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Miss Winifred McCoid Passes on Suddenly

Daughter of a Pioneer Logan Family Stricken — Funeral Service on Tuesday Afternoon

Winifred Beatrice McCoid, youngest daughter of James and Emeline McCoid, pioneer residents of Logan passed away at her home in Logan shortly before noon on Saturday, November 18, 1939. Death came suddenly and with little warning, as Miss McCoid had been about her duties and had called on neighbors shortly before her demise. Returning to her home she was stricken on the porch and passed away within a few minutes after being removed to her room.

Miss McCoid was born February 18, 1879 and grew to womanhood in the old family home on the east side of the Boyer River. While her passing was so sudden and a great shock to all, it was keeping with her desire that she might be spared a lingering and painful illness. Her age was 60 years and nine months. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Norton of Medina, Texas, and Mrs. Harvey Johnson of Shenandoah; and three brothers, Vern, who lives in Missouri, Harry in Colorado, and Lee in California.

Her cheerful, optimistic view of life and its problems endeared her not only to the family but also to her friends. The many little services she was able to render to others were limited only by her insufficient physical strength to do more. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and for a number of years of the Order of the Eastern Star. Throughout her life she was a conscientious Christian.

These are the words of a friend of the family quoted at the funeral services. "The Immortal: If we will but be willing to have it so death will no longer be a terrible enemy to be feared, but rather a guide to lead us on yet untrodden way, a comrade to talk beside us along that strange when our earthly pilgrimage ends and a greater pilgrimage begins."

Funeral services were held at the Yeaman Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, November 21. Rev. J.G. Reinhart of the Presbyterian Church was the officiating clergyman. Mrs. Theron Arthur and Mrs. Roy E. Havens sang "Home of the Soul" and "No Tears in the Sky." Mrs. J. A. Murray accompanist. Pallbearers were G. C. Black, Ilo Hathaway, L. W. Logan, J. T. Case, C. A. Stern, and Geo P. Berry. Interment in the Logan Cemetery.

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Note by Bill: Winifred's father, James McCoid, owned the mill on the Boyer River that had belonged to Henry Reel. He also owned the old stone house.