Obituary Writeup of the Father of Mrs. A. H Weller

The First Texas Ranger in 1851 Company is Dead.

Chas. Bock Sr.
Harlingen, Texas, Feb. 3, 1913

Charles Bock, Sr., of this city died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Weller, at 11 o'clock after an illness lasting about five weeks. Mr. Bock was born in the village of Verncen Braunschweig, Germany, in the year 1833. In 1843 he sailed for America from Bremen, on the Ship Siaona, and landed in Galveston, from where he walked to Harrisburg and then to Houston and later to Columbus, Texas.

At the age of 18 he joined the Texas State Rangers at Goliad. Captain Henry was then in command and he was the first Ranger to be accepted. He fought the Indians for two years and was a Confederate soldier under General Bates in the Civil War, being a private in Captain Sanders' company of Major Brown's battalion; In 1858 he married Miss Katheryne Pelzer in New Braunfels. Five children of this union survive.

Services were conducted at the Weller home here this afternoon, Rev. L. R. Burress of Brownsville officiating. The remains were shipped to Oakland, Texas, for burial in the Bock Home Cemetery and were accompanied by Mrs. A. H. Weller of this city and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Weller of Brownsville. Deceased was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 258 at Oakland.

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