

**Dr. Hickman Laid To  
Rest Last Friday  
At Des Arc Cemetery**

Dr. J. L. Hickman, an account of whose passing last Thursday, March 2, appeared in the Journal-Banner last week, was laid to rest in the cemetery at Des Arc Friday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Piedmont, the services being in charge of the pastor, Rev. Thomas E. Smith, assisted by Rev. Wade L. Cochran, pastor of Piedmont Baptist church. A choir, composed of Messrs. W. E. Hamacher, R. G. Holmes, Mrs. W. D. McCreas and Mrs. H. V. Young sang beautifully "The Old Rugged Cross," "Abide With Me," and "Face to Face." Pallbearers were: A. M. Luna, Clyde W. Leeper, S. G. McColl, J. L. Ruyard, Jesse Pratt and T. W. Harris.

Services at the cemetery were in charge of Wayne Lodge No. 526 A. F. & A. M. The funeral rites of the order were given by S. E. Barr, acting as Worshipful Master, W. E. Hamacher, Chaplain, and J. C. Lance, Marshal. The services, both at the church and at the cemetery, were largely attended by the many friends of Dr. Hickman and his family, an eloquent, if silent, testimony to the universal esteem in which the deceased was held.

Dr. John L. Hickman was born in Iron county, Mo., April 10, 1871, and departed this life March 2, 1937, having attained the age of 65 years, 10 months and 22 days. He was a son of Thomas J. and Mary Hickman, pioneer residents of that county. Dr. Hickman was educated in the public school of his county, attended Wayne Academy in Piedmont and graduated from Concordia College at Gravelton, this county. Following his graduation from Concordia College, he taught in Iron and Wayne counties and served a term as School Commissioner of Iron County. In 1900, he graduated from the Kansas City Veterinary College, and thereafter practiced that profession. For several years, he was employed as a meat inspector by the U. S. Government in Kansas City. He located in Piedmont in 1919, and since that time made his home here. For a couple of years prior to last January, he was again employed by the U. S. Government in the program to eradicate tuberculosis from cattle herds, and traveled throughout Missouri, Texas and other states in that capacity.

In June, 1895, he was married to Miss Lola Whitener, whose death occurred in 1912. To this union four children were born, one, a daughter, dying in infancy. Surviving children are Mrs. Freda Long, Annapolis; Mrs. Lyman Rayfield, St. Louis; and Cresta Hickman, Kansas City. December 21, 1913, Dr. Hickman was united in marriage to Mrs. Maude Miller-Smith, who also survives. Dr. Hickman was an active member of Piedmont Methodist church, serving most of the time since 1919 in an official capacity. He was also a member of Wayne Lodge No. 526 A. F. & A. M. In addition to those named above, Dr. Hickman is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Jones of Des Arc, and Mrs. Lucy Stanley of Portland, Ore.; also by 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, besides other relatives, and a host of friends.

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