



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Daniel Edgar Wolff

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Daniel Edgar Wolff was a member of a Texas frontier regiment. Soon after the War he settled in northeast Tarrant County and married into a local family. He lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

Mr. Wolff was born February 18, 1846 in Stokes County, North Carolina. His death certificate says he was the son of Samuel Wolff, a native of North Carolina. Researchers who have posted information at ancestry.com say his parents were Samuel Lemuel Wolff (1807-1863) and his wife, Margaret Ward Doub (1818-1856), who were married in 1836 in Stokes County, North Carolina.

Daniel first appears in the 1850 census as "Edgar" Wolff, a five-year-old boy in his father's family in Richmond District of Stokes County. His father was a farmer who owned real estate worth one thousand two hundred dollars. His father was not a slave owner in 1850.

Mr. Wolff told pension authorities he came to Texas in 1859. We have been unable to find Daniel Wolff in the 1860 census. No records of his service have survived in the National Archives in Washington, D. C. He served in Capt. James Bourland's unit of Texas frontier troops. The only details we now have come from his pension application file. He said he served in Co. K of James Bourland's Regiment, and that he served during 1864 and 1865. Two of his comrades in Co. K, J. V. Doss and T. A. Dunlap, both made affidavits in support of his service. Mr. Dunlap added the detail that Mr. Wolff had enlisted in the spring. Both men said he served until the end of the War.

When Mr. Doss applied for a pension in 1914 in Hood County, both Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Wolff made affidavits for him. They said they both enlisted in Bonham, Fannin County, Texas, and that Mr. Doss joined them about May 1, 1864 after they had moved west to Sherman, Texas.

Mr. Wolff told pension officials he came to Tarrant County in 1869. Family sources at Ancestry.com say he married Sarah Ann Clark in Tarrant County on August 15, 1869. She was a

daughter of Presley H. Clark (1816-1893), a pioneer settler who came to this county in 1856 and who lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Sarah was born December 30, 1844 in Christian County, Illinois.

Mr. Wolff and his family appear in the 1870 census of Tarrant County in Precinct 4. They had only one child with them, a daughter whose first name began with "M" and who was born in May, 1870. There were two other females surnamed Wolff living with the family, one adult and one teenager, both natives of North Carolina.

D. E. Wolff appears in the 1875 tax list in precinct 4 as the owner of eighty acres of the E. McD. King survey, worth eight dollars per acre. He also owned twelve horses and/or mules, worth \$145.00, as well as other personal property. This King survey was originally one hundred sixty acres, a square with its east line corresponding to today's Rufe Snow Drive. No other modern-day streets appear to follow its boundaries, but the northern boundary of the City of North Richland Hills and the northern boundary of the King survey are the same at this point. The survey's northeast corner is just south of the railroad; this is only a few blocks north of northeast Loop 820.

Mr. Wolff and his family appear in the 1880 census of Tarrant County in Precinct 4. With him were his wife, Sarah A., and children Marthy A., Cyrena W., Samuel P., and William S. Wolff. A laborer named William Thompson was also living with the family. All the children were born in Texas.

The 1880 agricultural census of Precinct 4 records Mr. Wolff as the owner of a farm consisting of twenty-five acres of cultivated land and one hundred sixty acres of permanent pasture. He estimated the total value of his farm, including land, buildings, and fences, to be \$1250. His farming implements were worth seventy-five dollars and his livestock was worth four hundred dollars. He owned twenty-five horses, five milk cows, and twenty-five cattle of other classes. Five calves had been dropped on his place in the past year. He had bought and sold two hundred cattle during the year, and had slaughtered three head. The family had churned three hundred sixty-five pounds of butter in the past year. He had one hog and had earlier in the year had a number of chickens. He had twelve acres in Indian corn which had made forty bushels. He had cut ten cords of wood off his place.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. Wolff and his family were living in Cedar Township in Custer County, Oklahoma where he was working as a stock drover. Mrs. Wolff told the census taker she had given birth to seven children, only four of whom were still living. The children with them in that year were Martha A., Sorana W., and William S. Wolff.

By the taking of the 1910 census they were back in Tarrant County and were living at 2718 McKinley in North Fort Worth. In this census, Mrs. Wolff is shown as having given birth to nine children, only four of whom were still living. Their daughter Senie and son, William, were living with them.

When Mr. Wolff applied for a Confederate pension in 1914 he said he lived at 2818 27<sup>th</sup> Street in North Fort Worth.

Sarah Ann (Clark) Wolff died at her home in the Rosen Heights section of North Fort Worth on October 6, 1915. Her death certificate says she died of senility. She was buried in Smithfield Cemetery on October 8. An obituary for her appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on October 6: "...Sarah Ann Wolff, 70, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday at her home one mile north of Fort Worth. The following children, besides the husband, survive: Annie Janzen of Weatherford, Okla.; Miss Cyrena Wolff of Wolfe City; sons, S. P. and W. S. of Fort Worth; a brother, Sterling P. Clark, of Fort Worth, and a sister, Mrs. Nettie McLaughlin of Snyder, Okla. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from the family residence at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Smithfield."

When the 1920 census was taken, Mr. Wolff was living with his son, William S. Wolff and William's wife in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County.

Daniel's death certificate records that he died seven miles south of Benbrook in Tarrant County at 5:20 p.m. on January 24, 1925. The cause of death was listed as organic heart trouble of two years' duration, with rheumatism as a contributing factor. He was buried at Smithfield on the January 26.

Members of the E. W. Taylor SCV Camp made a stone for him and installed it near the graves of his wife's parents in October, 2013. We have discovered the names of five of the Wolff children. Each of the following short paragraphs gives a brief outline of one of them.

The 1870 census records the existence of one daughter in the family. Her name began with "M" and she was born in May, 1870. If she was not Martha Anna Wolff whose birth is given in other records as July 16, 1871, then this "M" Wolff was dead by the time the 1880 census was taken.

Martha Anna Wolff was born July 16, 1871. She married Cornelius N. Janzen (1862-1943) and was living at Weatherford, Oklahoma when her mother died in 1915. She died in 1956 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Weatherford, Custer County, Oklahoma.

Syrena Ward "Cena" Wolff was born June 3, 1873. She was never married. She died at 2 p.m. on January 11, 1947 at her home in Fort Worth at 1004 Barkley Street and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

Samuel Pressley Wolff was born April 29, 1875. In 1904 he married Effie Maxey (1882-1967), a daughter of Jasper Maxey. He died at 5:45 p.m. on March 31, 1947 in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. His last permanent address was in Fort Worth at 2308 Columbus Street. He and his wife were buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

William Shepard Wolff was born April 20 (his death certificate says 28), 1878. He died at 11:55 (death certificate does not say a.m. or p.m.) on February 15, 1951 in the Tarrant County Home for the Aged in Fort Worth. His last permanent address was 1004 Barclay Street in Fort Worth. He married Celia Currie (1878-1954), a daughter of another of our Confederate veterans, Alexander Currie. They are buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

One of the children was Dora B. Wolff (1884-1887), who was buried in Smithfield Cemetery. An inscription for her is engraved on her Clark grandparents' stone.



DANIEL E WOLFF

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