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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Abraham Daniel Stevens

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Abraham Daniel Stevens was a Confederate veteran of an Alabama Cavalry regiment. He lived in the Euless area for several years before moving southwest to Hamilton County, Texas, where he died at the age of ninety-six.

Several researchers, principally Liz Otto, Linda Munroe, and other members of the Milton family have placed records and photographs of this family at Ancestry.com. Records of this family are routinely found spelled both “Stevens” and “Stephens.”

The veteran himself signed his pension application with his full name, “Abraham Daniel Stevens.” He said he was born March 24, 1838 in Twiggs County, Georgia, according to a statement he made to Texas pension authorities in 1922. His death certificate states he was a son of Abraham Stevens of Georgia. Abraham D. Stevens’ mother died some time in the 1840’s, and the elder Abraham remarried and had other children before his death in Walker County, Alabama about 1861.

Family members at Ancestry.com report that A. D. Stevens’ mother was Nancy Aycock, who was born in Georgia in 1817 and died there in 1843. She and Abraham Stevens were married in Wilkinson County, Georgia on November 10, 1826. They also report that Abraham Stevens, Sr. lived in Wilkinson County, Georgia at the time A. D. Stevens was born.

The family appears in the 1850 census of District 12 of Walker County, Alabama. The head of the family was Abraham “Stephens,” who was born about 1802 in North Carolina. The mother in the family was absent. The children, all born in Georgia, included Joel A., born about 1832; Elizabeth T., born about 1836; Abraham D., born about 1838; Rachel C., born about 1840; and Sarah F., born about 1843. There was another brother, John Benjamin Stevens, who was born in 1830. At the time the 1850 census was taken, he was boarding with the Youngblood family.

By the time the 1860 census of Walker County, Alabama was taken, the elder Abraham had remarried and had four more children. His second wife's headstone in Walker County, Alabama very clearly has the family named spelled "STEVENS."

Descendants report that A. D. Stevens married Louisa Eliza Busby, who was born in Alabama on December 23, 1838 and died in Texas before 1900. They were married March 4, 1858 in Walker County, Alabama.

When the 1860 census was taken, Mr. Stevens was listed in Woods Precinct, Jefferson County, Alabama. With him were his wife, born about 1840 in Alabama, and one son, John A. Stevens, born about 1859. The Stevens' next-door neighbors were the family of P. H. Youngblood, with whom Mr. Stevens served in the Confederate Army.

P. H. Youngblood's first wife, with whom he had children, was Elizabeth Stevens, A. D. Stevens' sister. The Stevens family and the Youngblood family were also next-door neighbors in the 1870 census after they settled in Tarrant County, Texas. Ten years later, in 1880, the families are fairly close together in the census of Hamilton County, Texas.

A. D. Stevens' official records in the National Archives say he enlisted at Jasper, Alabama on September 6, 1862 for a term of three years. He was originally a member of Co. B, 13th Battalion Alabama Partisan Rangers. On a muster roll for the period September 6 through October 31, 1862, he appears as "sick in camp." On a muster roll for the period for May and June, 1863 he is shown absent on detached service. About June 8, 1863 he became a private in Co. F, 56th Regiment Alabama Partisan Rangers. On a roll for September and October, 1863 he appears absent guarding ordnance stores. Nothing further concerning his service has survived. During parts of his service the regiment in which he served was variously designated as 1st Regiment Alabama Partisan Rangers, Boyles' Regiment Alabama Partisan Rangers, and Boyles' Regiment Alabama Cavalry.

The 13th Battalion had been organized with six companies on August 28, 1862. It was assigned to the Dept. of Mississippi and East Louisiana (December 1862-June 1863) and first served as scouts and pickets. With about two hundred fifty men, it fought at the battle of King's Creek under Gen. Daniel Ruggles. It was consolidated with the 15th Battalion on 8 June 1863 to form the 56th Regiment, Partisan Rangers.

The 56th Alabama Cavalry Regiment, Partisan Rangers, was made up of two battalions (13th and 15th), commanded by Majors William Boyles (15th Battalion) and William A. Hewlett (13th Battalion) and which had been in service several months. The men were recruited from the counties of Autauga, Butler, Mobile, Montgomery, and Walker. Thus organized in the summer of 1863, the 56th operated in north Mississippi for some time under Gen. Daniel Ruggles. It was there brigaded under Gen. Samuel W. Ferguson and sent to north Georgia. It served on the flank of the army during the Dalton-Atlanta campaign, and it saw arduous duty. The regiment moved with Gen. John Bell Hood to the Tennessee, and then it turned and harassed Union Gen. William T. Sherman. It was in the trenches of Savannah and operated near Augusta. It moved into the Carolinas and was surrendered at Greensboro, 26 April 1865, about one hundred fifty strong.

By 1870 A. D. Stevens had settled in Precinct 2 of Tarrant County. As in 1860, his next-door neighbors were the family of Peter H. Youngblood. If the two families made the move together, the birthplaces of the Youngblood children indicate they made the move to Texas in or after 1867. One of the Youngblood children was born in Arkansas about 1867. They probably lived in the area of present-day Euless, north of the West Fork of the Trinity River.

In the 1870 census, Mr. Stevens' wife was L. Stevens, born about 1840 in Alabama. They had one child with them, a daughter "N. J." and who was born about 1861 in Alabama.

A. D. Stevens' family appears in the 1880 census of Hamilton County, Texas in District 3. Mrs. L. E. Stevens is shown as a forty-one-year-old native of Alabama, born to two North Carolinians. There were five children at home with them: Nancy J., Julia, William D., J. Milton, and Richard T. Stevens.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. Stevens was living in Precinct 4, a widower, in the family of his son-in-law, A. D. Ash. About 1907 Mr. Stevens was married a second time, to a widow named Susan M., who was born about 1852 in Alabama to a South Carolinian father and a Georgian mother.

In 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were living alone in Precinct 4 of Hamilton County, Texas. They told the census taker they were both in their second marriages.

Abraham Daniel Stevens of Ireland, Coryell County, Texas, applied for a pension in 1922. He said he turned eighty-three years old on March 24, 1921, thus giving him a birthdate of March 24, 1838. He said he was born in Twiggs County, Georgia. He said he had been in Texas fifty-three years, so he came about 1868. He had been in Coryell County [he must have meant in Hamilton County] for forty-three years, so since about 1878. He said he served in Co. F, 56th Alabama Cavalry, which was a regiment raised in Mississippi and Alabama. He may have been living with the Meltons, his daughter and son-in-law, when he applied.

In his pension application, Mr. Stevens said he "...was at home on a furlough just before the close of the war and was captured there by Union soldiers and was kept until after close of war."

His file contains an affidavit by E. J. Rice, the captain of Co. F. It is dated at Jasper, Alabama on January 14, 1922.

By 1930 he was a widower for the second time, and was living with the family of his son, Joshua M. Stevens, in Precinct 2 of Hamilton County. Mr. Stevens died at Jonesboro, Hamilton County, Texas at 10:35 a.m. on May 4, 1934. The causes of death listed on his death certificate were senility and uremia. He was buried at Jonesboro.

Abraham D. Stevens was the father of a number of children, including John Madison Stevens, Nancy Jane Stevens, Julia E. Stevens, William Daniel Stevens, Joshua Milton Stevens, Sarah Elizabeth Stevens, and Richard T. Stevens.

John Madison Stevens was born January 20, 1859. He does not appear with the family in the census of 1870.

Nancy Jane Stevens was born July 6, 1861. She died October 26, 1944 in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. She married John Madison Melton (1860-1932) on August 5, 1882. They lived for several years in Coryell County, Texas. Her death certificate says she was buried at Hamilton, Texas.

Julia E. Stevens was born June 6, 1872. She died in a hospital in Ranger in Eastland County on November 17, 1959. Her last permanent residence was at Gorman in Eastland County. She married Asbury Delphos Ash (1868-1922). They lived at various times in Hamilton, Comanche, and Eastland Counties, Texas. She was buried in Oliver Springs Cemetery at DeLeon, Comanche County, Texas.

William Daniel Stevens February 27, 1874. He was in Hamilton County, Texas as late as 1900. He registered for the World War I draft in 1918 in the town of Newport in Jackson County, Arkansas. He was living in Little Rock, Arkansas when the 1930 census was taken.

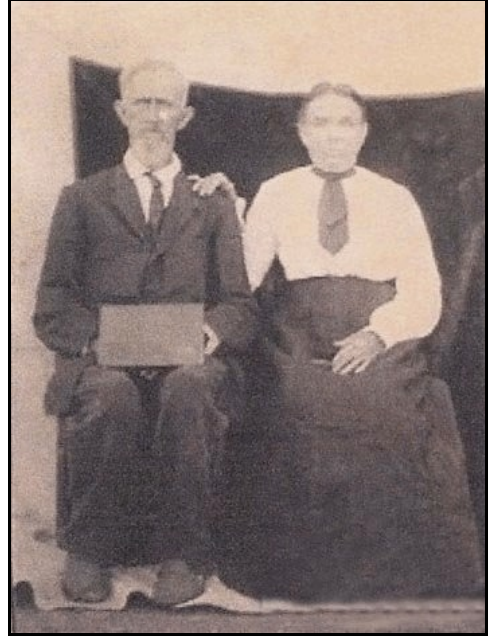
Joshua Milton Stevens was born November 2, 1875. He died December 9, 1950 in Hamilton County, Texas. He married Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hallmark. (1880-1953). He died in a hospital in Hamilton, Texas, though his last residence was Sonora in Sutton County, Texas. He was buried in Hamilton.

Sarah Elizabeth Stevens was born February 20, 1878. She does not appear in the 1880 census with her parents.

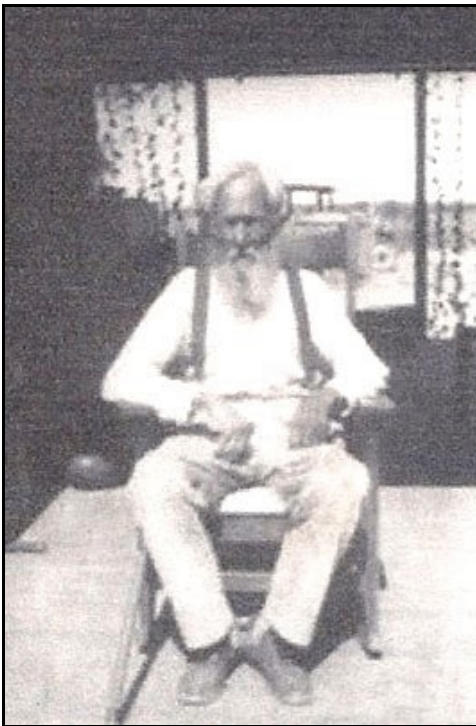
Richard T. Stevens was born February 29, 1880.



Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Daniel Stevens



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