James E. D. Price was a veteran of the Union army who lived near Keller. He lies buried there in Bourland Cemetery. He was born August 3, 1831 in North Carolina to two parents who were born in the same state.

Price served in the Union army in Co. B, 44th Missouri Infantry, from August 9, 1864 until May 26, 1865. He gave these scant details of his service when he was listed at Keller, Texas in the 1890 Special Census of Union Veterans. He was granted a pension for his service by the federal government in 1891.

Although we have not been able to establish Mr. Price’s whereabouts in 1880, there was one Jas. or Jos. E. D. Price in Hood County, Texas, Precinct 1 in that year. This man was born about 1834 in North Carolina to two North Carolinians. He was a miller by trade. His wife, Sarah J. Price, was born about 1845 in Tennessee to two Tennesseans. They had no children living with them in that year.

By the time the 1900 census was taken, Mr. Price was a widower living alone at Keller. He was stationary engineer, and was renting his home. He told the census taker that year he was born in August 1838.

A newspaper called the Keller Kourier was published for a short time around the turn of the last century. In the issue of February 17, 1899, is found: “…Keller also has a first-class shoemaker in the personage of Mr. J. E. D. Price…”

James E. D. Price died June 16, 1903 and was buried in Keller in Bourland Cemetery.