

Bride and Groom 62 Years Ago



MR. AND MRS. A. H. BLASSINGAME

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VAN ALSTYNE.—Mr. and Mrs. Addison H. Blassingame, aged 81 and 80 respectively, are celebrating 62 years of married life. Both were born in Anderson county, S. C., where they were married Nov. 14, 1872. In 1891 they came to Texas and settled in the Elmont community where Mrs. Blassingame joined the Baptist church. About 1900 they moved to Van Alstyne.

Three daughters were born to them, all of whom are now living. These are Mrs. Lena Thornton, Sulphur, Okla., Mrs. May Bowen, Dallas, and Mrs. Garvin Bray, Celina. There are eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Members of the families united by this marriage were active in the civil war. David W. Blassingame served four months at the close of the war. Mrs. Blassingame had two brothers under arms, George Rankin, who was advanced to rank of captain, and Will Rankin. All of these men enlisted at the age of 16.

W. N. Rankin of Howe is a brother and Mrs. Addie Farmer of Easley, S. C., is a sister of Mrs. Blassingame.

Despite age and infirmity, Mr. and Mrs. Blassingame talk interestingly about old days. Bibles and other relics establish their connection with the past.

"Aunt Margaret" - sister of W. R. Rankin, Sr.