



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Harrison Hensley

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William Harrison Hensley was a Union veteran of the Civil War who lies buried in Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine. His brother, Confederate veteran James Hensley, lies buried beside him.

William Harrison Hensley was born in Cole County, Illinois (some sources say Pulaski County, Missouri) about 1843, a son of Jacob Hensley and his wife, Nancy (Driskill) Hensley.

William enlisted in the Union Army on August 11, 1864 at Lebanon, Missouri for a term of twenty months. He was a private in Co. L, 16th Missouri Cavalry [Union]. He had hazel eyes, dark hair, and a fair complexion. He was 5' 11 ½" tall. He was mustered out July 1, 1865 at Springfield, Missouri. When he left the service, he owed the U.S. for one gun sling at 16 cents, one cap pouch at 40 cents, one haversack at 45 cents, and his bedroll was torn.

Hensley married Mary "Polly" Ann Hendricks, who was October 18, 1844 in Warren County, Kentucky. She died February 4, 1912 in Pulaski County, Missouri. They were married on January 21, 1866.

William Harrison Hensley died April 28, 1880 near Grapevine, and lies buried near his brother, Confederate veteran James Hensley, in Parker Memorial Cemetery south of Grapevine, Texas. He has an upright government marble stone which indicates his Union service.

His widow applied for a pension based upon his Civil War service; at the time she lived in Parker County, Texas. According to an affidavit in her pension file, she had four children, including John Harrison Hensley, Lillie Hensley, Elvin Hensley, and Maude Jane Hensley, who married John Columbus Hopkins. Mrs. Hensley returned to Pulaski County, Missouri before her death.

Mrs. Hensley told the 1900 census taker that she had given birth to six children, only four of whom were still living. Family sources at ancestry.com have posted the following information for those

children: Lillie Elmira Hensley (born August 6, 1869 in Illinois); Elvin LeFett Hensley (born April 15, 1871 in Richland, Pulaski County, Missouri, died April 15, 1932 in Kiowa County, Oklahoma); Maude Jane Hensley (born June 4, 1874 in Pulaski County, Missouri, died September 23, 1938 in Greene County, Missouri, married John Columbus Hopkins); and John Harrison Hensley (born August 20, 1876, died January 4, 1964, married Altie Edith Parsons). The other two children were Luellen T. Hensley and James R. Hensley.

