Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry Marion Prather

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Henry Marion Prather was born in Adair County, Missouri on November 30, 1842. He was the son of a pioneer Tarrant County gospel preacher, Jeremiah Prather, who died in 1859. Henry arrived in Tarrant County with his parents and siblings on November 7, 1857.

He enlisted in Co. E, 12th Texas Infantry, on January 3, 1862 at Camp Hobart near Hempstead, Texas. He was sick in the hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas in December of that year.

Henry and his wife, Sarah A. (Curry) Prather, were married about 1869, probably in Tarrant County. She was born November 5, 1851 in Warren County, Kentucky, and died April 19, 1904. Henry died August 24, 1884. Both he and his wife lie buried in Bedford Cemetery.

In 1895, Mrs. Sarah Prather was living on the Thomas Akers survey in present-day Hurst, in the vicinity of where Grapevine Highway (State Highway 26) and Bentridge Drive intersect today. When the 1900 census taker visited their home, Sarah Prather said she had given birth to eight children, six of whom were still living.

Henry and Sarah Prather were the parents of at least the following children: Mary Ellen (Mrs. Bob) Lassiter; James Henry Prather; Sarah Emily (Mrs. Samuel H.) Sparger; William Taylor Prather; Florence (Mrs. Alexander) White; and Walter Greenup Prather.