William Bartley Long, a Confederate veteran and pioneer in the Lonesome Dove Community, died in Tarrant County and is buried just across the line in the old Medlin Cemetery, now surrounded by the Trophy Club development, between Grapevine and Roanoke.

William was born November 13, 1844 in Henderson County, Tennessee. Family sources at Ancestry.com say he was a son of John and Sylvaney Long.

William B. Long was a soldier in Co. I, 30th Texas Cavalry. His official military records file in the National Archives is very scant. It says he enlisted December 1, 1862 at Dallas under E. J. Gurley for three years. He was present on a roll for July and August 1863. He appears on a register of the general hospital at Houston, Texas, for rubeola, admitted June 1 and discharged June 7, 1863.

William married Lucy Evaline White in Denton County on February 25, 1869. She was a daughter of John White and Nancy Jane (Gibson) White, among the earliest pioneers of Denton County, who had settled there by 1850. Her father was a veteran of the Mexican War. Lucy was born August 28, 1850 in Denton County.

When the 1870 census was taken in Denton County’s Precinct 4, the census enumerator found William and Lucy E. Long living there with no children. They had a young man named John Bishop living with them and helping to work their land. When the 1880 census was taken in Precinct 4 of Denton County, W. B. and Lucy Long and their children were still living there.

William B. Long died in Tarrant County on August 4, 1895, and was buried in Medlin Cemetery in southern Denton County. When the 1900 census taker visited Mrs. Long’s home in northern Tarrant County, he found her living next-door to Benjamin Jackson Foster. She said she had given birth to eight children, all of whom were still living.
When Mrs. Long applied for a Confederate pension in 1909, her address was Route 1, Roanoke, Tarrant County. She said her husband enlisted in Co. I, 30th Texas Cavalry in 1862 and served until the end of the War. W. J. Foster and Lizzie Martin made affidavits for her in support of her claims. G. W. Medlin made an affidavit in which he said Long enlisted at Waco in July, 1862 and served until the end of the war. J. M. Cochran of Dallas made an affidavit in which he said Long enlisted at Dallas. Mrs. Long died February 4, 1929 and was buried beside her husband in Medlin Cemetery.

Several descendants of the Long family have placed data at Ancestry.com. A composite list of their children, made up from various internet and primary documentary sources, would include: Susan C. Long (born about 1872); Alice L. Long (born about 1874); James Henry Long (1875-1953); Edward Bartley Long (June 1879-1951); Cage L. Long (September 1881-1966); Teed Long (1885-1902); Jewel E. Long (May 1887-1950); and Winford B. Long (January 1889-___). If Mrs. Long’s statement in the 1900 census is correct, this list is complete.