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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George Washington Potts

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George Washington Potts lived in the Pleasant Glade Community in 1880, south of Big Bear Creek in Precinct 3. He is listed next-door in the census to David S. Harris, who lived in the present-day southeast intersection of State Highway 121 and Glade Road. He was a veteran of the Confederate Army.

George W. Potts was born about 1826 in Tennessee, to Joseph and Mary (Huffman) Potts. Joseph was born in South Carolina about 1780; Mary was born in South Carolina about 1794.

When the 1850 census of Itawamba County, Mississippi was taken, Joseph Potts Sr. and his family were living there in District 6. His wife, Mary, reported her age as fifty-eight. They had five children living with them: George W. Potts (born about 1826), Eviline Potts (born about 1828); Joseph T. Potts (born about 1831); Levi A. Potts (born about 1836); and Mary C. Potts (born about 1838). All the children were born in Tennessee.

At the time the 1860 census was taken, George W. Potts was still living unmarried with his parents, Joseph and Mary Potts, and two of his siblings in Itawamba County, Mississippi.

Mr. Potts served in Co. H, 28th Mississippi Cavalry for a term of three years. He was a First Sergeant, and was wounded at Franklin, Tennessee. His official records in the National Archives say he was a Third Sergeant who enlisted on January 8, 1862 at Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi. He was elected Second Lieutenant on May 23, 1863.

George W. Potts married Eleanor Jane Blount on August 11, 1863, according to records at ancestry.com, but no place of marriage is given. She was born at Winona, Carroll County, Mississippi on July 2, 1846. In her application for a Confederate widow's pension, Mrs. Potts said she and her husband were married on August 13, 1863 at Attalla, Mississippi.

In 1870 the family lived in Township 4 Range 14 of Colbert County, Alabama. Mr. Potts said he was born about 1832 in Tennessee. His wife, Ellinor, was born in Mississippi about 1846. They had three children with them at the time: Josylean Potts (born about 1864 in Mississippi); Lydda Potts (born about 1867 in Mississippi); and Lucy Potts (born about the month of July in 1870 in Mississippi). Next door to the family in the census were George's mother and his brother and sister, Joseph and Mary Potts.

According to a statement Mrs. Potts made in her pension application, they came to Texas about 1877. At the time the 1880 census was taken, George said he was born about 1828 in Tennessee to a South Carolinian father and a Mississippian mother. Ellinor said she was born about 1847 in Mississippi, and that both her parents were native Georgians. They had six children with them at the time: Lena Potts (born about 1864 in Mississippi); Ella Potts (born about 1868 in Mississippi); Louisa J. Potts (born about 1870 in Alabama); William F. Potts (born about 1872 in Alabama); John P. Potts (born about 1874 in Alabama); and Ida Potts (born about 1879 in Texas). His sister and brother, Mary and Joseph T. Potts, lived with the family at the time.

George W. Potts died April 13, 1887 in Tarrant County. He has no standing, readable headstone in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery.

His widow, Eleanor J. Potts, applied for a pension in 1923 while she was living at Waco, McLennan County. An affidavit in her pension file, made by her sister, Mary F. Cook of Runnels County, Texas, says Eleanor and George met and were married while his regiment was camped for several months near the Blount home in Carroll County, Mississippi. Eleanor J. Potts died on April 5, 1936 in McLennan County.

Family sources at Ancestry.com say George W. Potts died in 1886 in McLennan County, Texas. They also say his last child was a son named Walter Raleigh Potts (April 14, 1886-April 14, 1942).