George Washington Witten was born December 29, 1841 in Miller County, Missouri, and came to Texas with his parents and siblings in 1854. He was the eldest child of S. C. H. Witten and his wife, Jenetta (Miller) Witten.

George enlisted in Gano’s Squadron of Texas Cavalry at Witt’s Mill in Dallas County on March 6, 1862. While in the army he made the acquaintance of Cadwell W. Raines, who returned home with him and, in later years, eventually married one of Witten’s sisters. Witten was never married.

George Witten was drowned while on a cattle drive in Oklahoma on October 2, 1868, while crossing Bird’s Creek. He was temporarily buried, the drive was completed, and his body was taken up and brought back to his home for burial in the Witten Family Cemetery on Jackson Court in Colleyville. He was the third of Witten’s children to be buried there.