Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Israel Snow

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William Israel Snow, a Confederate veteran, lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County north of Big Bear Creek when the 1880 census was taken. He was born September 15, 1842 in Monroe County, Mississippi.

Snow was a member of Co. L, 41st Mississippi Infantry, and was later transferred to the 1st (Johnston’s) Mississippi Infantry. His official records at the National Archives show that he enlisted June 25, 1861 at Shannon, Mississippi, and was mustered in on July 8. He is listed as absent on a roll dated October 1, 1862, having escaped from Fort Donelson, Tennessee, then captured at Port Hudson, Louisiana on July 9 and paroled on July 12. His official files say he left the Confederate Army on January 7, 1865.

Descendants at ancestry.com report her name as Harriet Erskine Finley. She was born in Jefferson, Cumberland County, Tennessee to George Henry Finley (1822-1876) and his wife, Minerva J. Swafford (1826-1906). She and Mr. Snow were married about 1879. Their children included Willie Eva Snow, born in December, 1879; Mary Maya Snot (1844-1977); Bennie Bessie Snow (1886-1977); John Roy Snow (1889-1941); and Georgia E. Snow (1892-1904). This list was compiled using census records and family files at Ancestry.com.

By 1900 they were in Eastland Co. Mrs. Snow said in that year that she had given birth to five children, four of whom were still living. They are listed in the Eastland County census of 1910. William applied for a pension in 1923 while living at Carbon, Eastland County, Texas. He said he came to Texas about 1870, and to Eastland County about 1878. He said he enlisted June 21, 1861 and served until January 7, 1865. He was in Co. L, 41st Mississippi Infantry, and was transferred to the 1st (Johnston’s) Mississippi Infantry on December 28, 1862 at Eagleville, Tennessee. His file contains a handwritten letter by Snow.

Hattie Snow died in Precinct 5 of Jones County on December 29, 1932. She died on pneumonia and influenza. Her death certificate says she was the daughter of G. H. Finley of Tennessee and a Miss
Swaford, also of Tennessee. Her birth date is given as February 3, 1848. The informant was W. D. Snow of Hamlin, Texas, and she was buried in Afton Cemetery.

William Snow died at Seminole, Gaines County, Texas on January 5, 1935. He died of pneumonia and influenza. He was a ginner by trade, and a widower. His mother’s maiden name was Mary McKinney. His death certificate says he is buried at Hamlin in Jones County, Texas. The informant was Mrs. C. L. Haywood of Seminole, Texas. Cemetery records at Afton Cemetery in Fisher County, Texas show both Mr. and Mrs. Snow to be buried there.