



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Harmon W. Cook

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Harmon Cook was a Confederate veteran who lies buried in Bourland Cemetery in Keller. According to family sources at ancestry.com, he was born September 5, 1825 in Pittsylvania Co., Virginia., a son of Thomas Cook and Nancy Ann (Bolling) Cook.

His records in Washington show he enlisted in Co. E, 6th Virginia Cavalry at Brandy Station, Virginia on January 10, 1863 for the period of the war. He appears on muster rolls for July and August, 1863 and for November and December 1863. He appears on a receipt roll for clothing for the third quarter of 1863. He is shown on a roll for the general hospital in Richmond with bronchitis, admitted July 13, 1864, and sent to Danville on Aug. 11. His name is found on a register for the General Confederate States Hospital at Danville, Virginia with debilities on August 13, 1864. The roll for July and August 1864 show him sick on a furlough commencing in August 16. On the roll for September and October, 1864 he was absent sick at his home in Pittsylvania County, Virginia on a surgeon's certificate. He was present on the roll for January and February 1865.

According to family sources, he moved to Keller in January of 1882. He applied for a Confederate pension in 1914. In it, he said he enlisted June 9, 1863, and surrendered with General Lee at Appomattox. He served in Co. E, 6th Virginia Cavalry. His file contains two affidavits by C. A. Womack and W. M. Pearson, both of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Cook's widow, Matilda A. Cook, applied for a Confederate pension in 1916 while she was a resident of Henrietta, Route B, Clay Co., Texas. She said Mr. Cook died October 16, 1915 in Tarrant County. They were married October 24, 1871 in Pittsylvania Co., Virginia. She was 85 on October 30, 1916, and was born in Pittsylvania Co. She said she had been in Texas 30+ years, and had been at Henrietta for about one year. A note on the outside of her application says "DEAD 2-26-25," but that probably is the date the pension board in Austin was notified of her death.

A sketch appears in Mrs. Yeary's book, probably supplied by Mr. Cook himself: *"HARMON COOK, Keller, Texas--Born Sept. 5, 1825 near Chatham, Va. Enlisted in the Confederate Army in June, 1862, as private in Company E, Sixth Virginia Cavalry, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's Brigade, Gen. Lomax's Division, Army of Northern Virginia. My first Captain was William Mitchell, and the first Colonel, Flournoy. I was in the battles of Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Five Forks, Richmond, Petersburg and the Second Manassas, and with Gen. Lee when he surrendered at Appomattox Court House April 9, 1865."*

There is extensive internet genealogy material available on Mr. Cook and his family at Ancestry.com. According to it, Harmon married Sarah Jane Wright on August 8, 1846 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She was born about 1830, and was a daughter of John P. Wright.

Sarah and Harmon had the following children: Buck, Jim, Mellie, Nannie, Fannie, John Thomas, Harmon Jr. born October 14, 1856 in Pittsylvania County Virginia.

Harmon then married Matilda Ann Cook, (daughter of Harmon and Margaret Bolling Cook). She was born October 31, 1831 and died in February, 1925, they were married on October 24, 1871. Matilda and Harmon had one child: Vivan. Matilda and Harmon were double first cousins since their fathers were brothers and their mothers were sisters.

