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MR. AND MRS. J. S. REAT ENTERTAIN FAMILY RE-UNION XMAS DAY.

Mr. John Strobla Reat came to Texas from Mississippi with his parents, Mr. J. F. and Mrs. E. Lincicum Reat, in 1874, when he was sixteen years of age. They came through the country in wagons and stopped in Travis county a year or more before they finally settled at Dime Box, Lee County, in 1876. He married Miss Ada McGinnis, daughter of Colonel N. L. and Mrs. Sarah McGinnis, at Dime Box, December 12, 1882. They lived in Dime Box on a farm twenty-eight years in which time eleven children were born six girls and five boys. Two sons, S. E. Reat of Dime Box and J. A. Reat of Lexington, followed their fathers occupation and became farmers; another two of the boys, T. N. Reat of Dime Box and Hobson Reat of Tanglewood are rural route men Grover D. Reat of Dime Box is a school teacher. December 10, 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Reat moved to Giddings - their present home. They now have seven children married - four girls and three boys. Business has taken the two single boys away from home, so they have only two daughters, Misses Ruth and Nannie at home now.

Christmas day Mr. Reat succeeded in getting all his family together for a re-union - for the first time in years. His daughter, Mrs. G. M. Attaway, husband and two children of Logansport, La., came Wednesday before Xmas and remained a week, another daughter, Mrs. W. R. Standifer, husband and son Billy, of Houston, spent several days here, Mrs. G. B. Wheeler and husband of Lexington came the day before Xmas, then Xmas day J. A. Reat and family of Lexington, S. E. Reat and family, T. N. Reat and family and Grover D. Reat of Dime Box and Hobson H. Reat of Tanglewood all arrived, which made the re-union complete, with forty-one members in all. Besides the immediate family Mr. Reat's two brothers and sister were here, Mr. J. T. Reat and Mrs. M. J. Duty of Dime Box, and Mr. G. E. U. Huckaby of Freeport, Texas.

In the afternoon a photographer came down and took a group picture of the crowd of forty-four. In the evening after supper the family gathered around the organ and sang until bed-time - with half a dozen strong bass voices, two or three strong baritones, two altos and five strong sopranos they made the walls ring.

Sunday after Xmas they all left with hopes for many more happy re-unions in the future.

This family though large in number has never had a death for which blessing all feel truly thankful.