

TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Richard Carlton

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William Richard Carlton was a native of Missouri who arrived here shortly before the War and served in a local cavalry company. He buried his first wife at Birdville in 1875, in the late 1880's moved to Denton where he spent the rest of his life. His brother, Hezekiah G. Carlton, also appears on our memorial.

Family genealogists have placed a considerable amount of material on Mr. Carlton and his family at Ancestry.com. William R. Carlton was born May 5, 1839 in Missouri and was a son of Leroy Charlton (1808-1880) and his wife, Cassandra (Hart) Carlton (1812-1854), both of whom died in Callaway County, Missouri.

The family appears in the 1840 census of Callaway County. At that time, they were recorded as the owners of three slaves. Three people in the family were involved in agriculture. A later census indicates the family had arrived in Missouri from Virginia about 1837.

When the 1850 census was taken, William was shown as a ten-year-old boy in his father's family in District 12 of Callaway County. Leroy Carlton was farming land which he owned.

Ten years later, in 1860, William lived as a single man in a family of siblings headed by his older brother, Hezekiah G. Carlton. They lived in Cedar Township, Callaway County, Missouri, in the area served by the post office at Hibernia, Missouri. William must have left Missouri and immigrated to Texas within the next few months.

Mr. Carlton served the Confederacy with many other northeast Tarrant County men in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. At the age of twenty-two he was mustered into the Confederate service on October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves. He had traveled one hundred fifty miles to the rendezvous. He initially became a member of Thomas G. Berry's Company of the 4th Regiment of Texas Cavalry; this company subsequently became Co. A of the 9th Cavalry. He presented himself for a twelve-month

term of service riding a horse worth one hundred ten dollars and with equipment worth twenty dollars. On the last day of 1861 he was present with the regiment at Fort Gibson in the Indian Territory.

With the exception of one period of two months, he is shown present for duty on all the muster rolls of the regiment which have survived. At some point in July and or August, 1863, he was away from the regiment on detail as a teamster, but had returned by the time the next rolls were prepared. No other specific records of his service have survived.

On November 26, 1869 William R. Carlton registered to vote in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. He said he had come from Missouri directly to Precinct 4, where he had lived for three years. This is obviously in error, since he was here at the time he enlisted in the Confederate army.

Mr. Carlton's first wife, Mary Isabella Walker, was born in Missouri on May 31, 1843. She was a sister of Julia Walker, his brother's wife. They were daughters of William A. Walker (1802-1853) and Margaret (Weir) Walker (1810-1898), both of whom died in Tarrant County, Texas. They came to Tarrant County from Fort Osage Township in Jackson County, Missouri. Mary I. Carlton died in 1875 and was buried in Birdville Cemetery.

W. R. Carlton appears on the 1875 tax list of Tarrant County's precinct 4. He owned one hundred twenty-five acres of the S. Drew survey, worth seven hundred fifty dollars. The original Smith Drew survey was patented in 1858, lies in the City of Watauga and contained three hundred two acres. In modern-day terms, the survey's southwest corner is at about the intersection of Highway 377 (Denton Highway) and Watauga Road.

Family sources at ancestry.com show a second marriage for Mr. Carlton on July 28, 1875 to Martha Milbrey Clark. In some records her name is shown as Milbrey J. Carlton. She was born February 21, 1856 in Illinois and died January 1, 1913 in Denton, Denton County, Texas.

At the time the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Carlton and his family were living in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. The family included his second wife, his three children from his first marriage, three children from his second marriage, and his brother, Albert H. Carlton.

Mr. Carlton also appears in the 1880 agricultural census of Tarrant County. He owned a farm consisting of fifty-five acres of tilled land and sixty acres of permanent pasture. His farm was worth one thousand two hundred dollars, his livestock was worth one hundred fifty dollars, and his farm equipment was valued at seventy-five dollars. He estimated that all his farm production in 1879 was worth three hundred eighty dollars. He owned two horses, two milk cows, and three cattle of other classes. During the past year two calves had been dropped on his farm, he had sold one animal, and slaughtered another for his own use. He produced one hundred pounds of butter in 1879. At that time Mr. Carlton owned two hogs and six chickens.

His four acres of barley had produced twenty-four bushels, his twenty-three acres of Indian corn had produced two hundred bushels, his eight acres of wheat had made twenty-four bushels, and his cotton patch of twelve acres had made five bales. He also had a peach orchard covering two acres

and containing one hundred trees. During the past year he had cut six cords of wood, valued at two dollars per cord.

All the Carlton children's death certificates say the family remained in the Watauga area of Tarrant County until at least 1888. By 1900 the Carltons had moved to Precinct 1 in Denton County, Texas. Mr. Carlton's wife said she had given birth to six children, all of whom were still alive. Family sources name a seventh child who died young in the 1880's.

Martha Milbrey (Clark) Carlton died in Denton, Texas on January 1, 1913. She was buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Denton. Mr. Carlton died at his home about three miles northwest of Denton on June 24, 1919. His death certificate gives the cause of his death as apoplexy. He was buried on June 27 beside his wife in the IOOF Cemetery.

Family internet sources show three children for Mr. Carlton in his first marriage: Julia A., James A., and John W. Carlton.

Julia A. Carlton was born July 7, 1867. She married Frank Craft (1859-1924). They lived at 409 West Oak in Denton when her husband died. She died of paralysis at the same home in Denton, Texas on January 4, 1931. She was buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Denton on January 6.

James Albert Carlton was born at Watauga, Texas on November 13, 1869. He married Cornelia Kennedy (1875-1967), and worked for many years as a salesman. He died in John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas at 3:30 a.m. on July 16, 1955. He was buried in Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

John William Carlton was born about 1872. His death certificate says he was born December 7, 1870 in Tarrant County. He married Eunice Emma Mildred Bates (1875-1950) on October 5, 1892. He died April 2, 1957 in the Schlesinger Nursing Home in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. His last permanent address was 2504 Grand in Beaumont. He was buried in Roselawn Cemetery in Denton.

Internet sources show seven children for Mr. Carlton in his second marriage: Omer Richardson Carlton, Walter Clark Carlton, Sarah G. Carlton, Willis Marion Carlton, Charlie L. Carlton, and Mary Bessie Carlton.

Omer Richardson Carlton was born June 30, 1876 (his death certificate says 1875). He married Charlotte "Lottie" Kluck (1886-1972) about 1904. He died at 4:20 p.m. on February 23, 1957 at his home on Route 1 in rural Denton County, and was buried in Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton.

Walter Clark Carlton was born February 24, 1878 at Watauga, Texas. He married Mary Ellen Skiles (1883-1962) in Denton County, Texas on January 17, 1900. He died February 11, 1963 in the Stamford Hospital at Stamford in Jones County, Texas. His last home was ten miles west of Stamford. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Tuxedo in Jones County.

Dora Bell Carlton was born November 15, 1879. She married Benjamin Eugene Kirkland (1878-1956) about 1898 in Denton County. She died at 8:10 p.m. on May 7, 1961 at her home on Boliver Street in Sanger, Denton County, Texas. She was buried in Sanger Cemetery.

Sarah G. Carlton was born about 1880. She died July 23, 1882.

Willis Marion Carlton was born December 31, 1881. He married Christina J. Craft (1884-1967). His last residence was 1014 Symonds Street in Stamford, Jones County, Texas. He died in a hospital in Stamford, Texas at 2 p.m. on July 15, 1946. He was buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Denton.

Charlie L.. Carlton was born August 17, 1884. He married Beatrice Claudine Lawrence (1897-1981) on December 11, 1910 in Denton County. He died August 16, 1939 in the Stamford Hospital at Stamford in Jones County, Texas. His last home was at RFD 1, Avoca, Texas. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Tuxedo in Jones County.

Mary Bessie Carlton was born July 17, 1888. She married Thomas Raymond Kirkland about 1904. She died at 12 a.m. on March 14, 1956 at her home at 126 East Oak Street in Denton, Texas. She was buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Denton.



