

W. F. Stockton was born in Tippah Co., Miss.
March 28, 1842, and died June 24, 1919 at
Texarkana, Ark, professed religion in early life
joined the M. E. Church South, at Old New Hope Church
in Grant Co. Ark, and moved to Texas in 1893.

Brother Stockton was a good and true man.
For fifty years he was a faithful member of
the Church, loving its doctrines and seeking to
promote its interests. As a Christian Bro Stockton
was as true as steel and always maintained
his fidelity to God and the Church. He was a fine
character - although he was poor in this world's
goods, yet he was rich in gospel grace.

As a neighbor he had a heart to encompass
the whole world of mankind - generous and
charitable to all men. All who knew him
esteemed him, and in this community he leaves
a host of friends whose lives have been
made sad by reason of death.

He was a Confederate Veteran being a
member of R. E. Lee Camp. He enlisted
in Co K. 2nd Ark Inf. at Grant Co Ark.

in the spring of 1861, serving under
Capt. Treadgill, in Ark. Ky. Miss. & Tenn.

Bro. Stockton was a prominent Mason,
being commonly known as the Father of
Polytechnic Lodge # 925. A. F. & A. M.

as it was only through his untiring and
earnest efforts that this lodge was formed
he being a charter member of same.

He was initiated into Masonry during the war
having all three degrees conferred upon him
in one day by Bro. English, the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ark.

He was married to Sarah J. Hamilton on Aug. 9, 1866.
They lived together 50 yrs. his wife dying in 1917.

Eight children were born to them, five who survive him,
W. T. and J. P. of Terarkana, F. A., Mattie and Sallie
of Polytechnic, and thirty grand children.

Funeral services were held at the home of his
son F. A. Stockton of Polytechnic, the remains were
buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

J. B. Thompson J. E. Garrell
G. W. Pickett