Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Redding Weathers

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William Redding Weathers was born June 2, 1825 in Giles County, Tennessee, and moved to Texas in 1854.

He first enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 in Ellis County, Texas. He was a member of Captain J. C. Brown’s Company, 12th Texas (Parson’s) Cavalry Regiment. He was discharged in 1863 and in the winter of 1863 went into Co. B, Gould’s Regiment, 23rd Texas Cavalry. According to official records, he enlisted at Camp Hobart near Hempstead on October 28, 1861 for twelve months. He traveled 260 miles to the rendezvous, and supplied his own horse worth $150 and equipment worth $15.

According to family sources, he was living at Mountain Peak in Ellis County, Texas in 1868. He moved to Tarrant County, Texas about 1872, and lived near Old Union in northeast Tarrant County.

In 1895, Weathers lived on the J. N. Gibson survey in present-day Southlake, somewhere along Brumlow Drive about halfway between Continental Drive and State Highway 26. When he joined the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, he made a written statement saying he had enlisted in Ellis County, Texas; he also said he fought in battles at Galveston, Texas; and at Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, and Mangoula, Louisiana.

He applied for a Confederate pension on August 11, 1899, and died later that year, according to family genealogists. Several researchers are interested in him and his family. Some list as many as three marriages and some say he spent some time in Oklahoma before he returned to Texas and died.

Weathers has no readable headstone in northeast Tarrant County. There is an M. E. Weathers buried at White’s Chapel, but the dates on that monument are unreadable. There is no Texas death certificate for Mr. Weathers.
Headstone installed in White's Chapel Cemetery, April 5, 2014, by members of the E. W. Taylor Camp #1777, Sons of Confederate Veterans.