



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William O. Morgan

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William O. Morgan, a native of South Carolina, served the Confederacy in a Texas infantry company raised in Washington County. In later life he came to Tarrant County, and lies buried at Grapevine.

Mr. Morgan was born in 1836 in South Carolina. His newspaper obituary says he came to Texas in 1858 and settled in Washington County. His wife, Sue (Burt) Morgan, was born in January 1839 in South Carolina.

Two different men appear in the 1860 census of Washington County, Texas who might be William O. Morgan. One appears as William Morgan, the other appears as W. O. Morgan. Both were natives of South Carolina and both were about the correct age. Both were living in affluent, slave owning families.. To this researcher, at least, it seems more likely that W. O. Morgan is the man who eventually came to Tarrant County.

William O. Morgan enlisted in the Confederate service in Washington County, Texas on August 3, 1861 for the duration of the War. He became a corporal in Co. I, 5th Texas Infantry. He was in a hospital in October, 1861 in Richmond, Virginia. He was sick at some point November or December, 1861. He was sent to a hospital in the rear on March 6, 1862. He was left sick at Louisa Court House on June 21, 1862. He was wounded at the Second Battle of Manassas on August 30, 1862, and was furloughed to South Carolina to recuperate. On September 4, 1862 he was admitted to a hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia for treatment of [voluus selo?] of arm. On August 1, 1863 he was promoted to Fifth Sergeant. In July or August, 1864 he was promoted from Fifth to Fourth Sergeant and from Fourth to Third on October 31, 1864. On April 9, 1865 he was paroled as a Second Sergeant.

Mr. Morgan's file contains one original signed receipt for money paid to him in place of a clothing allowance. It was for twenty-four dollars, and was made at Richmond, Virginia on May 27, 1862.

William O. Morgan and Sue A. Burt were married in Washington County on December 10, 1866. W. O. Morgan registered to vote there in Precinct 3 in 1873.

The Morgans appear in the census in 1880 at Independence, Washington County, Texas. They had only one child with them, Robert Morgan, who was born about 1871 in Texas.

William O. Morgan appears in the 1880 Washington County agricultural census. He was working twenty-five acres of tilled land, and his farm buildings were worth three hundred fifty dollars. His farming implements were worth twenty-five dollars, and the total value of his livestock was one hundred dollars. He owned two mules. He estimated the total value of all his farm production in 1879 at one hundred twenty-five dollars. He owned two milk cows, had three calves dropped, and sold four cows during the past year.

He estimated he had produced fifty gallons of milk during the past year. He had five hogs, fourteen chickens, and estimated he had produced fifty dozen eggs in 1879. In the past year, his twelve acres of Indian corn produced two hundred bushels and his ten acres of cotton produced two bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are listed in the 1900 census of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. They lived at 1101 Rosedale Street, and had no children with them. Mr. Morgan was working as an awning maker. Both said they and all their parents were born in South Carolina. Neither of the Morgans applied to the State of Texas for Confederate pension benefits.

The Morgans' son, Robert, married a Grapevine girl about 1895 and settled there. He was a minister in Grapevine in 1900. This may be the tie to Grapevine which caused Robert to bury his parents there. When Sue Burt Morgan died in 1903, she was buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

An obituary for William Morgan appeared in the Dallas Morning News on August 15, 1909: "*Fort Worth Pioneer Dead. Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 14.—William O. Morgan, aged 73, Texas pioneer, died this evening at his residence, 1624 Holt street He is the father of Rev R. B. Morgan, pastor of the Glenwood Baptist Church. Funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon and the remains will be shipped to Grapevine for interment. Deceased came to Texas in 1858, settling in Washington County. He served in Hood's Brigade throughout the war*"

Robert Burt Morgan was born December 11, 1870. He was well-known Baptist minister over a wide area in Texas. He died at his home at 2208 Hurley Street in Fort Worth on November 24, 1936. He was survived by his wife, Emma Morgan (1872-1927), who was a daughter of Grapevine pioneer and Confederate veteran George E. Bushong. Robert Morgan lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

