Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Henry White

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William Henry White was born in Garrard County, Kentucky in December, 1841. He was a son of Joseph White and his wife, Sarah (Smith) White. As a child, he moved to Trenton, Grundy County, Missouri with his parents. He came with them in December, 1858 when they arrived in Tarrant County, settling first at Speare’s Grove south of present-day Keller. A short time later Joseph moved the family into present-day Colleyville.

William was a Confederate soldier in Co. F, Waller’s Battalion of Texas Cavalry, enlisting on August 27, 1862 at Vermilion, Louisiana for three years. He was shown wounded and unfit for duty on a company roll dated February 29, 1864. He was last paid to August 31, 1863. When White applied for a Confederate pension in 1916, he gave his enlistment date as July 21, 1862, and his discharge date as May, 1865, when the regiment was disbanded in Grimes County, Texas. Nothing further is shown in his records from the National Archives.

In 1872 he married Rebecca Thompson, a daughter of San Jacinto veteran Thomas Jefferson Thompson. She was born February 6, 1858 and died September 12, 1881. White purchased one hundred fifty acres of the Jesse Allen survey, six miles west of Grapevine, west of present-day Davis Boulevard and south of FM 1709. After Rebecca White’s death, William and his children moved in to live with his parents at the old White home in the southwest corner of the intersection of Pleasant Run Road and the Cotton Belt tracks, in present-day Colleyville. The site is still marked by one of the old gnarled post oaks which stood in their yard. William White died December 12, 1920. His death certificate reveals that he died at his home at 2 a.m. of pernicious anemia after being thrown from a buggy. He was born December 10, 1841. He was buried by J. E. Foust. He lies buried in White’s Chapel Cemetery near his wife and parents.

William and Rebecca White had four children: Sally Jane White, Flora White, Alexander Franklin White, and Mary White. Mary and Flora died as infants.
This compiler was a good friend of William White’s grandson, Philip A. White, for many years. He was a model father and grandfather, and a hard-working Christian gentleman of the highest caliber. Philip lies buried with his parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents at White’s Chapel.