

A Texas Pioneer Citizen.

John Irby

John Irby, pioneer citizen of Texas, died at his home one mile west of Irving, September 9, 1910. Although in seeming good health, he had on a Saturday returned from a visit to his sister in Oklahoma, and on the following Tuesday was stricken with paralysis, which affected his left side only. Best medical aid was given, and all done that could be, but after lingering some days, what of John Irby was mortal had to succumb to the dread monster—death. He was laid to rest in the Sowers cemetery on Sunday evening, Sept. 11, in the presence of hundreds of friends. The funeral services were beautifully conducted by Bro. L. M. Keeling of the Irving Baptist church.

John Irby was born in the State of Illinois, in the year 1850, August 23. In January his father, William Irby, and his mother, Mary, came to Texas, bringing with them three girls and three boys—John being one of them. They located in Dallas county, two miles northeast of Irving. His father was a herdsman and ranchman. This country was then so sparsely settled that wild animals were company to early settlers and travelers. Houses had to be hunted; and neighbors were then appreciated. It was not uncommon to go 12 to 15 miles to visit neighbors. It was here that true friendship was entwined in this noble man's heart. Life was then appreciated—and manslaughter was not common. Kindness and love for fellow man did not cease to grow, as was manifest by the many he helped. Hungry orphans he so often fed. Destitute and needy widows were never turned away unaided. He was the friend to the poor. We can safely say that the thousand-mile mark was long since reached by him in going to assist where he could help. He carried out this fully—he let not the left hand know what the right hand did. When but a boy of 13, he went to Mexico, remaining there four years. After returning, at the age of 18 he was married to Miss Martha Price. To this Union were born five boys, three of whom are living. They are W. H. Irby of Dallas, Tom Irby of Dallas (deceased), Bob and Oak of Irving, and one dying in infancy.

The Living Index
Sept 17, 1910

John Irby
d Sep 9, 1910

3 sisters

Paralysis

250

Sowers Cemetery

Ill, - Aug 23, 1850

Father. William Irby
Mother Mary Irby

Spouse Martha Price
5 Boys - 2 deceased

Sowers Cemetery



Death of John Irby

Following the stroke of paralysis suffered by Mr. Jno. Irby some two weeks or more ago, he succumbed to death's call at an late hour last Friday night. The funeral was held at Sowers cemetery last Sunday evening, and was very largely attended.

Mr. Irby was one of the pioneer settlers of Dallas, and was one of the prominent citizens of the Irving vicinity. His friends were many here, and they and the community are great losers in his death.

Index gives space to friends for the eulogy following:

This citizen and Henry Britain were close associates since 1868. Freighted from Milligan to Dallas for the old firm of Clark & Bryan. Farms then were counted, many of which took in only 20 acres. So he lived to see, first, these acres cultivated, then villages, towns, and, last, cities. Many were his early encounters with Mexicans and Indians.

The subject of this sketch was a second time married—this time to Miss Maggie Nobles; to whom one son was born—Ed Irby of Dallas.

Two sisters and one brother survive him: Mrs. Mollie Blyon of Manitau, Okla.; Mrs. Louisa Crabtree of San Texas; and Dave Irby of Irving.

His surviving widow was Mrs. Mattie Welborn. Three sons, Steve, John and Charly, are left to her care; the oldest now ready to enter business school. May these boys ever emulate the hon-

est and noble example given them by their father. To the lonely wife and mother our sympathy goes out. He was her devoted companion for nearly 21 years. A home is made empty; footsteps silenced. May God, who protects and cares for those who ask him, care for and lead them through this dark hour. We have his word that he prayed, and on his death bed he asked a relative if they were coming up yonder?

As a neighbor we will miss him; as a friend we will need him. As a father, few were more indulgent. While he can never more throw charity in destitute homes, yet may his influence have helped to fit some one to take up where he left off and partially fill this vacancy that will be broadly felt.

W. B. SMITH,

HENRY BRITAIN,

(Mrs.) LIZZIE BRANGE,

(Mrs.) SALLIE HARVIE,

Committee.

*The Irving
Index*

Sept 17, 1910

The Irving Index

Apr. 30, 1910

Tom W. Irby Dead

Tom W. Irby died at his home, 19 Cockrell avenue, Dallas, Monday night, and the funeral service and burial were at the Sowers cemetery on Wednesday. The remains were conveyed out in a city hearse and followed by the family and a number of friends.

Deceased was a son of Mr. Jno. Irby of near Sowers, and was born and reared in this vicinity. In early manhood, however, he went to the city, where he has since resided—seldom visiting his boyhood home. He was about 39 years of age, and leaves a widow and several children.

Tom W Irby

Dallas, Tx

d. April 25, 1910

Sowers Cemetery

S/o Mr Jno Irby

39 Y O

widow

several children

The Irving Index
Jan. 8, 1910

One Dead, Two Hurt.
Fort Worth: Haywood Isabel, a
farmer 35 years of age, was instantly
killed; his wife bruised and his father
sustained a broken arm in a runaway
near Johnston Station, on the Webb
road, Wednesday.

Isabel, Haywood

3540

Train accident

d. Jan 5, 1910

Irving Index

Jan 8, 1910

The Irving Index
Dec. 10, 1910.

A Terrell Wife Suicided.

Terrell: The lifeless body of Mrs. Clifford Jeffries was found lying on the floor in her house Thursday morning, with a pistol lying by her side. She was the wife of Clifford Jeffries, employed by the Texas Midland Railway, who had gone to his work and knew nothing of the affair until notified. She and her husband have been living in Terrell about one year, coming here from Smith County, where they were reared.

Jeffries, Mrs. Clifford
d. Dec. 8, 1910 / suicide
Irving Index
Dec 10. 1910
Spouse: Clifford Jeffries

C

The Irving Index

Nov 5, 1910

Gilber E. Jones, former owner of the New York Times and son of Geo. Jones, committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple in his office in the old Times building on Park Row.

Arrangements have been made for

Jones, Gilber E
Suicide
Irw. Index
d - 1910

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The Irving Index
July 16, 1910

Twins were born to Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Keeling last Saturday.
One of them died Saturday night
and the other Tuesday. They
were buried in the Kit cemetery.
Mrs. Keeling was seriously sick,
but it is learned she is improving.

2 obits

B 9th b 9th twins
B 9th b 12th

Mr + Mrs H.S. Keeling

Kit Cemetery

Irving Index

July 16, 1910

The Irving Index
July 23, 1910

Mrs. Keeling Dies

After an illness of some two weeks, Mrs. Henry Keeling died at their home a few miles west of Irving on Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held at the Baptist tabernacle at 3 o'clock Thursday evening after which her remains were interred at the Kit cemetery where her infant twins were buried little more than a week ago.

To the bereaved husband and motherless children, Index joins with friends and neighbors in extending its heartfelt sympathy.

Some eulogistic mention will be made next week.

Keeling, Mrs. Henry
d July 20, 1910

Newborn
twins died - July 9th + 12th

Kit Cemetery

Spouse:
Mr. Henry Keeling

Irving Index

July 23, 1910

The Irving Index

Feb. 5, 1910

Tom Kent is putting up a hard fight for his life. He never thought what life was worth to a man when he killed Dick Beall. Whatever the decision of the twelve men sitting on his case say when they have heard the testimony should be received as a just one.

The jury, failing to agree in this case, was discharged Friday.

~~Kent, Tom~~

Beall, Dick

II

Feb. 5, 1910

d. ?

The Irving Index
Nov 5, 1910

Dr. J. B. King, a physician of Sigovia, Kimble County, was found dead in the Llano River by some school children. He left Junction at night for home and is supposed to have lost his way.

~~A ruling has been made by the Federal government that Mexican drawn thread work is not lace and not subject to the sixty per cent duty assessed by the government. Refunds to shippers of nearly a million dollars will soon be made by the government.~~

King, Dr. J. B.
Kimble Co.,
I.I. NOV 5, 1910

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The Irving Index
Dec 17, 1910

Albert Kuhn Dead.
Galveston: Albert Kuhn, a cotton broker, well and favorably known throughout this section of the country, died Monday, as the result of a blow on the head inflicted on Dec. 3. He had been a member of the Cotton Exchange thirty years, was a charter member of the Garten Verein and identified with other organizations.

Kuhn, Albert
Galveston, TX
d. Dec 12, 1910
Blow on head
I.I
Dec. 17, 1910

Frank Leber, aged twenty-eight, and Theresa Craig, aged twenty-five are dead, and Mrs. Sarah Cole is probably fatally burned, as a result of a fire in a rooming house in Buffalo, N.Y., late Saturday night.

The Irving Index
Jan. 8, 1910

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Craig, Theresa 2540
Leber, Frank Cole, Sarah 2840

Fire
Buffalo NY,
d. Jan 1, 1910 (possibly 8th)
I.I
Jan 8, 1910



The Irving Index

May 7, 1910

Wylie Looney, aged 17, was drowned June 2, 1907, trying to save George C. Barker, aged 15, both of Duncanville, Texas, and James K. Looney, Sr., father of the dead hero, was awarded a silver medal.

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Looney, Wylie

1740

drowned

ANGRY MOB BURNS NEGRO AT THE STAKE

KILLED CONSTABLE AFTER AT-
TEMPTING TO ENTER HOME
OF BELTON WIDOW.

CAUGHT BY POSSE NEAR CITY

Crowd Closed In on Him and Rushed
Prisoner to Town in an Autom-
obile.

Belton, Texas: Henry Gentry, a negro, who tried to enter the home of a widow here Friday, was fired upon by her daughter and later returned to the place with a shotgun and killed Constable Jim Mitchell, then fled into the country, was captured by a posse, brought back to town in an automobile, dragged through the streets and burned at the stake on the public square at 6:30 p. m.

This place has been under intense excitement all day, such as it has never seen before. In the morning about 2 o'clock Henry Gentry, a negro, 18 years old, attempted to get into the home of Mrs. Lamb, a widow, who, with her daughter, lives alone. Two weeks ago an attempt was made to get into the place. The daughter saw the negro and shot at him, missing, and the negro ran away.

Neighbors phoned to Constable Jim Mitchell. He answered the call, but could find no one. A pair of shoes and a hat were found beneath a window. Mitchell then got bloodhounds to make a further search. Apparently while he was away the negro had returned with a shotgun. The negro shot him from behind a tree, hitting him in the back. Mitchell fell from his horse and lived only a few minutes, but told, before dying, who did the killing.

As soon as possible officers and citizens went in search of the negro, who had escaped, but were handicapped, not knowing which way he went. Hounds would not trail the negro.

By 8 o'clock people had arrived from every direction and posses well organized went into all directions. A little before noon the negro was traced on his way to Shallowford, three miles from Belton. Poses centered at that spot and the negro was seen in some tall Johnson grass at the edge of a cornfield, but was lost in the weeds.

He was filled with shot. He was afterwards seen going after water another negro had placed for him in the field, but was again lost in weeds. Word went out and all available automobiles were put in use and citizens hurried to the scene, determined on revenging the death of a faithful officer.

Sheriff D. C. Burkes, his deputies and 500 citizens surrounded the field. They could not see the negro, but closed on the field and came across him about half way across the field. He was called on to surrender and refused. Two well-aimed bullets from the officers' pistols caused him to surrender.

A citizen threw a rope around his neck and he was quickly dragged to the open. One of the autos rushed to the city and some one fired two shots as an indication that they had him and the crowd in town went wild.

The Irving
Index

July 30, 1910

Gentry, Henry	Mitchell
Belton Tex	Jim
Shot/ burned at stake	Belton. Tex
	Shot
July 22 1910	July 29 1910

The Irving Index
July 2, 1910

Last Sunday was regular service day at the Methodist church in Irving, but owing to the sickness of his wife, pastor J. C. Moore could not fill his appointment. Thursday the news reached Irving that Mrs. Moore had died at their home in West Dallas. This was painful news to many Irving friends, who join in sympathy for the bereft husband and children.

Mrs J C Moore

July 2 1910

I. N.

d June 30, 1910

(possibly smallpox

see husbands

obit. on

next page)

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The Irving Index
July 30, 1910

J.C. Moore (Rev)

July 29, 1910

wife preceded

by 1-2 weeks.

See previous

OBIT

Smallpox

SON - 2

daughter - 2

II
July 30 1910

Rev. J. C. Moore Dead

News reached Irving last Saturday morning of the death on Friday night of Rev. J. C. Moore, at his home in West Dallas. Rev. Mr. Moore was pastor of the Irving Methodist church, and the unexpected news came as a great shock to his members and many Irving friends. His death was doubly sad and painful to his friends, because following closely that of his wife, who preceded him only a week or so—both yielding to the same fatal malady, supposed to have been a form of smallpox.

Though Mr. Moore had only been pastor in Irving this conference year, he had made friends and become popular not only with his members, but with Irving people generally—and they all share in the sorrow, and the regret that this godly laborer and friend was seemingly so untimely called from his field of useful service and from his family. To the surviving son, just approaching manhood, and the daughter, about 15 years of age, and to the younger orphaned little children—boy and girl—the many Irving friends tender their sincere sympathy.

The protracted meeting begun at the Methodist church here last Sunday was Mr. Moore's appointment, and the church altar was befittingly draped in mourning for the dead pastor.

The Irving Index

Jan. 13, 1910

Will and Charles Mullins, negroes, were publicly hanged in Osceola, Ark., before 3,000 people, for the murder of A. Robinson and his daughter, who lived in a houseboat on the river near that place.

2 obits

Will Mullins

Charles Mullins

hanged.

I.I.

Jan 13, 1910

2 obits

A. Robinson - father

Robinson - daughter