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A PIONEER PASSES OVER THE RIVER

Andrew Briscoe Cole, Aged 86 Years, 3 Months, 21 Days

DIED NEAR PISGAH SUNDAY MORNING

Was a Veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars; Was Also a '49er – Funeral Monday Afternoon

Andrew Briscoe Cole, of near Pisgah, and one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died Sunday morning, after a short illness. Funeral services were held at the Pisgah Baptist church Monday afternoon, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Howerton, of Tipton, and attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Interment took place in the church cemetery. Mr. Cole was one of a family of 19 children – nine sons and ten daughters – and was born in this county October 4, 1827. His father and mother, Stephen and Hannah Cole, came to Cooper County in an early day and located at what is the present site of Boonville, and from that time on the family played a prominent part in the history of the county. When a lad of 17 years, he went to the Mexican War. Later, when the gold rush to the California gold fields took place, he crossed the plains. He returned home in a short time and, in 1852, drove 300 head of cattle to California and was six months on the road. From this trip he returned home by way of Central America, going to New York by steamer, thence home by rail. During this trip he was shipwrecked off the coast of Lower California and lost all of his belongings with the exception of a small chest. When the Civil War came on, he enlisted under the Stars and Bars and did valiant service for the Confederate cause. Mr. Cole served one term as presiding judge of the Cooper County court, being elected in November, 1878, and his term expiring January 1, 1883. Mr. Cole was twice married. In June 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann Baughman, who died in January, 1864. His second wife, who survives him, was Miss Mary Hickox, he being united in marriage with her in May, 1866. Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. O. Morris, and three sons, W. H., C. E., and G. T. Cole, all of near Pisgah. He also leaves five brothers, Cornelius Cole, of Kansas; Samuel Cole, of Vernon County; Holbert Cole, of Oklahoma; Oliver Cole, of St. Clair County; and Madison Cole, of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Mrs. H. B. Baughman, of this place, and Mrs. Sallie Kaufman, of St. Clair County; and two half-sisters, Mrs. R. S. Roe and Mrs. Jennie Cash, of the Bell Air neighborhood. Through all the active years Mr. Cole was a firm believer in the wisdom and love of a Heavenly Father, and since early youth had been a consistent and loyal member of the Baptist church. During his four score and six years of life he saw many stirring scenes, he faced death in many different forms, he saw this county develop from a raw and wild section into one of happy homes and prosperous communities. In his death there passed away an excellent neighbor, a good citizen and a kind and loving husband and father.