

# Oldest Woman in State Passes

*Native of Freestone County*

Over the weekend, Texas' oldest resident, Arbella Perkins Ewings, passed away at the age of 114 years. She was a native of Freestone County, having grown up on a family farm in Streetman, Texas.

According to an article in the *Dallas Morning News*, she was born on March 13, 1894 and was the fourth-eldest of 12 children. She married Frank Ewings in 1915 and eventually moved to South Dallas where she worked as a housekeeper until the 1960's.

Reportedly, her longevity stemmed from "minding her own business." Mrs. Ewings has a sister, Annie Lee Perkins of Streetman, who is still living at age 103.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Ewings was considered to be the third-oldest person in the world.