

The funeral of J. E. Downes, aged seventy one years, was held from the Methodist church Saturday evening, Rev. C. U. McLarty officiating. Mr. Downes had been in ill health for several months, but his death, attributable to heart failure, was not expected. He was for many years in the mercantile business in this city, retiring some time ago, when he went to Dallas to live with his son. He always took an interest in national, state and county politics, and everything that he believed to be for the good of his country. The local camp of Confederate Veterans, of which he was a member, held memorial services prior to the funeral and attended in a body. He was prominent in social and religious circles and was well known over the state. He leaves surviving him, two sons, Dr. Will Downes of

New York City and J. F. Downes of Dallas.

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