Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Wiley Green Cannon

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Wiley Green Cannon, known here in Tarrant County as Green Cannon, was born in Bedford Co., Tennessee on November 16, 1842. He was a son of Almond Cannon and his wife, Elizabeth (Stewart) Cannon.

In most of his records in the Confederate army he appears as W. G. or Wiley G. Cannon. He was a member of Co. A, 37th Tennessee Infantry. He enlisted at Knoxville, Tennessee on August 15, 1861 and was mustered in November 3 at Camp Sam Hays, Tennessee. He traveled 203 miles to the regimental rendezvous. He is shown present on of the surviving muster rolls of the 37th Tennessee, with only a few exceptions. Between February 25 and March 31, 1862 he was detailed as a teamster. On May 27, 1862 he was ill and was sent to the general hospital. In July and August he was ill at his home in Bedford County. By August 22 he was in a hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He was captured at the Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee on November 25, 1863 and was forwarded as a prisoner to Louisville, Kentucky on December 7, where he arrived on December 8. On December 9 he was sent to Rock Island Prison in Illinois, which he entered on December 11. On April 7, 1864, he signed an oath of allegiance to the federal government was was paroled. At the time of his release, he was 5’ 5” tall, had a dark complexion, light hair, and hazel eyes. His widow was pensioned for his Civil War service.
He was married in Bedford County, Tennessee on September 30, 1865 to Saphronia Strong Haley (November 19, 1844-March 17, 1922). Green and his family moved from Bedford County, Tennessee to Bedford, Texas about 1873 with the first five of their children. Green Cannon was a charter member of the New Hope Church of Christ (now Bedford Church of Christ) in Bedford in 1874. They bought the old home of Alexander Allen in Bedford at the present-day northwest corner of Harwood Road and Oak Grove Lane. He died at Bedford on January 1, 1903. The Cannon family homestead was sold in 1917.

Saphronia “Froney” Cannon was pensioned by the State of Texas for his Confederate service, and died at the home of her son, Arch Cannon, in Euless. Green and Froney Cannon were the parents of the following children: Archibald N. Cannon, John Marion Cannon, Thomas Riley Cannon, Daniel Preston Cannon, William Green Cannon, Walter E. Cannon, Mary M. Cannon, Annie Belle (Mrs. William Rufus) Allen, Adam Euless Cannon, and Fannie Kate (Mrs. Andy) Felps.

Allmon(d) Cannon, father of Wiley Green Cannon