

Capt. J.C. Huchingson Obituary
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HICO, Texas Jan. 21 -- Bringing to the close of an unusually useful life which extended over a period of more than ninety-two years, came the death of Capt. J. C. Huchingson on Jan. 10. Known locally as the Father of Hico, he went about his duties as agent for The Dallas Morning News up to only a few weeks of his death, and now all Hico misses his familiar face at the newsstand in the post office. He had been agent for The News here for almost thirty years. Born on Nov. 7, 1837, near Little Rock, he fought in the Civil War on the Southern side, attaining the rank of Captain. Soon after the close of the war he married Miss Mattie Clements near Magnolia, Ark., and soon after came to Texas, his bride riding in an ox wagon while he walked and drove the oxen. To this union were born eight children, five of whom preceded him in death. The three remaining children were present to attend his funeral: Frank of Mexia, Mrs. Jessie Overton of Duncan, Ok., and Miss Johnnie of Hico. His wife died in 1904. Besides his own children Captain Huchingson raised seventeen orphan children, all of whom survive him. He is also survived by two brothers, John of Vernon and Napoleon of Gilmer. When, in 1881, the railroad came to Hico, Captain Huchingson came with it, moving from Old Hico and bringing with him four rooms of the dwelling in which he died. He erected the first mercantile building in Hico, and occupied it as Hico's first merchant. Captain Huchingson was a Democrat, a prohibitionist and a charter member of the Hico Blue Lodge No. 477, A. F. & A. M., having assisted in the organization of this lodge in January, 1877. He was a faithful worker in the Baptist Church, of which he had been a member for fifty-six years. He was twice Mayor of Hico and at various times a member of both the City Council and the Board of Education. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Clarence Allen Morton, and burial was in the Hico Cemetery, with the following members of the Masonic lodge as pallbearers: Dr. Charles M. Hall, John V. Lackey, George Powledge, B. B. Gamble, John Higgins and Rucker Wright.

(Captain James Calvin Huchingson, Nov. 7, 1837-January 10, 1930)