

A DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER

FRONTIERSMAN JAMES M. KENNEDY
WAS CALLED TO HIS RE-
WARD FRIDAY.

STIRRING SCENES AND ADVENTURES

Fight With the Last Band of Maraud-
ing Comanche and Kiowas in
Dallas County.

James M. Kennedy, a Dallas County pioneer, who had witnessed and taken part in the stirring scenes and dangers of the frontier as it was half a century ago, died of heart failure last Friday at his home, fifteen miles northwest of the city near Carrollton.

Mr. Kennedy was born in the Fairfield district of South Carolina in 1829 and traced



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his lineage to the sturdy Irish settlers who reclaimed that country.

When he was 8 years old his parents moved to Tallapoosa County, Alabama, where his father died two years later.

In 1843 the family moved to Arkansas. In 1845 they again changed their location, moving to Texas and locating at a place fifteen miles north of the present city of Dallas.

At that time he was 16 years old. The country was wild. Buffalo roamed the prairie in herds. The cedar brakes and thickets along the Trinity were the habitation of bear, panthers and numbers of wolves.

The settlers were in constant dread of raids by the murderous Comanches and Kiowas and were frequently called upon to protect their lives and their horses and cattle from them. Mr. Kennedy commanded a company of frontiersmen who chased one of the last bands of marauders out of Dallas County.

The Indians were overtaken on the banks of Denton Creek, in Denton County, where a skirmish ensued in which they were defeated and their chief mortally wounded and captured.

Among the articles taken with the chief was a shield decorated with hair from 100 scalps which represented the number of people he had killed.

When Mr. Kennedy first visited Dallas it consisted of only one house on the bank of the river.

In 1860 at the outbreak of the war between the States he enlisted in the Confederate army from Dallas County, joining Darnell's regiment and being commissioned First Lieutenant of Jackson's company. He served the four years of war and at its end returned to his home, where he has lived quietly since.

Up to the hour of his death he enjoyed good health and was in good spirits.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was also a prominent Mason.

He had been a subscriber to The Dallas News since its establishment.

A wife and seven grown children survive him. The interment took place at Webb's Chapel on Farmers Branch with Masonic honors.