

AN OLD TIME DOCTOR

Dr. Edward Ragsdale Ministered to Wounded of Both Sides at The Battle of Lone Jack

Dr. Edward Ragsdale, a pioneer physician of eastern Jackson County, died Friday at his home in Lee's Summit as a result of injuries received Sunday when he fell down a flight of steps.

Dr. Ragsdale was born July 30, 1836, in Bedford County, Tenn.



DR. EDWARD RAGSDALE

When he was an infant his mother died and his father brought him at the age of eighteen months, to Lexington, Mo. Later they went to Lone Jack where Dr. Ragsdale practiced his profession and was in the drug business most of his life. His education was received at the old Chapel Hill College which was a flourishing institution of learning about seventy years ago indeed one of the best in Western Missouri. Several years after attending this school he was a teacher. His medical education was received in Philadelphia.

During the Civil War Dr. Ragsdale was living in Lone Jack, and following the battle of August 16, 1862, he gave great assistance in caring for the wounded.

Dr. Ragsdale was married twice. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Easley of Lone Jack, who became the mother of five children, and who died in August 1875. In the following year he was married to Miss Virginia Easley, a sister of his first wife, who survives him. Four of his children are living; among them Dr. Thomas Ragsdale, of Lee's Summit, at whose house he died, and another son who is in La Junta, Col.

Five years ago Dr. Ragsdale retired from active professional life and has since lived in Lee's Summit.

Funeral services were conducted in the Lone Jack Baptist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the burial in the Lone Jack cemetery.