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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

David Bryant

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David Bryant was a Union veteran of a Michigan infantry regiment. He spent many years in Dallas before moving to northeast Tarrant County. He died in 1921 at Fort Worth, Texas, and was buried in Dallas.

Mr. Bryant was born in Michigan on May 26, 1837. One David Bryant appears as a son in the family of one Lewis Bryant in the census records of both 1850 and 1860 in Berrien County, Michigan. This David is the correct age to have been the man who died in Tarrant County in 1921.

The Tarrant County man's death certificate says his father's name was Louis Bryant. His Union enlistment record says David lived at Niles, Michigan when he enlisted. Niles, Michigan lies in Berrien and Cass Counties, Michigan. There was only one David Bryant in Berrien and Cass Counties, Michigan in the censuses of 1850 and 1860.

Corp. David Bryant, Co. G, 26th Michigan Infantry, of Niles, Michigan, was twenty-five years old when he enlisted at Galien, Michigan on or about August 12, 1862. He was discharged at Detroit, Michigan on or about June 12, 1865.

The 26th Michigan Infantry assisted in the suppression of the New York City draft riots in July of 1863. Almost all the regiment's active campaigning was done in Virginia, where it saw service at Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Appomattox Court House, and many other sites.

David Bryant of Bertrand, Berrien County, Michigan appears in the 1866 United States I. R. S. Assessment list. He owned one carriage and had a yearly income.

David filed an application for an invalid's pension on June 7, 1866, and it was granted. On June 3, 1907 he filed for additional benefits based upon his age. His pension file doubtless holds much

interesting information, but the cost of obtaining copies is prohibitive within the scope of this project.

David Bryant appears in the 1870 agricultural census at Galien post office, Berrien County, Michigan. He had one hundred twenty-two acres of improved land, and forty acres of unimproved woodland. His farm was worth eight thousand dollars, and his implements were worth one hundred dollars. He had three horses, four milk cows, three other cattle, thirty sheep, and ten hogs. All the livestock was worth a total of three hundred seventy dollars. In the past year he had produced two hundred bushels of wheat, three hundred bushels of Indian corn, and two hundred bushels of oats. It is evident that Mr. Bryant and his wife were living in 1870 in Missouri, thus he may have had a tenant working his farm.

By 1870 Mr. Bryant, his wife, Kate, and their son were living in the town of Pleasant Hill in Cass County, Missouri. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bryant said they were born about 1838 in Michigan. Their son, Eddie, was born about 1864, also in Michigan. Mr. Bryant was working as a salesman.

In Dallas County, Texas in 1880, D. Bryant headed a home on Houston Street. Both he and his wife, K. M. Bryant, were born about 1837 in Michigan. All four of their parents were born in the same place. They had one son with them, E. J. K. Bryant, who was born about 1862. Mr. Bryant's occupation was shown as "machinery." His son was a clerk. The family had three men boarding with them...a salesman, a grocer, and a clerk.

Mr. Bryant is listed in the 1890 Union veterans census of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He said he was a corporal in Co. G in a Michigan infantry regiment. He did not recall the regiment's number. He said he enlisted on August 12, 1862 and was mustered out on June 12, 1865.

In 1900, David Bryant and his wife, Kathleen, appear in the Dallas County, Texas census of Ward 7. In this census, Mr. Bryant said he was born in May 1837 in Ohio, to an Ohioan father and a mother born in Michigan. Kathleen said she was born in July 1837 in Virginia to two Virginians. Mrs. Bryant said she had given birth to only one child, and he was still alive. Mr. Bryant was working as an implement salesman.

It appears that Mr. Bryant may have spent a few months in one or two of the U. S. National Homes for Disabled Soldiers, beginning in 1908. Unfortunately, the microfilm image of the pertinent page is cut in half at ancestry.com. It appears that he enlisted at Galien, Michigan, and he was discharged at Detroit, Michigan. He lived at Niles, Berrien County, Michigan when he enlisted. He suffered from chronic arthritis. At the time of his admission he was seventy years old, was five feet eight inches, had gray eyes and gray hair. He was a protestant, had been living in Dallas, Texas, and was married. His wife was Catherine M. Bryant of 186 Beaumont Street in Dallas. He was receiving thirty dollars per month in pension payments. He was first admitted January 30, 1908 and discharged April 3, 1913. He was readmitted January 24, 1914 and discharged September 21, 1915. He was again a resident from December 22, 1915 until April 25, 1917. It appears he may have spent time at homes in both Dayton, Ohio and Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mr. Bryant's data at the veterans' home indicates his wife was still alive in Dallas as late as 1908. In 1910, the census indicates Mr. Bryant was a widower. In that year, David Bryant appears in the census with his son E. J. Bryant, in voting precinct 40, Justice Precinct 4, in northeast Tarrant County, Texas. David Bryant told the census taker he was born in Michigan to two Ohioans.

In 1910 they lived on forty acres they owned of the J. G. Allen survey between Grapevine and Keller. David Bryant apparently was with his son part of the time he was listed as a resident at the veterans' home.

In 1920, David Bryant lived with his son, Ed Bryant, in Fort Worth at 1709 Arizona Avenue. David Bryant died at 2:30 p.m. on October 10, 1921 in Fort Worth at his son's Arizona Avenue home. His death certificate says he was a retired hardware merchant. He died of Bright's Disease. His death certificate says he was a son of Louis Bryant, born in Ohio. The death certificate says only that he was buried in Dallas.

In 1900, Eddy J. Bryant and his wife, Bell, were living in Precinct 1 of Dallas County. Mr. Bryant said he was born in Michigan in June, 1865. They had no children. Mr. Bryant was working as a transfer employee. In 1910, Edward J. Bryant was living with his second wife, Clara, in the Keller area of Tarrant County. Also with the family was Clara's mother, a native of Germany named A. (Mindel?), who was born about 1815. In 1920 he lived on Arizona Avenue in Fort Worth and worked as a bookkeeper at a furniture company.

In 1930, his name appears as Edley J. Bryant in the Harris County, Texas census. He and his wife, Cora, and their son, Edley J. Bryant, Jr., lived at 1115 Jefferson Street in Houston. Mr. Bryant worked as a bookkeeper for an office furniture company. He died in Houston in Hermann Hospital on January 23, 1932. His last permanent address was 408 McKinney Avenue. He was buried there in Rosewood Cemetery. His death certificate lists his name as Edley J. Bryant. His wife, Cora, survived him.