

JOHN RANKIN ALFORD

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HICO, Hamilton Co., Texas, April 7—Dr. John Rankin Alford, 94, pioneer physician of Hamilton County, died here April 1, and funeral services were held Monday, with burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

Dr. Alford was born in Lawrence County, Tennessee, Jan 18, 1834. The family came to Texas in 1855, settling in Freestone County, and in 1860, the Alfords moved to Hamilton County. Dr. Alford named the old town of Hico, where he was postmaster for a time. During the Civil War, he served as Lieutenant in a company of volunteers, which protected the families on the frontier.

In 1875, Alford was licensed to practice medicine and followed the profession for forty years, being in the drug business also a part of the time. He was a charter member of the local Christian Church and had been a Mason since he was 21 years old. He was married twice.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J.T. Thompson, followed by the Masonic burial rites.

Besides his wife, Dr. Alford is survived by nine children, twenty-one grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a brother, A.R. Alford. The surviving children are Mrs. Emma Stern, Anaheim, Cal.; Mrs. J.N. McFatter, Ranger; Marshall Alford, Waco; Aaron Alford, Oklahoma City; Alsey Alford, Crane City; John Alford, Point; Mrs. A.H. Nance, Dallas; Mrs. W.A. Cox, Seminole, and Ursie Alford, Hico.