

Thursday, August 13, 1942

Mrs. Leona Herd Of Valyermo Laid to Rest

Mrs. Leona Sweet Herd passed away at her home at the Valyermo Ranch, Valyermo, on Thursday, August 6th, and services were held at the Mumaw Funeral Chapel on Monday afternoon, August 10, at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. Harold A. Loy of the Community Methodist Church officiating.

Burial followed in the Lancaster Cemetery under the direction of the Mumaw Funeral Home.

Mrs. Herd was born at Scyene, Dallas County, Texas, on January 6, 1862. Her education was limited to brief periods of attendance at elementary schools, as her mother died when she was 12 years old, leaving her to attend to most of the household duties for her father, three brothers and a younger sister.

Those were pioneer days when the family spun and wove its own cloth for clothing by the dim light of home molded tallow candles. Her father freighted his cotton by ox team from their Dallas County homestead more than three hundred miles to Nachitoches, from where it was floated down the Red River to the Mississippi, and on to southern port markets. Her parents were Henry C. and Elizabeth (Peeler) Sweet.