Mrs. Mary Qualls Dies; Burial Set Near Birthplace

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Qualls, 84, will be buried Friday in Five Mile Cemetery near the spot where she was born in the days when Dallas County families traveled by wagon to Galveston after supplies.

Mrs. Qualls, sister of the late George W. Ledbetter, who served Dallas County sixteen years as Commissioner, and daughter of one of the county's earliest settlers, died after a long illness Thursday at 415 S Wyckoff.

Her father, Arthur H. Ledbetter, one of the first Baptist preachers in the county, came here from Tennessee in the spring of 1848. Dallas was a country community when he settled on a tract of land bordering the West Fork of the Trinity.

The elder Ledbetter established five Baptist churches in Dallas County. At one time he had four of them in his pastoral charge, ministering to them between days spent in his fields. He later moved to a farm north of Dallas.

Mrs. Qualls was born Jan. 6, 1856. She grew up in the Five Mile community. On Dec. 17, 1876, she married A. B. Qualls, and they moved to Dallas fifty-two years ago.

Funeral services for Mrs. Qualls will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the George A. Brewer Funeral Chapel. Dr. H. L. Holmes will officiate.

Survivors include a son, J. B. Qualls; four daughters, Mrs. George McLeod and Mrs. Arthur Miles of Dallas, Mrs. P. E. Rainwater of Grapevine and Mrs. Winfield B. Oldham of Portales, N.M.; nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.