Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Norvell Judson Granberry

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Norvell Judson Granberry was born November 15, 1844 in Mississippi, a son of Hiram Granberry and Elizabeth (Joyce) Granberry. By 1850 he was living with his parents and siblings in Rankin County, Mississippi. Hiram brought his family to Tarrant County in 1857, and patented the survey which bears his name on July 8 of that year.

When the War began, Norvell was living with his parents and siblings on the Hiram Granberry survey in present-day Southlake, which survey is a rectangular tract about one mile north-south by one-half mile east-west. Its northwest corner was about where Shady Grove Drive dead ends from the north into FM1709. Continental Drive today forms its southern boundary.

Norvell Granberry was a Confederate soldier in A, 34th Texas Cavalry. His official records say he enlisted January 15, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas for a term of twelve months under M. W. Deavenport. Granberry said he began his service as a cavalryman, but was dismounted after first year. His records show he was due payment for the use of his own arms to December 17, 1862, and was due $11 for mileage of 110 miles to the regimental rendezvous. He is shown on rolls for Feb. 28-June 30, 1863 and Jan-Feb 1864. He was discharged at Hempstead, Texas on May 20, 1865. Norvell Granberry was a first cousin of Confederate General Hiram B. Granbury, who was killed in battle at Franklin, Tennessee and for whom the City of Granbury, Texas is named.

Hiram Granberry and his family moved to Collin County in 1867, in which year Hiram died and was buried at Rowlett Cemetery. Norvell’s wife, Mollie J. Granberry, was born November 23, 1849 and died January 18, 1936. When Mrs. Granberry applied for a pension, she said she and Norvell were married in Denton County on December 18, 1867. She said she was born in Wilson County, Tennessee, and had come to Texas about 1866. Norvell was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Fort Worth, and according to their records lived at Lebanon, Collin County, in 1884.

When he applied for a Confederate pension, he gave his address was Allen, Texas. Norvell
Granberry died at Lebanon, Collin County, Texas on March 4, 1922 at the home of his son-in-law, J. W. Scruggs, and was buried near his father in Rowlett Cemetery there. One of his children was Nora A. M. Granberry (1878-1883), who is buried with them at Rowlett.