



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Finley Cowan Millican

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Finley Cowan Millican was, along with his father and two of his Millican uncles, a Confederate soldier who spent his last years in the Grapevine area. Finley lies buried in Minter's Chapel Cemetery.

Finley Cowan Millican, a son of Solomon Edward Millican, was born in Alabama on September 11, 1847. He was probably born in Jackson County, where many members of his extended family were living during the 1840's. By about 1849, Finley's father had moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where they appear in the 1850 census. Finley's mother, Margaret, was born about 1827 in Alabama.

The family is found in the same location ten years later in the 1860 census. Family tradition says that Finley and his father were both soldiers in the Confederate Army.

Finley Millican was probably first married about the year 1868. The death certificate of Finley's oldest son, James, says James's mother was named Mattie Brookshire. Brookshire family genealogists at Ancestry.com say that one Martha Jane Brookshor (born January 4, 1845 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi) was married in 1868 in Pontotoc County to F. C. Millican. She later married Judge M. Hughey in Lee County, Mississippi on January 7, 1891. She died December 23, 1931 in Lee County, Mississippi. We have been unable to examine any county records which might throw more light on this matter.

The 1880 census of Union County, Mississippi shows Finley with a wife named Roda, who was born about 1845 in South Carolina to two native South Carolinians. With them in that year were five children, James, George, Joel, Madison, and Georgia. One family source says Finley C. Millican's wife was Rhoda Knight, who died in 1886, and by whom he had Luther Howard Millican.

At some point after 1886, Mr. Millican was remarried to Fannie or Mollie Cates, who may have died before the taking of the 1900 census. The death certificates of two of F. C. Millican's children show Cates as their mother's maiden name...one shows Fannie, one shows Mollie. She was alive as late as August 6, 1896.

When the 1900 census was taken, Finley was living in Precinct 3 in Tarrant County. The birthplaces of his children seem to indicate he came to Texas between 1882 and 1887. Finley was widowed by 1900. The children with him in that year included Fannie, Luther, Anna, Clarence, and William. By 1910, Finley had moved to Fort Worth, and the census taker found him living there in Ward 9 with the family of his son, Howard L. Millican.

Finley Cowan Millican died at 8:20 a.m. on December 5, 1919 at 400 Crawford Street in Fort Worth. His death certificate shows his name as C. F. Millican. The cause of death was ureic poisoning and cancer of the prostate gland. He was buried at Minters Chapel on December 6, 1919, the day after he died. His death certificate says his mother's maiden name was Morris.

A short notice of Mr. Millican's death appeared in the Fort Worth Record on December 6: "*C. F. Mullican. C. F. Mullican, 73, died at his residence, 400 Crawford street, Friday. He is survived by seven sons: C. L., G. H., J. W., F. M., H. L., C. E., and W. B. Mullican, and two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Bell of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Anna Schmidt, of this city. Funeral services will be held from the residence Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The body will be conveyed to Grapevine by Robertson's.*"

Finley C. Millican's children included James Lafayette Millican, George Henderson Millican, Joel Walter Millican Madison Finley Millican, Georgia Francis "Fannie" Millican, Luther Howard Millican, Anna Millican, Clarence E. Millican, William B. Millican, and Georgia Millican.

James Lafayette Millican, who was born in Mississippi November 6, 1869. He married Lou C. Day and had a number of children. He died June 16, 1950 in Grapevine and lies buried in Parker Memorial Cemetery south of Grapevine.

George Henderson Millican, born April 4, 1870 living in pct 3 in 1900 with wife named Matilda, whom he married about 1892. Was in District 93, City of Dallas, 1930, with wife named Grace, brother Madison F. Millican was living with them. Died at 1017 Hollywood St. in Dallas on December 20, 1948, and was buried in Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas.

Joel Walter Millican was born February 2, 1872. He was a railroad engineer. He died July 15, 1959 in John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of East Fort Worth.

Madison Finley Millican was born in Mississippi on November 19, 1875. He was a carpenter. He died at 5011 Victor in Dallas on December 20, 1957 and was buried in Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas. His wife survived him.

Georgia Francis “Fannie” Millican was born February 13, 1877 in Union County, Mississippi, and appears in the 1900 census in her father’s household. On December 10, 1906 at Mansfield, Tarrant County, Texas, Fannie married John Edward Bell, a brother to her brother, L. H. Millican’s, wife. Fannie was living in Oklahoma at the time her father died, and was still alive in 1951 when her brother, L. H. Millican, died in Grapevine. She died July 5, 1960 in Hollis, Oklahoma. She and Mr. Bell lie buried in Gould Cemetery in Harmon County, Oklahoma.

Luther Howard Millican was born March 6, 1882 in Mississippi. He died April 14, 1951 at 1319 Maxine in Haltom City, Tarrant County. He married Daisy Delilah Bell, and was a retired nurseryman. He was buried in Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine.

Anna Millican was born in March 1887. She was with her father when the 1900 census was taken. She later married a Mr. Schmidt and was living in Fort Worth when her father died in 1919. She is mentioned as a survivor in the obituary of her brother, L. H. Millican, who died in 1951. Oddly, the obituary of her brother, James L. Millican, who died in 1950 says that Anna’s sister, Fannie Bell, was living but it does not mention Anna.

Clarence E. Millican was born at Grapevine on July 5, 1889. His death certificate says he was the son of Finley Cowan Millican and Mollie Cates. He died in a nursing facility in Arlington on June 1, 1970, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in east Fort Worth. His wife, Maude M. (Lusk) Millican (1893-1973) lies buried beside him.

William B. Millican was born August 6, 1896. He was a cafe operator. He died in the Handley section of Fort Worth on March 21, 1944. His death certificate says he was single. He lies buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Handley. His death certificate says his mother was Fannie Cates.

