



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Hardin N. Williams

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Hardin N. Williams was a native of Tennessee who served in a local Confederate militia company. He was born about 1818, based upon his age stated in the 1870 census. We have found no information to suggest who his parents may have been. He died here in 1877 and lies buried in Birdville Cemetery.

Hardin N. Williams of Miller County, Missouri registered an ear mark for his livestock there on March 21, 1845. When the census was taken in 1850, he was a single man working as a clerk in a store owned by John F. Atkisson in District 13 of that county. Also in the family was Mary Atkisson, who Williams later married. The census gives no clue as to whether John and Mary were husband and wife, but there was a one-year-old girl named Lucy Atkisson with them.

County records in Miller County show that Harden N. Williams and Mary Elizabeth Atkisson were married December 17, 1851. Her obituary indicates she was born in 1824, and census records say she was born in Kentucky. They came to northeast Tarrant County about 1857.

H. N. Williams served the Confederacy as a member of Capt. J. R. Cummins Company, also known as the West Fork Guards. Cummins stated that his company had been raised in the neighborhoods of Bear Creek and Leonard's Mill. Williams' name appears on a muster roll for that company prepared on June 29, 1861, the original of which is in the Texas State Archives in Austin.

On August 9, 1867 H. N. Williams of Precinct 2 registered to vote in Tarrant County. He said he was a native of Tennessee, and had been living in Precinct 2 for ten years.

H. N. Williams and his family appear in Precinct 2 of Tarrant County's 1870 census. He was fifty-two; his wife Mary E. was forty-three. He was born in Tennessee; she was a Kentuckian. They had eight children: Joseph, James M., Sarah J., Lucy F., Martha A., Emily H., Mary C., and Charlotte W. Williams.

Hardin N. Williams appears in the 1870 agricultural census of Tarrant County. He owned a farm which consisted fifty acres of improved land and one hundred acres of woodland. The total value of his farm was placed at eight hundred dollars. He owned twenty-five horses, eight milk cows, eight other cattle, and twelve hogs. All his livestock had a combined value of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. He had a large amount of Indian corn on hand...either three hundred or five hundred bushels (the enumerator's numerals are very difficult to read), and twenty bushels of oats.

When the 1875 tax list was prepared for Precinct 3, H. N. Williams was recorded as the owner of one hundred sixty acres of the John Graves survey worth eight hundred dollars, eighty acres of the William Anderson survey worth three hundred twenty dollars, and fifty-three acres of the J. Shackley survey, worth one hundred sixty dollars. He also owned twenty horses worth fifteen dollars each and other livestock and personal property. This property was in present-day Bedford and Hurst, generally in the area along both sides of Pipeline Road somewhere between Forest Ridge and Westpark Way.

Mary E. Williams, his widow, appears with her family in the 1880 census of Precinct 3 in Tarrant County. She was fifty-four years old and was suffering from neuralgia. The children with her in that year were Marion, Lucy F., Martha A., Emily H., and Mary C. Williams. Also with the family was a twenty-five-year-old laborer named Franklin Hall.

We have been unable to find Mrs. Williams in the 1900 census. If she could be located, that would give us a statement about how many children she had borne, and how many were still alive.

An obituary for Mrs. Williams appeared in the Arlington Journal on Thursday, January 31, 1901: *"DEATH OF MRS WILLIAMS. Elizabeth Atkisson Williams was born in 1824, married to Hardin N. Williams Dec. 7, 1857, and died in Arlington at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Mahan, Jan. 20, 1901. This dear woman joined the Baptist church early in life and I am informed that she has lived a consistent life. She leaves 5 children and a host of friends, to whom we offer the consolations of the gospel of Christ. W.H. Wynn, her Pastor."* A Card of Thanks lists survivors, J.M. Williams, Mrs. Emma Mahan, J.A. Williams, Mrs. Mattie Brown, and Mrs. S.L. Cannin.

Joseph Atkisson Williams was born January 13, 1853 in Missouri, according to his death certificate. He worked many years as a trader. He died at 12:30 (a.m. or p.m. is illegible on the death certificate) on March 27, 1929 at his residence in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. He was buried the next day in West End Cemetery in Stephenville.

James Marion Williams was born about 1856. He was married in Tarrant County on July 29, 1886 to L. Ella Valentine (1868-1948), a daughter of another one of our veterans, Benjamin J. Valentine. When the 1920 census was taken James and Ella Valentine lived in Precinct 1 of Fort Worth. He was working as a cattle salesman. By 1930 they had moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where he was working that year as a dairyman. Mrs. Ella Williams died in Amarillo, Texas in 1948 and was buried in Roswell, New Mexico.

Sarah Jane Williams was born November 21, 1857. She married Daniel J. Cannon (1849-1913) in Tarrant County on January 29, 1879 and was living with her husband and daughter next-door to her mother and siblings in 1880. For much of her life she went by the name "Jane." By 1900 they had

moved to the Chickasaw Nation in present-day Oklahoma. She died March 7, 1940. She and her husband lie buried in Lone Grove Cemetery in Carter County, Oklahoma.

Lucy F. Williams was born about 1860. She was alive with her mother in 1880, but was dead by 1901.

Martha A. "Mattie" Williams was born March 24, 1862. She married Hugh Brown (1857-1953) in Tarrant County on December 10, 1885. By 1900 the family was in Donley County, Texas. She died there on November 4, 1901. After Mattie's death, about 1909, Mr. Brown married a widow, Mrs. Ida Goodson (1868-1936). Mr. Brown and both his wives lie buried in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas.

Emily "Emma" H. Williams was born May 2, 1864 in Texas. She married W. T. Mahan in Tarrant County on August 19, 1886. She appears as a widow in the 1900 Tarrant County census in Arlington. In 1910 she and her two children lived at 913 Peter Smith Street in Fort Worth. She died at 12:30 a.m. on November 10, 1945 at her home at 908 West Daggett in Fort Worth, and was buried two days later in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mary C. Williams was born about 1867. She was with her mother when the census was taken in 1880, but was dead by 1901.

Charlotte W. Williams was born in November 1869. She was with the family in 1870, but was not with her mother in 1880. She did not survive her mother.



Headstone for Hardin N. Williams

