

TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Ozias Rumfield

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Ozias Rumfield was born June 17, 1842 in Perry County, Ohio, a son of Peleg M. Rumfield. He served a term as a private in the Union Army in Co. D, 17th Ohio Infantry. He enlisted on April 25, 1861 at Logan, Ohio and was honorably discharged on August 15, 1861 at Camp Goddard, Zanesville, Ohio.

Rumfield was married twice, first to Mary J. Mingus in Hocking County, Ohio on September 1, 1861. She was a daughter of Luther and Anna (Willis) Mingus, and was born June 27, 1844 in Trimble Township, Athens County, Ohio. She died near Smithfield, Texas on April 7, 1883.

He married his second wife, Mrs. Angeline (Deatherage) Burnett, at Smithfield, Texas on July 12, 1883. She was a daughter of Abner Deatherage and Mary Almeada (Marney) Deatherage. In her application for the pension due her because of Rumfield's service, Angeline said she was born July 20, 1861 in Meigs County, Tennessee. It seems more likely, however, that she was born after the Deatherage family arrived in Tarrant County, Texas. Descendants believe the older Rumfield family may have been associated with the Smithfield Church of Christ, formed in the community in 1888.

Rumfield filed an application for a pension in 1892 based upon his service. In 1895, He lived in present-day North Richland Hills, on the western edge of the Ozias Rumfield Survey, along the south side of Rumfield Road about where Eden Drive goes south from Rumfield.

He died December 28, 1919 in Terrell, Texas (some records say December 18), and lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. His death certificate says Rumfield died at 4 a.m. of exhaustion, insanity, and senile dementia. He had been at the North Texas Hospital for the Insane at Terrell for one year, eight months, and ten days. One of the doctors at the hospital was the informant, and the certificate contains little or no personal information about Mr. Rumfield.

His widow filed an application for a pension in 1920. Angeline Rumfield died on December 23, 1928. Ozias Rumfield was the father of nine children: Charles Sherman Rumfield; Thomas

Rumfield; Georgia Rumfield; William Alva Rumfield; George O. Rumfield; Annie S. Rumfield; Mary Delia Rumfield; and two other children who died young.





