



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William W. Price

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William W. Price was a native North Carolinian who moved from Missouri and settled in the Keller area shortly before the War began. He served in a local state militia company. He died in 1904 and lies buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery near Keller.

Mr. Price was born February 8, 1818. Family researchers at ancestry.com say he was a son of Allen Price and his wife, Patsy (Edwards) Price, who were among the pioneers of Ray County, Missouri.

William W. Price and his wife, Eliza A., were married about 1842. She was born in Missouri about 1827. She apparently died at some point during the 1870's in Tarrant County. She has no readable headstone standing in any cemetery in northeast Tarrant County.

Mr. Price and his family appear in the 1850 census of Ray County, Missouri's District 75. He was recorded as being twenty-six years old. His wife, Eliza A. Price, was twenty-three and born in Missouri, as were all his children: Martha, Nancy R., and George T. Price. Somehow Mr. Price managed to get himself listed twice in the same census. In one listing his next-door neighbor is his brother, Thomas Washington Price. Thomas's next-door neighbor is their father, Allen Price.

W. W. Price appears on a muster roll dated July 1861 of Captain William W. McGinnis's Company of "Mounted Volunteers or Rangers" as part of the 20th Brigade of Texas Militia. Many of the other men listed are known to have lived in the Mount Gilead area and in other parts of northeast Tarrant County.

A note about McGinnis's Company appears in the Confederate pension application of Edward J. Lipscomb of Grapevine who served in it with Mr. Price and many of his neighbors. Grapevine resident B. R. Wall said in 1931 in an affidavit in Lipscomb's file, "*Col. McGinnis lived between here and Roanoke, Texas and died when I was a small boy. I have often heard the people speak of this organization as a cavalry troop which chased bushwhackers and deserters....*" J. S. Lipscomb

said of his brother, Edward: *“He rode a bright sorrel horse named Quantrell, [and] was engaged in hunting deserters.”*

W. W. Price appears in the 1865 Tarrant County tax list as the owner of ninety-seven acres of the J. Knight survey, worth one hundred ninety-four dollars. He also owned four horses worth one hundred ten dollars.

On August 6, 1867 W. W. Price registered to vote in precinct 3 of Tarrant County. He said he had been a resident of Texas seven years and of precinct 3 six years.

The 1870 census taker found Mr. Price living in precinct 2 of Tarrant County. He owned real estate worth one thousand dollars and personal property worth the same amount. With him were his wife E. A. Price, and three children: a daughter L. A., a son W.A., and a son D. R. Price.

In the 1870 agricultural census he is recorded as the owner of forty-five acres of improved land, eight acres of woodland, and sixty acres being put to other uses. His farm was worth three hundred dollars and his farming implements were worth one hundred. He owned twenty-two horses, seven milk cows, six working oxen, fifteen cattle of other classes, and thirty-three hogs. He estimated the value of all his livestock at three hundred dollars. In the last year he had produced four hundred thirty bushels of winter wheat, five hundred bushels of Indian corn, and two hundred bushels of oats.

By the time of the 1875 tax year, Mr. Price’s fortunes had increased considerably. He owned eight acres of the J. R. Knight survey worth eighty dollars, one hundred fourteen acres of the J. L. Hansbrough survey worth eleven hundred and forty dollars, eighty acres of the Daniel Barcroft survey worth two hundred and forty dollars, and one hundred acres of the Jesse Billingsley survey worth five hundred dollars. He also owned a herd of twenty horses worth three hundred dollars and other livestock as well. All this property except the Barcroft survey is immediately southwest of the old business district of Keller.

Mr. Price appears in the 1880 census of Precinct 4 of Tarrant County as “W. Willy Price,” a sixty-three year-old farmer born in North Carolina. He has a son living with him, born about 1861 in Texas, whose name appears to be “Dan R. Price.” Another of his sons, William A. Price, is next door.

Mr. Price appears in the 1880 agricultural census as well. He was working a farm which included one hundred acres of cultivated land, forty-five acres of permanent pasture land, and twenty-five acres of woodland. He estimated the total value of his farm to be one thousand five hundred dollars, of his farm equipment to be seventy-five dollars, and of his livestock to be one hundred dollars. He estimated his total farm production in the last year to be worth seven hundred dollars. He owned six horses, one mule, one milk cow, and thirty “barnyard poultry;” one cow had died or strayed during the past year. His twenty acres of corn had produced one hundred fifty bushels, his thirty acres of oats had produced four hundred thirty bushels, his forty-five acres of wheat had produced five hundred bushels, and his five-acre cotton patch had made one bale. He also had a one-acre peach orchard which contained forty trees. In the past year he had cut six cords of wood off his place, worth two dollars per cord.

The home of one William Price appears on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County in the area where this William Price would have lived. It sits in the John Edmonds survey, immediately adjacent to two of the surveys where William W. Price owned land in 1875. In 1895, two additional William Prices lived in the same area...his son, William A. Price and William Creason Price, the son William W. Price's brother, Thomas Washington Price. Further deed research would be required to try to determine which of the three men is represented on Street's map.

When the 1900 census was taken, William W. Price was living at Keller with the family of his son, William A. Price. He died August 17, 1904, and was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery, now within the city limits of Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. Price had at least six children. The following short accounts were taken primarily from census records, headstone records, and Texas vital statistics files.

Martha A. Price was born about 1843. She was alive in with the family in Missouri in 1850.

Nancy R. Price was born about 1846. She was alive with the family in Missouri in 1850.

George T. Price was born in late winter or early spring of the year 1850.

The 1870 Tarrant County census lists a child whose initials may be "L. A." or something similar who would have been born about 1853. The census enumerator had obviously made some mistakes in transcribing his records and went back trying to fix them, resulting in some confusion in the final copy.

William A. Price was born April 30, 1857. He and his wife, Mrs. Annie (Ball) Woods (1865-1950), were married in Tarrant County on October 21, 1886. Mr. Price died November 30, 1922 and was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery. Mrs. Annie Price was buried nearby in Bourland Cemetery.

Daniel Richard Price was born at Keller on December 19, 1860. He lived with his widowed father in 1880. He died at his home near Keller on February 1, 1949, and was buried in Bourland Cemetery. His wife, Mallie G. (Weaver) Price (1865-1949), lies buried beside him.

