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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Allen Holt

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Allen Holt was a Confederate veteran of a Texas cavalry regiment who lived in northeast Tarrant County for several years during the 1860's and 1870's. He later made moves to other Texas counties, and finally settled in Scurry County, Texas where he died and lies buried.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say Allen Holt was born in Newton County, Arkansas on December 5, 1845, and was a son of James S. Holt (1793-1879) and his wife, Elizabeth Fortner (born 1801), both of whom died near Lipan in Hood County, Texas.

At the time the 1850 census was taken, Allen was living with his parents and siblings in Jefferson Township in Carroll County, Arkansas. Allen was five years old.

When the 1860 census was taken, Allen Holt was living in Erath County, Texas with his parents and siblings; he was sixteen years old. The census says he was working as a herdsman. They lived in the area served by the post office at Stephenville.

Allen Holt enlisted in Erath County on April 7, 1862 as a private in Captain John R. Waller's Company, Hawpe's Regiment of Texas Cavalry. He was seventeen years old when he enlisted. He was mustered into the Confederate service on April 14 at Dallas. He traveled one hundred twenty-five miles to the rendezvous, riding a horse worth one hundred twenty dollars and bringing equipment worth fifteen dollars. This company subsequently became Co. D, 31st Texas Cavalry.

Mr. Holt spent some time in a military hospital at some point before the end of June, 1862. He was still with the regiment at the end of February, 1864. Nothing further about his service is to be learned from his records in the National Archives.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say Mr. Holt married Rachael S. Burnett in Tarrant County on December 16, 1866. She was born in May, 1846 in Newton County, Arkansas and died in Scurry County, Texas on March 21, 1928. When the Allen Holt family was listed in the census in Tarrant County in 1870, one of the two households next to them was headed by Rachael's mother, Lucretia Burnet, who was born about 1806 in Indiana. Judging from the names of the Holts' neighbors in 1870, they probably lived in the area of present-day Eules.

When the 1850 census was taken, Rachael S. Burnett appeared with her parents, John and Lucretia Burnett, and siblings in Precinct 1 of Cass County, Texas. The family apparently moved from Indiana to Missouri about 1836, and from Missouri to Texas around 1843. Rachael is shown in the 1850 census as a twelve-year-old girl.

Mrs. Rachael Holt's age in the 1870 census is given as thirty-one and her birthplace is shown as Missouri. This does not agree with some information shown at ancestry.com. Mr. and Mrs. Holt had one child with them in 1870; he was John G. Holt, who was born about 1868.

By 1880, Allen Holt, his wife, and his son had moved to McLennan County, Texas. Mrs. Holt's sister, L. J. Burnett, was living with them.

When the 1900 census was taken, Allen Holt and his family were living in Precinct 7 of Coleman County, Texas. Mr. Holt was farming on rented land.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt appear in the 1910 census of Precinct 3 of Scurry County, Texas. Mrs. Holt said she had given birth to only one child, and he was living. That child was their next-door neighbor in that year, John Holt.

Allen Holt of Route 1, Snyder, Scurry County, applied for a Confederate veteran's pension in 1914. He said he left the service at Millican, Texas in May 1865. He was born December 5, 1845 in Newton County, Arkansas. He had been in Texas fifty-four years, the last eleven years at Snyder. When he applied for his pension he said he had a home worth one thousand dollars and personal property worth one hundred sixty-five dollars. His application file contains an affidavit by S. M. Self of Hood County, Texas said he'd known Holt since 1860 in Hood County. Mr. Self said they both volunteered at Stephenville and one or two days later went to Dallas, where they entered Co. E, 31st Texas Cavalry.

An affidavit of W. C. Holt of Coleman County, Texas said he'd known Allen Holt all his life. "Captain John R. Waller has talked with me a number of times since the war between the States of the United States about the service of the said Allen Holt...Captain Waller told me that said Allen Holt was one of the best soldiers in his company...I lived a neighbor to his father in what is now Hood county, Texas...."

Mrs. R. S. Holt applied for a widow's pension on September 11, 1924. A notation on the outside of the application says "Dead 3-28-28." In most cases this date is the one on which the pension department was notified of her death. She said they were married on December 16, 1866 in Tarrant

County, Texas. She said she was eighty-one, born in Missouri, and had been in Texas seventy-five years. She had lived for twenty years at Snyder, Texas RFD #1.

John James Holt was born February 22, 1868. His death certificate says he was born at Valley Mills, Texas. He married Ollie D. Simpson (1882-1969). He died in Scurry County, Texas on November 12, 1937 from injuries he fell off a wagon on his farm eleven days before he died. He was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Snyder, Texas.