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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

David Alford (or Andrew) Price

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David Alford (or Andrew) Price, a Missourian and Union veteran of the War, came to the Keller area with his parents during the 1870's. He spent the rest of his life here, and died at Keller in 1935.

Family records placed at ancestry.com say Mr. Price was born in Ray County, Missouri on March 15, 1846. He was a son of Thomas A. Price and his wife, Rebecca (Creason) Price. Thomas and another of his sons, William Creason Price, were also Union veterans who died and are buried in the Keller area.

The Price family was living in 1850 in District 75 of Ray County, Missouri. David appears in the census as a two-year-old boy, one of four children in the family.

Ten years later, in 1860, the census taker found the family living in Fishing River Township, Ray County, Missouri, in the area served by the Crab Orchard post office. David was thirteen years old and was one of seven children still at home.

Thomas Price and his wife and children were still living in Ray County, Missouri in 1870, but David was no longer with them. We have been unable to locate him in any census record in Missouri or Texas in that year. In David's obituary printed in Dallas in 1935, it says he had been living at Keller for sixty-five years, thus he may have been moving at the time the census was taken.

David Price was married about 1871 in Texas to Martha Ellen Lopp, who was born in California on July 26, 1851. She was a daughter of a stone mason at Keller, William M. Lopp. She appears in his family in the Mount Gilead area of Tarrant County in the 1870 census. Census information suggests that Mr. Lopp took the family back to Missouri after Martha's birth, then came to Texas about 1861. Family tradition says that some of the excellent red sandstone grave markers in Mount Gilead Cemetery are his work.

David A. Price and his family appear in the Tarrant County census in 1880 in Precinct 4. He and his wife had three children living with them: Nancy R., William, and Eliza. Their next-door neighbors were the family of David's parents, Thomas and Rebecca Price.

David appears in the 1880 agricultural census. His farm included forty acres of tilled land, thirty acres of woodland, and ten acres of other unimproved land. His farm buildings were worth eight hundred dollars. His farming implements were valued at thirty-five dollars, and the value of his livestock totaled two hundred dollars. He estimated he had produced three hundred fifty dollars worth of farm produce in 1879. He owned five horses, four milk cows, and five other cattle; four calves had been born in the past year and he had purchased an additional three cattle. The family had produced three hundred pounds of butter in the past year. He owned two hogs and ten chickens. His twenty-five acres of Indian corn had produced three hundred bushels. His four acres of oats had made seventy-five bushels. Nine acres of cotton had made four bales. He had an orchard with one hundred twenty-five bearing peach trees and had made one hundred bushels of peaches. He had cut six cords of wood on his place, worth twelve dollars.

David A. Price's home appears on the 1895 Sam Street map of Tarrant County, Texas. In modern-day terms, it sat near the southwest corner of the Richard F. Allen survey in the City of Keller, along the north side of Johnson Road about where Norma Street intersects it.

The census taker in 1900 found David and his family living in Keller. They said they had been married twenty-nine years. Three of their children: Eliza, Laura, and Bessie, were still living at home. Also with them was a nephew, Everett Lopp, who was born in Texas in September 1889. Their next-door neighbors were the family of Clisby Ponder, one of our Confederate veterans.

In the 1910 census of Precinct 4 of Tarrant County, all the children had left home except Laura, who was working as a school teacher. Mrs. Price said she had given birth to five children, but one had died since the taking of the 1900 census; that was their daughter, Bessie, who had died earlier in the year in 1910.

When the 1920 census was taken, David and Martha Price were living near Keller. David was still farming. Also living with them were their son, William, and his wife and daughter, Evelyn.

On April 26, 1928, Mr. Price filed for veterans benefits based upon his Union service in Co. E, 51st Enrolled Missouri Militia. No further records of his service have survived. The cost of obtaining copies of his pension file was beyond the means of this project. Mrs. Price apparently did not file for widow's benefits.

When the 1930 census was taken, David and Martha Price were making their homes near Keller with their son, William L. Price, and his family. William and his wife, Florence, were farmers.

David A. Price died at Keller on January 15, 1935. Mrs. Martha Price died September 13, 1939. We have been able to find death certificates for neither of them. Both lie buried beneath a readable headstone in Bourland Cemetery in Keller.

An obituary for Mr. Price appeared in the Dallas Morning News on January 16, 1935: ***“David A. Price, 89, Union Veteran, Dies. Funeral services for David Andrew Price, 89, Union soldier in the Civil War, who died Tuesday on a farm at Keller, Tarrant County, where he settled sixty-five years ago, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Keller Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. D. E. Hedgecock, Dallas; Mrs. Nancy Reed, Keller and Mrs. J. W. Keller, Sacramento, Cal., and a son, W. L. Price, Keller. Mr. Price was a charter member of the Keller Baptist Church.”***

Mr. and Mrs. Price were the parents of five children. The following short accounts of their lives were taken from family internet sources and public records.

Nancy Ann Price was born July 30, 1872. She married Edwin Thompson Read (1858-1931) about 1888. In 1930, they lived at Keller where he was a medical doctor. She died at her home near Keller on November 17, 1953, and was buried in Bourland Cemetery.

William Louis Price was born February 27, 1874. He married Florence Farris (1878-1953) and was a dairyman at Keller for many years. He died November 9, 1943 at Keller, and was buried in Bourland Cemetery there.

Laura Lou Price was born May 18, 1881. When the 1920 census was taken, Laura was a single lady working as a bookkeeper in a dry goods store in Dallas, where she was a lodger at 2713 Cleveland Street. She married David Elijah Hedgecock (1879-1940), a manufacturer of artificial limbs. In 1930 they lived at 2721 Cleveland Street in Dallas. She died December 7, 1970 at Garland, Dallas County, Texas. They lie entombed in Hillcrest Mausoleum in Dallas.

Eliza Elsie Price was born October 9, 1878. She married James Willis Keller (1872-1936) about 1906, and by 1910 they had moved to California. She died in Sacramento, California on September 25, 1952.

Bessie Bell Price was born June 2, 1890. She worked as a school teacher and was never married. She died February 11, 1910 and lies buried beside her parents in Bourland Cemetery in Keller.



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