



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Edward Pompei Deason

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Edward Pompei Deason was a native of Alabama who served in an infantry regiment from his home state. He came to Tarrant County in 1878, and lived in northeast Tarrant County just north of the West Fork of the Trinity. He lies buried in a small abandoned cemetery south of the river at the intersection of Meadowbrook Drive and Ederville Road.

One of Edward's sons told a family member that his father's name was Pompei. Researchers at Ancestry.com say he was a son of Joseph Deason (1810-1864) and his wife, Mary Thompson (born 1815). Edward was born December 25, 1838 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

Edward and his parents and siblings appear in the 1850 census of District 1, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Edward was eleven years old.

The 1860 census of Tuscaloosa Beat in Tuscaloosa County lists Joseph Deason's family, including twenty-year-old Edward and his two-years-younger brother, William, who served in the Confederate army with him. Family researchers say Joseph Deason had four sons who served the South, and that the three who survived the War settled in Texas.

Edward Deason served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. E, 18<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry. He enlisted July 27, 1861 at Carthage, Alabama for the duration of the War. He is listed on a muster roll as sick on furlough since December 12, 1861. On August 1, 1862 he was promoted from private to first corporal. On October 1, 1862 he was promoted to fourth sergeant. On November 1, 1863 Edward's brother, William H. Deason, who was serving in Co. E with him, died in the Academy Hospital in



Marietta, Alabama. Their mother, Mary Deason (whose post office address was Tuscaloosa, Alabama) was named in his military file as his survivor.

Edward was captured near Atlanta, Georgia on August 4, 1864, and was first sent to Nashville, Tennessee, then to Louisville, Kentucky, from where he was sent on August 13. On August 14, 1864 he arrived at Camp Chase, Ohio, where he remained until March 18, 1865, when he was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland for exchange. He immediately rejoined the Southern Army. On May 22, 1865 he was captured at Tuscaloosa, Alabama by elements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Cavalry.

Edward married Julia Frances Thompson in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on August 15, 1865. Julia was born about 1846 in Alabama. She was a graduate of Tuscaloosa University and was a school teacher.

Family sources say Edward loaded up his family about 1869 and came to Texas with two wagons, settling near Mexia in Limestone County. They stayed only about one year, then moved back to Alabama.

In 1870, Edward and Julia and two of their children were living in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The children with them were Oscar and Horace. There was also a female named Elizabeth with the family; she was born about 1805 in South Carolina. Fourteen-year-old Nicholas Thompson was also living with them.

After another year in Alabama, Edward moved the family to Mississippi for a few years. They returned yet again to Alabama, where they stayed until 1878. They came to Tarrant County, arriving by train on December 23, 1878. Three families came together; they were the Edward Deasons, the Lawrence Blunts, and the Tye Cribbses. All three families first stayed in a rooming house. All three families started further west, but Mrs. Deason was afraid of Indians, so she and her family turned back and rented a farm near Randol Mill in Tarrant County.

When the 1880 census was taken, the Deasons were living in Precinct 3 in the Randol Mill area of northeast Tarrant County. They had five children with them: Oscar, Robert, Lucian, Earnest, and Adine. The first three were born in Alabama; the last two were born in Mississippi.

Edward Deason's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street map of Tarrant County, Texas in the north part of the J. Overton survey. There are no modern-day streets in the immediate area of the Deasons' house, the area having been stripped for gravel many years ago. As nearly as can now be determined, the house sat about 1.1 miles south and 1.4 miles east of the intersection of present-day Precinct Line Road and Trammel-Davis Road, north of the river. A close study of a recent satellite photograph suggests that the exact homesite may be under water which has filled in a gravel pit.

Mrs. Julia Deason died in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County on December 21, 1893. Her husband, Edward, survived until May 17, 1899. Both lie buried in the Harrison Cemetery in east Fort Worth, in the woods just northwest of the intersection of Meadowbrook Drive and Ederville Road. They are mentioned on the Texas Historical Marker which was placed there in 1982. The inscription on the marker reads: "HARRISON CEMETERY. When first used, this one-acre cemetery belonged

to Tarrant County pioneer D.C. Harrison. The earliest known grave is that of Mary E. Harrison (1864-71). Several early settlers used this site, including R.A. Randol (1850-1922), the operator of Randol Mill, who bought this tract in 1895 and deeded it forever as a burial ground. Graves here number about sixty and include those of the Edward Deason Family, Randol's first wife Ronda (Harrison) (1859-82), his brother John C. Randol, who died in an 1894 mill accident, and Nancy Cannon Harrison (1833-83), mother of Ronda Harrison Randol. (1982)”

According to material posted at ancestry.com, Edward and Julia Deason had twelve children, six of whom did not survive childhood. However, the following list taken from those sources totals thirteen. Of the six, some were buried in Alabama, some were buried in Texas. Mrs. Deason did not live long enough to answer the question the 1900 census taker would have asked her about the number of her children. The following data were taken from family materials online and from public vital statistics records.

Joseph Parker Deason was born May 5, 1866. He died May 29, 1866.

Oscar Burton Deason was born June 7, 1867. He died at his home at 1648 Pearl Street in Wichita Falls, Texas, on January 10, 1959. His wife's name was Callie. They had no children. He lies buried there in Riverside Cemetery. He was a retired bus company owner.

Horace Edward Deason was born April 11, 1869. He died October 18, 1870.

Lucian Elmore Deason was born June 21, 1871. He died November 30, 1888. He lies buried near his parents in Harrison Cemetery in Tarrant County, Texas. Lucian and his brother, Robert, were twins.

Robert Fulton Deason was born June 21, 1871. He married Laura Alice Turner (1881-1965) in Hammon, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma on November 29, 1903. Family members recalled he was something of a roamer. About 1920 he moved the family to California. He died May 2, 1930 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. He lies buried there in Masonic Lawn Cemetery.

Earnest Winton (or Wilton) Deason was born March 3, 1873 in Mississippi. He married Allie Mae Gillentine (1880-1957) on August 16, 1896 in Tarrant County, Texas. In 1930 he lived at Headrick, Jackson County, Oklahoma. He was a wheat farmer and railroad worker. He died August 11, 1959 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. He lies buried there in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Josie Adean Deason was born October 25, 1874. She married George Preston “Press” Reeves in 1896. She died October 3, 1906. She lies buried in the old Handley Cemetery near the Handley power plant in east Fort Worth.

Ellen Deason was born March 16, 1877 in Mississippi, and died September 15, 1878.

The next two Deason children died in infancy. Both died the same day they were born. They were born June 15, 1879 and April 13, 1882.

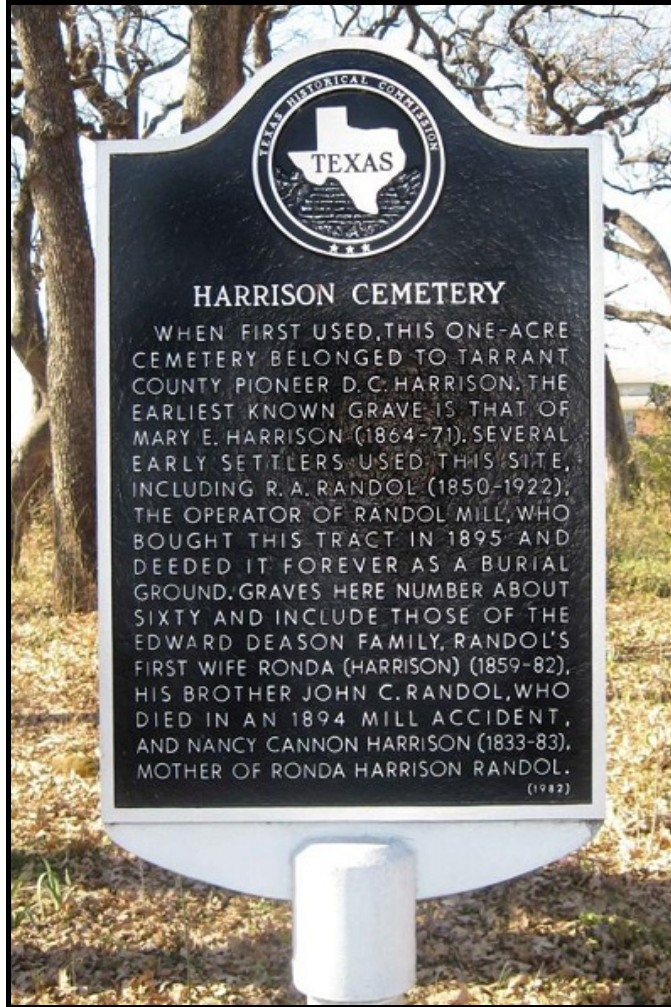
Charlie Stevens Deason was born July 31, 1887 at Jolly, Texas. He was married June 10, 1911 at Denison, Texas to Eva Marie Emilstein. His last permanent address was 318 South 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Temple, Texas. His death certificate shows his name as Steven C. Deason. He died January 16, 1956 in Sante Fe Hospital in Temple, Bell County, Texas. He was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple.

Luther Dewitt Deason was born January 22, 1889. His death certificate records his name as Witt Luther Deason. He died June 2, 1960 in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas. His last permanent address was 4209 East 12th Street in Amarillo, Texas. He was married on February 7, 1911 at Sayre, Oklahoma. They lived on a ranch near Canadian for most of their married life. He is buried in Pampa Cemetery in Pampa, Gray County, Texas.

Edward Parker Deason was born August 20, 1893. He married Eva Lewis. His last permanent address was 209 South Adams Street in Fort Worth. He died on April 28, 1933 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. He lies buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. He died from injuries he received in a house fire which took place at his home the day before he died.







If it were not for the historic marker, one may never notice this cemetery at the side of the road. A few field stones and fewer headstones are all that are found.