Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Glenn

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William Glenn was one of the few veterans of the Mexican War (1846-1848) who later moved to Tarrant County. He and his family moved to the Pleasant Glade Community during the 1870’s. Glenn was born in Missouri about 1821.

He served a term in the United States volunteers during the Mexican War, during which he received a permanently-disabling gunshot wound to the left hand. He was a farrier and blacksmith in Capt. Kinsey’s Co., 1st Regiment (Hays) Texas Mounted Volunteers during the Mexican War, having joined June 15, 1847 at Buckner, Texas for twelve months. Buckner was at the time the county seat of Collin County, Texas. He was mustered in at Austin on July 3, 1847, and brought his own horse worth $85 and his own equipment worth $10. Glenn was sick in the hospital at Vera Cruz, Mexico for a time and rejoined his company from the hospital at Vera Cruz on December 20, 1847. He was mustered out at Camp Washington, Vera Cruz, Mexico, on April 30, 1848, at which time he was given his clothing allowance from March 4.

When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted as a private in the 9th Brigade of Texas State Militia. At the time, he and his family were living in Lamar County, Texas. By 1870 the family had moved back to Missouri, but by 1880 they had immigrated to Tarrant County, Texas.

Both he and his wife, Nancy (Griffin) Glenn, were pensioned by the federal government for his Mexican War service. He was dead by 1900, when his widow was living in the Pleasant Glade Community with one of their sons. He grew to be five feet, seven inches tall and had auburn hair. William Glenn is buried along with several members of his family in Parker Memorial Cemetery south of Grapevine. He and his wife, Nancy E. Griffin, lived on a farm on Pool Road southwest of Grapevine. Nancy was still alive in 1900.

William Glenn was the father of several children, including White Hill Glenn; John W. Glenn; Julia (Mrs. Kit) Walker; Andrew Glenn; Susan (Mrs. William) Joyce; Samuel Glenn; Mary (Mrs. Lynn) Boland; and Rosana Glenn.