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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

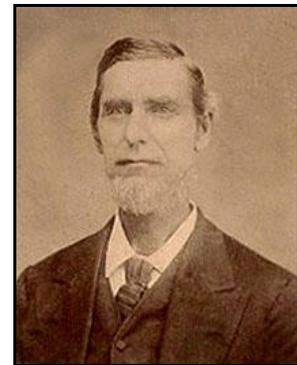
Felix Grundy Bransford

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Felix Grundy Bransford, for whom the old community of Bransford and Bransford Road were named, was born September 3, 1828 in Barron County, Kentucky. He was a son of Walter Lee Bransford and his wife, Virginia Pickett Settles. While still a boy, Felix moved with his father's family to Ray County, Missouri.

In his teens, Bransford served in the Mexican War in Co. G, Separate Battalion, Missouri Mounted Infantry. Bransford also served as both a private and a sergeant in the Confederate forces.

He served for a time in Co. H, 11th Missouri Infantry. He enlisted June 20, 1862 at Ft. Smith, Arkansas for three years or the war. He was also a 3rd Sergeant in Co. H, 2nd Missouri Cavalry during a period which included August 8 – October 31, 1862. He is shown as a 3rd Sergeant in Hunter's Regiment in November and December, 1862. He was absent for a time on detached service with the ward master transportation department on November 10, 1862. He was discharged for a medical disability on June 1, 1863. At that time he was 6' tall, had dark hair, blue eyes, a fair complexion, and was a painter by trade. His files in Washington D.C. contain a number of interesting personal papers.



Felix Grundy Bransford

Bransford married Sarah Ada Scott in Cherokee Co., Texas on April 22, 1868. She was born December 23, 1849 in York Dist., South Carolina. About 1870 the Bransfords moved to Johnson Co., Texas.

By 1873, they arrived in northeast Tarrant County where he opened a general store. He was a member of the Grand Prairie Masonic Lodge, established in 1875 in the Smithfield community; it later was renamed the Smithfield Lodge and still meets today. In 1877 the Bransfords sold three tracts of land in Tarrant County on the A. G. Walker and J. H. Barlough surveys, and the family moved to Newport in Jack County, Texas.

Bransford served in the Twentieth Legislature of Texas regular session January 11 through April 4, 1887 and in a special session April 16-May 15, 1887. He represented District 44, which included Clay and Montague Counties. His home was shown as Newport, and his home county was shown as Montague.

They moved again, about 1897, to Clay County. He died in Clay County, Texas on October 25, 1898, and was buried in Newport Cemetery just a few yards inside the north line of Jack County, Texas. His wife died August 7, 1915 and was buried beside him.

F. G. Bransford's children included Walter M. Bransford; Cecil Bransford, who died in childhood; Randal Bransford; Minnie Bright (Mrs. E. H. Wright); Felix Moss Bransford; May P. (Mrs. James R.) McDonald; and Gracie M. (Mrs. James R.) Bulls.

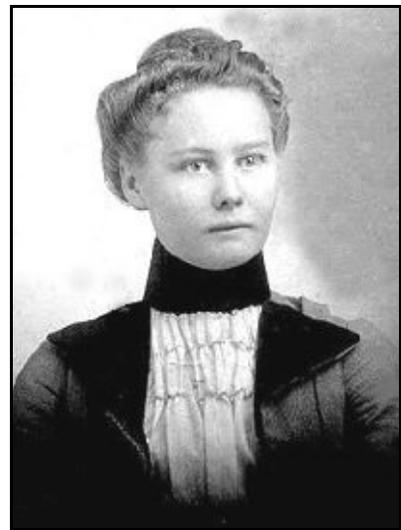


Bransford's home in Clay County, Texas



Mrs. Felix M. Bransford, F. G. Bransford's daughter-in-law, holding his branding iron at her home in Fort Worth.

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Mrs. Grace M. Bulls

