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Mr. Martin A. Gauldin Dead.

Mr. Martin A. Gauldin, one of Saline's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home in this city of paralysis at the age of 80 years, 9 months and three days.

Mr. Gauldin had been very feeble for years and had been ill and failing for the past eighteen months.

He was an old pioneer, coming to the state from Campbell county, Virginia, in 1828 and to Saline county in 1840. He was a carpenter and without means when he arrived here, but had intelligence and industry and all the golden opportunities of a new country to inspire him and acquired a large amount of property.

His being educated above the average man of his circumstances of those days, is shown in his diary written when Saline was on the frontier as far as civilization is concerned. This now ancient little book is in the possession of Martin Gauldin, Jr., his youngest child. It should be in the archives of a Saline county historical society except for the fact that this grand county of 40,000 people

has never had the enterprise to have such a thing. The book records that with John A. Trigg, Wm. Booker and son Mr. Gauldin made a trip to Texas in 1845 looking for investment. If they had only known. They could have located every city in that immense domain now bristling with the evidences of wealth and civilization. In 1846 Mr. Gauldin married Miss Nancy Kiser, daughter of the late Captain Daniel Kiser. Mr. Gauldin went to California with the goldseekers in '49 and organized a company of which he was captain in the late civil war. He was a contractor and builder after the war. In short, he lived a busy and useful life.

Mrs. Gauldin and nine children are left of the family, Mrs. Addie Carver, Edmond, R. L., Martin, Miss Callie, of Marshall; Mrs. Mollie Minor, Mrs. Bettie Blosser, Marcellus and J. B. Gauldin, all of Saline.

The funeral was observed at Union near the old homestead. There was a large concourse of of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. W. R. Dobyne conducted the services. The burial was in the churchyard.