

# Obituary of Matthew Simeon Greer

## Uncle Babe Greer Died Monday Night

Kopperl, Texas, June 30, 1915

Although not unexpected, the whole community was shocked when the announcement was made last Monday night at 9 p.m. that M. S. Greer was dead. Mr. Greer, better known as Uncle Babe, had been in poor health for several years, having had several strokes of paralysis, and although crippled and unable to get about much, he was usually jolly and greeted everyone with a smile. Like Job of old his suffering was greater than his groanings.

He was so well and favorably known here that we do not hesitate to say that he will be as much missed as any man in the whole country.

Mr. Greer was a Texas Pioneer, was born in Washington County, Texas, April 15, 1845. Came to Bosque Co. when quite young. He enlisted in the army on fronteer [sic] of Texas in 1863 under Col. J. B. (Buck) Barry. Was also a Texas Ranger and participating in several engagements with the Indians during their uprisings in ear[ly] days. In 1868 he began clerking in a store at Kimball and in 1881 Porter, Greer & Co. established the first Mercantile business in town of Kopperl, this being the advent of the Santa Fe Ry. into Bosque County. Continuing in business there until 1896 when he retired to his farm one mile north of town.

In 1873 he married Sophie E. Lain [sic — should be Lane] and nine children were born to them. They are Parley P. Greer, Globe, Ariz.; Wm. N. Greer, Kopperl; Mrs. J. H. Burnett, Kopperl; Mrs. M. J. Holines [sic — should be Holmes], Memphis, Tex.; Mrs. E. C. Rush, Globe, Ariz.; Mrs. H. G. [sic — should be H. C.] Carlisle, Kopperl and three girls Mignon, Wilmirth, and Verna Mae at home. All the children were at his bedside when the end came.

His remains were laid to rest in the Kopperl Cemetery with Masonic honors, he having been one of the oldest members of the order here.