Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry Barrington Bennett

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Henry Barrington Bennett's Confederate military service is confirmed by a statement he made to the census taker in 1910. At the time, he was a resident of the Coppell Precinct (Precinct 2) in Dallas County. He was the great-grandfather of Grapevine Mayor William D. Tate. Bennett and several members of his family lie buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

An interesting biographical sketch of Mr. Bennett appeared in the Memorial & Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas, (1892): “HENRY B. BENNETT, a successful farmer of Dallas county, was born in Freco, Arkansas, May 12, 1843 [headstone says 1848], a son of Pleasant and Docia (Simpson) Bennett, the former a native of Alabama. [Family sources say his mother's name was Theodocia Ann Simpson]. The parents settled in Polk county, Arkansas, many years ago, where the father died during the war, at about the age of fifty-five years, and where the mother still lives, being well advanced in years.

They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Fannie, deceased, married a Mr. Allen; Sallie, the wife of James Mays, resides in Frio county. Texas; Rena, deceased, married Andrew Johnson; Thomas, deceased; Margaret, who married Daniel Williams and is now deceased; Mary Emily, deceased, married Rafo Turner; Parolce., deceased, was the wife of William Williams; Henry B. Bennett, our subject; Matthew, a resident of Montague county. this State; Carroll, who resides in Frio county; Lucinda, the wife of John Porter, of Frio county; Laura, deceased, was the wife of Dock Hopkins, of Frio county.
The subject of this sketch came to Texas, and resided successively in Titus, Davis, Cherokee and Tarrant counties. He removed to the latter county in the fall of 1872, where he was engaged in milling at Grapevine. In 1878 he came to Dallas county, and bought the place of 150 acres where he now resides, sixty acres of which is under cultivation. Mr. Bennett was married in December, 1866, to Susan, a daughter of J. M. Stringfellow, of Frio county. [Family sources say the marriage took place on January 7, 1867 in Calhoun County, Arkansas] She died April 26, 1885, leaving eight children: Mollie Lee, the wife of Cal Prewett, of Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory; Docia Ann, now Mrs. John Galbert, of this county; William Madison, John Henry, Rufus Edward, Jesse Carroll, Jennetta and Susan at home. Mr. Bennett was again married in November, 1885, to Mrs. Mary Walls, the widow of Berry Walls, of Tarrant county. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and five children are members of the Freewill Baptist Church."

Susan M. Stringfellow was born in Tennessee on July 19, 1849. She died April 26, 1885 and was buried in Grapevine Cemetery, near her parents, John M. Stringfellow (1827-1889) and his wife, Sarah J. Stringfellow (1829-1905). Bennett’s second wife, Mrs. Mary J. Walls, was born in August 1837 in Mississippi.

At the time of his death, Henry Bennett owned the land at Coppell on which Grapevine Springs is located. An obituary for Bennett appeared in the Grapevine Sun on May 6, 1916: "DIED. Mr. H. B. Bennett of Coppell, aged 68 years, died last Monday morning, May 1st. Mr. Bennett has been a resident of Coppell for thirty-five years. He leaves a wife, four daughters and four sons to mourn his departure. Funeral services were conducted at the Coppell Baptist church Tuesday morning by his pastor, Rev. Brown. His remains were laid to rest in the Grapevine Cemetery, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. [illegible....] sympathy to the bereaved family."