Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Douglas Richard Lilly

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Douglas Richard Lilly lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County, south of Big Bear Creek, when the 1880 census was taken. He was born in January, 1843 in Carroll County, Mississippi. He was a son of David Firman Lilley and his wife, Margaret Jane Stewart.

Lilly enlisted in the Confederate Army in the spring of 1862 and served three years. He first served in Co. E, 15th Mississippi Infantry, and then about the fall of 1864 he was transferred into Co. B, 5th Mississippi Cavalry. His official records in Washington say he enlisted August 22, 1863 in Co. B, 5th Mississippi Cavalry, and was transferred to Co. E, 15th Mississippi Infantry on March 25, 1864. He was paroled at Memphis, Tennessee on May 20 1865.

About 1865, Lilly and his wife, Frances Amanda Scrivner, were married. She was born June 16, 1847 in Tennessee and died November 14, 1915. One record from the census says she was born in June of 1845.

In the 1880 census, the children living with them included Margaret L. Lilly (born December 1868 in Mississippi...in the 1900 census the name looks like “Licitty M.” and she was the widow of a Mr. Hargraves); David Richard Lilly (born September 6, 1870 in Mississippi; died September 16, 1937 and buried at Meers, Oklahoma); William Estell Lilly (1873 in Mississippi-1935, buried at Meers, Oklahoma); Mary E. Lilly (born August 9, 1876 in Mississippi, married Sam Roberts, buried at Meers, Oklahoma); and James Douglas Lilly (born in November 1877 in Texas; Meers, Oklahoma cemetery transcription says October 29, 1879-November 5, 1940). In view of a statement Mrs. Lilly gave to census officials in 1900, the Lillys probably had these five children and no more.

By the time the 1900 census was taken, he and his wife and children were in Hood County, Texas. They were living in the portion of the town of Granbury which was located in Precinct 1.
Lilly told pension officials in Oklahoma he had moved there about 1903. The census taker found them in 1910 in Mountain View, Kiowa Co., Oklahoma. He applied for a Confederate pension in June, 1915 while a resident of Meers, Comanche County, Oklahoma. He stated he was never discharged and served until Lee's surrender, then simply went home. At the time he applied, he said his property consisted of two ponies and one cow. His Oklahoma Confederate pension application was granted.

Douglas R. Lilly died December 31, 1924, and is buried in the cemetery at Meers, Comanche County, Oklahoma. The online cemetery transcription of this cemetery says he died December 31, 1934. He appears in the 1920 census of Comanche County, but is absent from the 1930 census.