



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

Barbara Knox and Rob Yoder, County Coordinators

Copyright © 2008-2012. All rights reserved.

## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### John W. Mickle

Compiled by Michael Patterson  
Copyright 2008-2012. All rights reserved.



John W. Mickle was a Confederate veteran of an Alabama regiment who lived in northeast Tarrant County for many years before moving to Fort Worth late in life. Mr. Mickle was one of only a handful of Confederate soldiers anywhere who also lost their fathers in the service of the Confederacy. John W. Mickle lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Family sources at Ancestry.com report that John was a son of Thomas F. Mickle, who was born about 1804 in North Carolina, and his wife, Mary A. Mickle. John W. Mickle's death certificate adds the detail that his mother's maiden name was Nelson. Thomas's parents were Jeremiah and Abigail Mickle. Even though he was a comparatively old man for the time, Thomas F. Mickle served in the Civil War in Co. F, 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia Infantry. He was captured at Bakers Creek, Mississippi on May 16, 1863. He was soon taken to Ft. Delaware Prison where he died of disease on July 22, 1863. He is buried in Finn's Point National Cemetery in Salem, Salem County, New Jersey, most likely in a mass grave. His name appears there on the Confederate Monument.

John appears in the 1850 census of Beat 1, Randolph County, Alabama with his parents and siblings. Though three of the Mickle families in that county were slaveowners in that year, John's father was not.

Mr. Mickle married Emily Francis Owen(s) about 1858 in Alabama. She was born September 13, 1838 in Georgia. She died in Tarrant County on November 9, 1910 and lies buried beside her husband in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mr. Mickle's official records in the National Archives say he enlisted on July 9, 1861 for the duration of the war at Montgomery, Alabama. He went home on furlough on February 5, 1863. He

was captured at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 1, 1863. He was first confined at Fort McHenry, Maryland, July 5, 1863 and was sent from there to Fort Delaware, where he arrived on July 6. He was finally released on June 4, 1865 after signing an oath of allegiance; at the time he was 5' 8" tall, had a sallow complexion, light hair, and gray eyes, and was a resident of Randolph County, Alabama. One original signed pay voucher remains in his file; it is for four months in 1862.

A short reminiscence of John W. Mickle appeared in Mamie Yeary's classic book Reminiscences of the Boys in Gray (1912). Mickle furnished these details of his service. "*J. W. Mickle, Fort Worth, Texas---Born Dec. 9, 1839, near Roanoke, Ala. Enlisted in the Confederate Army on July 19, 1861, at that place, as private in Company I, Thirteenth Alabama Infantry, Raines' Brigade, D. H. Hill's Division, Stonewall Jackson's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. My first Captain was John T. Smith, and first Colonel, B. D. Fry. Our first service was at Yorktown, Va. We then took part in the series of battles around Richmond and then went into Northern Virginia. Was never wounded, sick, nor in a hospital during the war. Was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and was in Fort Delaware till the close of the war, lacking fifteen days of two years in that horrible place. I served four years. Had a wife and two children, and was at home nineteen days during the time. Our first engagement was at Seven Pines, next the Seven Days' Fight around Richmond, South Mountain, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, where I was captured.*"

In 1870 the family is found in the census of Township 21 in Randolph County, Alabama, in the area served by the post office at Fair Play, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Mickle had four children with them: Nancy (born about 1862); Fanny (born about 1864); Lizzie (born about 1866); and William (born about 1868). Mr. Mickle's mother and younger siblings were two doors away in the census listing.

The 1880 census taker found Mr. Mickle and his family at Roanoke, Randolph County, Alabama. With him and Mrs. Mickle were six children: Fanny (born about 1862); Elizabeth (born about 1864); William B. (born about 1869); Lola (born about 1874); Shaffer (born about 1876); and Sallie (born about 1878).

In 1900 Mr. Mickle and his wife lived in the Smithfield Precinct of northeast Tarrant County, Texas. She said she was born in September 1838 in Georgia. She said she had given birth to eight children, six of whom were still living. They had a daughter named Carry with them in that year, who was born in October 1880. If Mrs. Mickle's statement is accurate, the various census lists have supplied a complete list of their children.

In 1910 in northeast Tarrant County's Birdville Precinct, J. W. Mickle and his wife, E. F. Mickle, are shown to have been married only once each, and had been married about 1859. Mrs. Emily F. Mickle died the same year on November 9, 1910, and has a readable headstone in Mount Olivet Cemetery. She has no death certificate on file.

Mr. Mickle applied for a Confederate pension in 1917, at which time his address was 1530 Kennedy Street in Fort Worth. He said he had come to Texas in 1886, and had settled in Tarrant County in 1892, and had moved to the Kennedy Street address in 1917. At the time, he claimed to own four vacant lots in the town of Keller. Two residents of Randolph County, Alabama, M. P. Pittman and J. B. Carlisle, made affidavits for him in support of his service.

During the last years of his life, John was an active member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth. Mr. Mickle died at 3 a.m. on October 7, 1919, of Bright's disease, at 1530 Kennedy Street in Fort Worth. He was living at the home of his son, John S. Mickle. John W. Mickle was buried the next day in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

An obituary for Mr. Mickle was printed in each of the two newspapers being published in Fort Worth at the time. One was printed in the Fort Worth Record on October 7. Another was printed on October 8 in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Nothing appeared in the Record which was not repeated in the Star-Telegram obituary: "*Mickle. J. W. Mickle, resident of Tarrant County for thirty years, died Tuesday morning at the home of his son, J. S. Mickle, 1530 Kennedy Street. He was 79 years old. Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Rev. J. Frank Norris officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olivet. Mickle is survived by two sons, J. S. of Fort Worth and W. R. of Plano, Texas, and four daughters, Mrs. W. I. Kitchens of Miami, Mrs. J. T. Morton of Bixby, Okla., Mrs. T. L. Hargrove of Keller, and Mrs. W. F. Faulkner of Sherman.*"

The eldest of the Mickle children was [Nancy] Nannie Jane Kitchens, who was born October 14, 1859 in Roanoke, Alabama. She died September 17, 1934 in Miami, Roberts County, Texas. She was the wife of W. B. Kitchens (1859-1939). They lie buried at Miami, Texas.

Fannie Mickle was born about 1863. She was still alive at the time the 1880 census was taken, but must have been one of the two children the Mickles had lost by the time of the 1900 census. She is not mentioned in her father's obituaries.

[Elizabeth] Lizzie L. Mickle was born about 1866. She married J. T. Morton about 1888. In 1910, they were living in the Keller area of Tarrant County. In that year, she told the census taker she had given birth to eleven children, eight of whom were still living. In 1920, she and her husband and one son were living at Bixby, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

William Robert Mickle was born August 7, 1868 at Roanoke, Alabama, according to his death certificate. He was living with his wife and children in Plano, Collin County, Texas when the 1920 census was taken. He died at his rural home in Plano on May 13, 1956 and was buried in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas County. The certificate says he had been living in Plano for thirty-one years, or since about 1921.

Lola Mickle was born about 1874. She was still alive at the time the 1880 census was taken, but must have been one of the two children the Mickles had lost by the time of the 1900 census. She is not mentioned in her father's obituaries.

John Shaffer Mickle was born October 23, 1876 in Alabama. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth on October 7, 1937 and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley Section of Fort Worth the next day.

Sallie F. Mickle was born in Alabama on May 19, 1878. She was married to Pitt L. Hargrove (1873-1944). She died April 17, 1973 in Tarrant County and lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The youngest child was Carrie Bell Mickle, who was born October 8, 1880 in Alabama, according to her death certificate. She married William Franklin Faulkner (1879-1942). Her last regular place of residence was Watauga in Tarrant County. She died at the Jones Convalescent Home in Fort Worth on August 20, 1965 and was buried in a Fort Worth cemetery named Garden of Memories, the location of which is not given in the record. The informant for the certificate was Horace D. Faulkner.



Mr. Mickle's mother's stone back in Alabama  
Photo courtesy of Valerie Franklin