine children survive, Mrs. Lander, and Mrs. M. M. Thompson of Dallas, Sinnett Mayfield and Louis Mayfield of Austin.

Woman Who Lived In Texas Nearly A Century Passes



MRS. POLLY MAYFIELD.