



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

Barbara Knox and Rob Yoder, County Coordinators

Copyright © 2010-2011. All rights reserved.

Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Andrew Parker Wiley

Compiled by Michael Patterson
Copyright © 2010-2011. All rights reserved.

Andrew Parker Wiley was a Union veteran of a Tennessee cavalry regiment. He lived at several places in both Tennessee and Texas. He died at Keller, Texas in 1906.

Several of Mr. Wiley's descendants have placed material on his family at Ancestry.com. According to them, he was born about 1834 in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, and was a son of Joseph Hugh Wiley and his wife, Sarah Ross (1807-1880).

Andrew P. Wiley appears in the 1850 census of the Eastern District of Bledsoe County, Tennessee. He was sixteen years old, and was living in a family of siblings headed by his widowed mother, Sarah Wiley. He was apparently the first of the children born in Tennessee; his older brother was born about 1831 in Georgia, as was his mother. Andrew was working as a laborer.

On June 8, 1856, Mr. Wiley was married in Bledsoe County to Sarah Ann Smith (1840-1917). In 1860 A. P. Wiley, his wife, Sarah, and two sons, William A. and Isaac H. Wiley, lived in Bledsoe County, Tennessee in an area served by the Pikeville post office. Andrew was working as a farm laborer. He owned no real estate, but had personal property worth fifty dollars.

Mr. Wiley served the Union as a soldier in Co. G, 5th Tennessee Cavalry. He enlisted for a term of three years at Nashville, Tennessee on September 6, 1862. He was originally a part of Co. G, 1st Regiment of Middle Tennessee Cavalry. He was twenty-nine years old, five feet nine inches tall, with a fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and was a farmer by trade. He said he was a native of Bledsoe County, Tennessee. This company subsequently became Co. G of the 5th Tennessee Cavalry. He was mustered into the service the same day he enlisted. An original signed copy of his enlistment document remains in his file in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. On April 28, 1863 he was sent to Gallatin, Tennessee on some sort of detached service. On April 25, 1864 he was left sick at McMinnville, Tennessee and was still absent from his command on the last day of April. With those two exceptions, he appears present on all the surviving rolls of the regiment. He was

mustered out of the service at Pulaski, Tennessee on August 14, 1865, and was issued a written discharge.

The census taker in 1870 found Mr. Wiley and his family living in District 9 of Warren County, Tennessee, in the area served by the post office at McMinnville. The children with them were William, Isaac, George, James, and Francis. Andrew was a farmer.

Ten years later, in 1880, the family appears in the census of District 9 of Coffee County, Tennessee. The children in the family were I. Houston, G. Washington, James N., Mary J., and Thomas. Their oldest son, William, and his wife, Frances E., and their daughter Theodocia M. Wiley were their next-door neighbors.

On November 10, 1890, Mr. Wiley filed an application for pension benefits based upon his Union war service. He received the pension until his death. Many more interesting details of his life and service are to be found in his pension file, but the cost of obtaining a copy of the file is prohibitive within the scope of this project.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and their daughter, Mary, were living with the family of their son, George Wiley, in Precinct 7, at or near Wilderville in Falls County, Texas. Mrs. Wiley told the census taker only three of her children were still living. The total number of children to whom she had given birth is not legible.

Family sources say Mr. Wiley died June 18, 1906 at Keller, Texas. He has no readable headstone in any northeast Tarrant County cemetery. No death certificate was filed for him. In August, 1906, Mrs. Wiley applied for a pension based upon her husband's service.

At the time the 1910 census was taken, Mrs. Wiley was living at Keller with the family of her son-in-law, J. W. Shackelford. She apparently misunderstood the census taker's question about the number of children she'd borne, because she said she'd given birth to two, both of whom were still alive. Family sources say Sarah Ann (Smith) Wiley died March 1, 1917 at Willis, Montgomery County, Texas. She has no Texas death certificate on file.

Family sources report Andrew Wiley's children as William A. Wiley, Isaac Houston Wiley, George Washington Wiley, James N. Wiley, Frances E. Wiley, Mary Jane Wiley, and Thomas Edward Wiley. Mr. Wiley included a list of his children's names and their birthdates in his Union pension application.

William Alexander Wiley was born February 24, 1857. He married Frances E. Roach in Warren County, Tennessee on January 19, 1877. He died in Kaufman County, Texas on February 24, 1925. His death certificate gives the year of his birth as 1856.

Isaac Houston Wiley was born December 8, 1859, and was still alive in 1880. Based upon a statement his mother made to census officials, he was probably dead by 1900.

George Washington Wiley was born April 2, 1865. He was living in Keller, Texas with his family when the 1900 census was taken. His wife's name was Louise Belle. Family sources report he died in Bell County, Texas on October 29, 1940.

James N. Wiley was born July 23, 1867, and was still alive in 1880. Based upon a statement his mother made to census officials, he was probably dead by 1900.

Frances E. Wiley was born in September, 1869. She does not appear with the family in the 1880 census, and was probably dead by that time. She was not included in the list Mr. Wiley submitted to the pension authorities in 1890.

Mary Jane Wiley was born February 10, 1872. She married John W. Shackelford about 1901. She died at Duncanville, Dallas County, Texas on January 30, 1932. She was buried in Bethel Cemetery.

Thomas Edward Wiley was born October 27, 1873. He married Laura Jane Weaver on December 23, 1897. He died in 1912 in Arkansas.

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.



STATE OF *Tennessee* TOWN OF *Nashville*

I, *Andrew P. Wylie* born in *Bledsoe County,*
in the State of *Tennessee* aged *Twenty nine* years,
and by occupation a *Farmer* Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have

volunteered this *Sixth* day of *Sept* 186*2*
to serve as a **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the period of

THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such
bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be established by law for volunteers. And I,

Andrew P. Wylie do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and
allegiance to the **United States of America**, and that I will serve them honestly
and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey
the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me,
according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Nashville*
this *6* day of *Sept* 186*2* *Andrew P. Wylie*
Witness *Dr D. Wood* *his* *mark*

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named volunteer, agreeably to
the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental
infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

W. Hickman Examining Surgeon.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the volunteer *Andrew P. Wylie*
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that to the best of my judgment
and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-
bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has

Blue eyes, *light* hair, *fair* complexion, is *five* feet *nine* inches high.

Dr D. Wood
Regiment of *Mid Tenn* Volunteers Cavalry

RECRUITING OFFICER.