Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Peter Harvey Youngblood

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Peter Harvey Youngblood was an Alabama Confederate veteran who lived in the Grapevine-Euless area for a few years around the time the 1870 census was taken. He was a younger brother of another of our veterans, Thomas P. Youngblood.

Peter Harvey Youngblood was born in Jefferson County, Alabama on June 22, 1834, a son of Andrew Youngblood (a native of South Carolina) and his wife, Sara Flanagan (a native Tennessean). Several researchers have posted information and photos about him and his family at ancestry.com, from which most of this biography has been compiled.

When the 1850 census was taken, Peter was living with his parents and siblings at Five Mile in Jefferson County, Alabama.

At the time of the taking of the 1860 census, the family was living at Woods in Jefferson County. P. H. Youngblood served the Confederacy in Co. F, 56th Alabama Partisan Rangers. This regiment was also known as the 1st Alabama Partisan Rangers and as the 56th Alabama Cavalry. Peter enlisted at Jasper, Alabama on September 6, 1862 for a term of three years. He last appears in the regimental records in a list of men on leave and sick from the regiment, dated near Calhoun Station, Georgia on March 30, 1864. He had been sent to the Canton Hospital on orders from one of the regimental surgeons on November 18, 1863. He served in this regiment with his brother, Thomas.

By the time the 1870 census was taken, Peter and his older brother, Thomas P. Youngblood, were both living in Precinct 2 of Tarrant County, Texas, probably in the Grapevine-Euless area.
Peter was married at Cedar Hill in Dallas County, Texas on December 22, 1873 to Rachel Annie Sprouls. She was born November 2, 1847 in Dade County, Missouri, a daughter of James and Mary Ruth Sprouls.

Family sources at Ancestry.com report that Rachel had earlier been married to John Henry Youngblood at Paradise in Wise County, Texas on December 12, 1861. This is borne out by the death certificate of one of their daughters, Henry Ollivida Youngblood, who died in South Texas in 1951. When the 1870 census was taken, she and her five Youngblood children were living in Precinct 7 of Dallas County, Texas (in the area served by the Lancaster Post Office) in the home of James and Mary A. W. Sprouls, who may have been her parents. Forty years later when Rachel was asked by the census taker about her children, she said she had given birth to five children, four of whom were still living. This seems to indicate that she had no children in either her second marriage, to Peter H. Youngblood, or her third marriage, to George F. Fair.

By the time of the 1880 census, Peter had moved his family to Hamilton County in District 7. With him were his wife, R. A. G. Youngblood and a mixed family of five of his own children and two step-children of Mrs. Youngbloods to her earlier marriage. Peter H. Youngblood’s own children included T. A. Youngblood (born about 1861 in Alabama); Mary (born about 1864 in Texas); Thisby (born about 1867 in Texas); Lafayette (born about 1868 in Arkansas), and Francis M. a son born about 1872 in Texas. The step-children included Cornelia (born about 1869) and Olivida (born about 1870), both in Texas.

P. H. Youngblood was County Commissioner of Precinct 3 in Coke County, Texas during 1889 and 1890. Peter died March 13, 1892 in Coke County, Texas. His wife, Rachel, lived until October 22, 1915, when she died at Tatum, Lea County, New Mexico. Mrs. Rachel A. G. Youngblood married George W. Fair in Coke County, Texas on October 27, 1893.

In the 1900 census of Precinct 3 of Lampasas County, Texas, Mrs. Rachel Fair says she is 5 for 5. His widow, Rachel, appears in the 1910 census of Plainview, Hale County, Texas, as the wife of George F. Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Fair told the census taker they were in their second and third marriages, respectively.