Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William W. Weaver

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William W. Weaver was a disabled Confederate veteran of an Alabama regiment who spent the last years of his life in the Mount Gilead Community. He lies buried with a readable sandstone at Mount Gilead.

Many family genealogists have posted information and queries at ancestry.com. According to most of them, William W. Weaver was born in Putnam County, Georgia on August 1, 1835. He was a son of Simeon Henry Weaver (1801-1881), who died in Calhoun County, Alabama, and Rebecca (Ingram) Weaver (1809-1837), who died in Putnam County, Georgia.

Weaver served the Confederacy in Co. D, 10th Alabama Infantry. He enlisted June 4, 1861 at Alexandria, Alabama for the duration of the War. At one point, he was in a military hospital at Culpepper, Virginia. He was admitted to the Confederate General Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia on November 6, 1862 for chronic rheumatism. On March 7, 1863, he was admitted to the Medical Director’s Office in Richmond, Virginia complaining of chronic diarrhea. On March 9, 1863 he was paid $44.74 for the period September 1, 1862 through February 29, 1863, “Deduct amt. pd. Hosp. Roll at Buchanan.” On April 30, 1863, he was paid twenty-two dollars as his pay for the months of March and April. From March 7 to June 13, 1863, he was in the Confederate General Hospital in Charlottesville for acute diarrhea. On May 26, 1863 he was in a hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia where he obtained an issue of clothing. He was “Wounded and in the hands of the enemy since July 3, 1863” at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. His name appears on a “List of Rebel Sick and Wounded Prisoners of War Received at DeCamp General Hospital, Davids Island, New York Harbor, July 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 1863,” with a notation that he was captured at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He was paroled at that hospital in New York Harbor. He appears on a “List of wounded Confederates sent to the Provost Marshal, New York, the forenoon of July 21, 1863, from Gettysburg, Pa.” He was absent on wounded furlough since September 20, 1863 on a roll for September and October, 1863. He appears on a list of wounded at Episcopal Church Hospital in Williamsburg, Virginia for “V.S. Right Foot,” admitted September 15, 1863.
He was furloughed from there on September 21, 1863. On October 30, 1863, he was at Talladega, Alabama where he was paid for “Commutation of Rations,” as he was again on November 10, 1863. He was admitted to Chimborazo Hospital No. 2 in Richmond, Virginia on March 7, 1864 with “V. S. through right foot” and was furloughed March 16, 1864 for thirty days. This record shows him to be 28 years old, a farmer, and wounded July 2, 1863 at Gettysburg. He was detailed “by order of the medical board at Talladega, Alabama since April 15, 1864,” He left the service when he was paroled at Talladega, Alabama on May 21, 1865.

Mr. Weaver’s file in the National Archives contains several interesting original documents. One of them, dated April 5, 1862 and signed “William W. Weaver,” shows that he received forty-four dollars for four months pay and a twenty-five dollar clothing allowance. Another is Mr. Weaver’s original medical certificate, dated April 14, 1864 at Demopolis, Alabama, which “found him unable to perform the duties of a soldier in the field, because of gunshot wound through the tarsal bones of the right foot, wound received on the 2nd day of July 1863 at Gettysburg. We furthermore declare this disability to be permanent, and therefore recommend his detail…to be ordered to report to Lieut. Davis(?) Provost Marshall at Talladega, Ala.”

Weaver married Sarah E. Reed in Calhoun County, Alabama on March 25, 1864. She was born January 26, 1844 in Calhoun County, Alabama and died near Keller, Texas on February 11, 1910. She was a daughter of E. T. and Martha W. Reed. Many years ago when this compiler made an exhaustive inventory of Mount Gilead Cemetery, W. W. Weaver had a readable sandstone grave marker which was broken into several pieces. He died December 14, 1887.

When the 1870 census of Calhoun County, Alabama was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were shown in District in Precinct 1, with four children: Juliet (born about 1865); Annie (born about 1867); Edwin (born about 1868), and Martha (born in March, 1870).

The family appears in the 1880 census of District 5, Jacksonville, Calhoun County, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have nine children with them: Juliet (born about 1862); Anna (born about 1866); Edwin (born about 1870); Mattie (born about 1871); Clementine (born about 1872); Asa (born about 1876); Ora (born about 1877); Maggie (about 1878); and Willie (born about 1879).

When the 1900 census of Tarrant County was taken, Sarah “T.” Weaver was living in Precinct 3 with the family of her son, Asa R. Weaver (who said he was born in June, 1875). In that year, Mrs. Reed said she was fifty-four years old (which would yield an approximate birth date of 1846), but beside that entry the census taker recorded her birth date as September 1835. Mrs. Weaver said she had given birth to fourteen children, only seven of whom were still living.

The following notes about some of William W. Weaver’s children were compiled from internet sources, gravestone inscriptions, and death records. Juliet Roberta Weaver was born in Calhoun County, Alabama on December 9, 1864. She married a well-known Baptist preacher in Tarrant County, Robert Kilgore Grimes, on March 28, 1887. She died October 19, 1895 and was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery near Keller.
Annie G. Weaver was born in Calhoun County, Alabama on February 19, 1866. She was married to a Mr. Price and died February 8, 1885. Edwin S. Weaver was born in Jackson County, Alabama on January 18, 1868. He died January 25, 1883.

Martha F. Weaver was born in Calhoun County, Alabama on March 18, 1870. She married Sherman Orr and died in Texas on March 17, 1932. They lie buried in Bourland Cemetery in Keller, Tarrant County. Clementine L. Weaver was born December 19, 1871. She died in 1900.

Asa Reed Weaver was born in Calhoun County, Alabama on June 28, 1875. He died in Littlefield, Lamb County, Texas on September 25, 1946. He lies buried beside his wife and daughter in Bourland Cemetery in Keller, Texas.

Headstone cut and installed by Michael Patterson, January 2011.