Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Louis Clark Cromer

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Louis Clark Cromer was a Union veteran who spent the last years of his life in east-central Tarrant County. He lies buried in Calloway Cemetery in Euless.

Louis Clark Cromer was born in Franklin County, Missouri on May 7, 1842. He was a son of Martin Cromer (died 1852) and a widow, Frances Jameson Cromer, who later married Garrett Davis in 1853. By 1880, she had married a fourth time, to a Mr. Webb, and was living with her son, James L. Cromer, in Tarrant County, Texas. She died June 18, 1886 and lies buried in Hood Cemetery in Southlake beside another of our veterans, Josiah H. Jimeson, one of her sons by her first marriage to Middleton Jamison.

For some unknown reason, at the time the 1850 census was taken, Louis and his younger sister, Mary Cromer, and their half-sister, Elizabeth Jameson, were living in the household of two native Germans in Franklin County, William and Mary Schugman.

Louis Cromer married Nancy Alice (or Lee) Adams. She was born August 26, 1841 and died October 7, 1938. Mrs. Cromer does not have a death certificate on file in Texas.

“Lewis” C. Cromer” was in Co. I, 26th Missouri Infantry, a Union regiment, the same company and regiment as his half-brother, Josiah H. Jameson, who also came here from Franklin County, Missouri. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cromer were pensioned by the federal government for his Union service. He filed applications in both 1891 and 1907. His wife began receiving her pension the same year he died.

Mrs. Nancy Cromer appears as the head of a family in the 1900 census of Tarrant County. She is shown as a widow, but her husband was still living. Her son, Edward S. Cromer, was living with her. She told the census taker she had given birth to six children, five of whom were still living.
this is correct, it was her son, Elmer A. Cromer, who had died. There must have been one other child living in 1900 on whom we have found no records.

His pension records show that he died October 1, 1917 at Fort Worth, Texas. His death certificate shows that he died at the City-County Hospital in Fort Worth of cancer of the right side of the abdomen. The informant was E. S. Cromer of Route 6, Arlington. His headstone in Calloway Cemetery in Euless mistakenly shows his death year as 1918.

An obituary for Mr. Cromer appeared in the Fort Worth Record on October 2, 1917: “L. C. Cromer. The funeral service of L. C. Cromer, 74, who died at a local sanitarium at 3 o’clock Monday afternoon, will be held at 11 a.m. today at place of interment, Calloway cemetery, the Rev. Mr. Bates of Tarrant, officiating. E. S. Cromer, a son, survives.”

Their six children included Jennie Cromer Fitch, William Webster Cromer, Louella Alice Cromer Bates, Edward S. Cromer, and Elmer A. Cromer. Mrs. Cromer’s statement to the 1900 census taker would indicate that there was one other child living in 1900.

Jennie Cromer was born in Missouri on November 21, 1867 and died September 10, 1951. She married Charles E. Fitch (1866-1938), and later moved to Garvin County, Oklahoma. In 1920 when the census was taken, Mrs. Cromer was living with them in Oklahoma. Charles and Jennie Fitch lie buried in Greenhill Cemetery at Lindsay, Garvin County, Oklahoma.

William Webster Cromer was September 10, 1869 in Franklin County, Missouri. He married Marie Vashti Fitch of Bedford. He died April 16, 1949 in Wichita Falls, Texas, and lies buried in Bedford Cemetery.

Louella Alice Cromer was born in Missouri on November 21, 1870, and died in Tarrant County, Texas on January 8, 1971. She married Richard Henry Bates. She lies buried in Calloway Cemetery in Euless.

Edward Samuel Cromer was born October 25, 1873 in Texas, and married Sarah Fuller, a daughter of Thomas W. Fuller. Edward died in Tarrant County on March 10, 1970.

Elmer A. Cromer was born June 13, 1877 and died June 23, 1899. Elmer lies buried at Calloway Cemetery.