

## A TEXAS FAMILY DURING THE CIVIL WAR

The following was taken from gravestones in Pioneer Cemetery, Dallas, Texas that I had observed while traveling in the area in the 1980's. Mr. & Mrs. Record were probably married in 1860 when she was 16 and he 26 years of age. Mrs. Record died just 2 months after the death of her youngest daughter, Sullie. Mr. Record died 2 years after the death of his wife, undoubtedly of a broken heart from so much death in his family. Like Mr. Record, the great English Puritan, John Owen, buried his entire family, including his wife. When complaining about our circumstances, we need to consider the deep anguish the Record family suffered. In everything we should always give thanks to God, especially the gracious gift from Him of modern medicine and for chlorine, antibiotics and anesthetics, in particular, always remembering Deuteronomy 8:18-19. Matthew Henry noted in his commentary that it was pride that turned the most majestic of spiritual beings in to demons. – Hadley Robinson October 1992

### J.K.P. RECORD

born October 29, 1834  
died January 16, 1872  
aged 38 yrs.

### RHODA D. RECORD, wife of J.K.P. Record

born February 22, 1844  
died November 26, 1879  
aged 26 yrs.

#### Children:

#### Mother's age at child's death

Nannie V. Record 1861 - 1864 aged 3yrs.	20 yrs.
Mary N. Record 1863 – 1864 aged 1 yr.	20 yrs.
J.K.P. Record, Jr. born January 16, 1868 died August 1868 aged 8 mos.	24 yrs.
Sullie F. Record born April 19, 1870 died September 5, 1879 aged 5 mos.	26 yrs.

On a plaque near the Record family graves:

*Educated in Tennessee as a lawyer, J. K. P. Record became the District Attorney for Dallas in 1860. He left that office to serve in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, but returned here after the conflict. In 1866, he became a state senator & served as a delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1866. He later practiced law in Dallas & was an active member of the Masons & Odd Fellows organizations.*