

## **William Conrad Williams**

William Conrad Williams was born February 20, 1854, on the Matagorda Peninsula, where he lived with his parents until early manhood. He then moved to Matagorda County, locating near where the town of Bay City now stands. There he met Miss Martha Alice Franz and they were united in marriage on July 10, 1876. To this union eight children were born, six of whom survive.

In July of this year Mr. and Mrs. Williams had the pleasure of celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, when all their children were present and many friends from throughout the county called to offer congratulations and best wishes.

For eleven years they made their home at Big Hill, which later became known as Old Gulf.

Mr. Williams and family then moved to Bay City where he was in business for himself eleven years. In 1905 he moved to Palacios and continued to make this his home until his death on November 24, 1946 at the age of 92 years, 9 months and 4 days.

On coming to Palacios Mr. Williams built the first business house here and was very interested in the growth and welfare of Palacios all through his active years. He became a Christian at an early age, uniting with the Christian Church in which he faithfully served through life.

Mr. Williams lived an exciting colorful life. He remembered well the days of the Civil War. As a boy he and his playmate, Charles A. Siringo, who later became an author and told in his books much of the life of "Billy Williams," took many chances in order to see the fighting. He often related his experiences while driving cattle up the old Chisholm Trail and encountered the Indians, and of how "Billy the Kid" came to their camp one night and slept in his tent.

Survivors besides his wife are six children, Mrs. C. A. Newton, San Antonio; Mrs. R. C. Huddleston, Palacios; Mrs. George Walker, Kingsville; Alvin and George Williams, Bay City, and Walter Williams, Palacios; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Palacios Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. C. E. Metcalfe, a former pastor and close friend. Burial was made in the Palacios cemetery.

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**Mrs. W. C. Williams Dies In San Antonio Burial Here Friday - Martha  
Alice Williams**

Mrs. W. C. Williams, long-time resident of Palacios, died Wednesday morning in a San Antonio hospital.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 17, at 10 o'clock in the Palacios Funeral Home. Minister W. E. Coffman and Minister Charles E. Metcalf will conduct the services. Burial will be at the Palacios Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. C. Huddleston of Palacios, Mrs. George Walker of Kingsville, and Mrs. C. A. Newton of San Antonio; two sons, J. A. Williams and George Williams, both of Bay City; one sister, Mrs. Theresa Sexton, also of Bay City.

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**Final Rites Held For W. H. "Pete" Williams, Pioneer Citizen**

Last rites for William [Walter] Henry "Pete" Williams, 74, a native and life-long resident of Matagorda County, were held from the Palacios Funeral Home Saturday with the Rev Rayford Harris and W. C. Coffman officiating. He died here last Thursday.

Born on June 1, 1877, Mr. Williams was a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. W. C. Williams of Palacios, who is 91; three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Newton of San Antonio, Mrs. Mabel Walker of Kingsville, and Mrs. Lottie Gay Huddleston of Palacios; and two brothers, J. A. Williams and George Williams of Bay City.

Burial was in Palacios Cemetery.

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