Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

James Madison Bowman

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James Madison Bowman was a veteran of the Union Army who lived at Bedford when the 1890 census was taken. He was born in Tennessee in June 1840 to two native Tennesseans. His wife, America C. Bowman, was born in October 1840.

Bowman served the Union as a private in Co. A, 37th Kentucky Infantry. He told the census enumerator he enlisted June 1, 1863 at Glasgow, Kentucky, and was mustered out December 29, 1864 at Louisville, Kentucky.

James M. Bowman and America C. Currey were married in Barren County, Kentucky on January 18, 1865. Census information suggests that they moved to Missouri within three or four years, from there to the Indian Territory, from there to Illinois, and from there to Texas in the mid-1870’s.

When the 1880 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County south of Big Bear Creek. With him was his wife, America Bowman, who was born about 1840; she told the census taker both her parents were native of Kentucky, as she was. With Mr. and Mrs. Bowman in Tarrant County in 1880 were the following children: Sallie A. Bowman (born about 1866 in Kentucky); Nannie B. Bowman (born about 1869 in Missouri); Lillie M. Bowman (born about 1871 in the Indian Territory); Laura Bowman (born about 1874 in Illinois); Oda Bowman and Aida Bowman (born about 1877 in Texas).

On March 20, 1885, Mr. Bowman filed an application for an invalid’s pension, based upon his Union service. His wife also received a widow’s pension. In her application she is shown as Mrs. America C. Bowman, and her application was filed in Oklahoma. The index card for Mr. Bowman’s application does not show the state from which it was filed.

The census taker in 1900 found the family living in District 29, Moore Township, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. Mr. Bowman was still alive. In that year, Mrs. Bowman said she had given birth to ten
children, seven of whom were still living. Still at home with them in 1900 were Ada R. Bowman (born in January 1879); Josephine Bowman (born in August 1880); and James S. Bowman (born in July 1883).

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bowman, and their son, James S. Bowman
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