

Port Lavaca Wave
May 23, 1907

A PIONEER CALLED.

Death of Capt. Henry Smith on Wednesday Afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon Capt. Henry Smith one of our old residents and a highly esteemed citizen passed away at his home in north Port Lavaca surrounded by the members of his family. He had enjoyed better health than for years during the past winter and his many friends expected that he had a lengthy period of life and usefulness before him despite his years and they were shocked at the announcement of his death.

The funeral services took place at the family home at 2 p m Thursday, Father Hendricks officiating, the deceased being a consistent and devoted Catholic and afterwards were followed to the cemetery by a long procession and peacefully laid to rest.

Capt. Henry Smith was an early German pioneer of Texas coming over with a band of sturdy settlers and landing in sailing yessels at Indian Point afterward known as Old Town in the fall of 1845 and he was a friend of many of those who moved and located inland in the first days of Texas as a state and did so much toward her prosperity and advancement. He was born March 1st, 1829 and at time of death was 78 years, 2 months and 21 days old. In the spring of 1851 he was married on Matagorda Island to Miss Josephine Ludwig and there was born to them 16 children, ten of whom are living, 5 boys and 5 girls as follows:

Chris, Wm.H., James and E.J. Smith, Mrs. Louisa Braden, Miss Lizzie Smith, Mrs. Theresa Rasmussen, and Miss Alice Smith of Port Lavaca; Mrs. Josephine Walker of San Antonio and John P. Smith of Seguin.

While others of the German pioneers moved to the interior, his life was spent in Calhoun and adjacent counties, and it was a well spent life for he was always honest and upright and commanded the confidence of all who knew him and fulfilled all the duties of a good citizen. The departure of the good man is greatly regretted but he has gone to his reward. The Wave extends

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