William Milton Sitton was born July 10, 1840 in Marion County, Tennessee. He was a son of Jacob Sitton and Ann (Ray) Sitton, who had moved to Dade County, Georgia by about 1847.

William enlisted March 4, 1862 and became a private in Co. D, 39th Georgia Infantry, also known as the “Dade County Invincibles.” He surrendered at Greensboro, North Carolina on April 26, 1865.

Sitton married Mary Alice Rogers in 1863; she was born December 26, 1843 and died April 19, 1905. She was a sister of Layton T. Rogers, who also came to settle in the Bedford Community. In 1870 the Sittons moved to the Grapevine area from Walker County, Georgia, but remained only one year. By 1874 they returned to Tarrant County permanently. Probably as a result of their letters back to their families and friends in Georgia, by 1879 several other related families had made the move here.

The Sittons were active members of Oak Grove Methodist Church, which met a short walk from their home. In 1895 Sitton lived in present-day Bedford at his home east Oak Grove Methodist Church, on the western edge of the L. J. Teeter survey, along present-day Forest Ridge Road about where Hardisty Drive intersects it from the west. Sitton died January 7, 1917, and was buried beside his wife along the southern edge of Smithfield Cemetery.

When the 1900 census taker was at their home, Mrs. Sitton said she’d given birth to thirteen children, nine of whom were still alive. Mr. and Mrs. Sitton’s children included William S. Sitton; Martha Zany Sitton; Priscilla Ann (Mrs. John W.) Creecy; Leona (Mrs. Frank) Cooper; Margaret
J. (Mrs. William S.) Cox; Sarah (Mrs. John Ed) Driskill; George H. Sitton; Samuel L. Sitton; John F. Sitton; and Dora (Mrs. John R.) Couch.