



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William W. Buckner

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William W. Buckner enlisted as a private in the Confederate Army on March 4, 1862 in Co. D, 39th Georgia Infantry, also known as the “Dade County Invincibles.” On July 4, 1863 he was captured at the fall of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was paroled on July 8. No official records are to be found after his parole.

His wife, Clarissa H. Buckner, was born in 1840 in Tennessee and died in 1895. In 1880 Buckner owned thirty-four acres of the J. N. Gibson survey and one hundred twenty acres of the M. W. Deavenport survey. In 1895, Buckner lived on his Davenport survey property in present-day Colleyville, along the north side of John McCain Road about one hundred yards west of its intersection with Bellemeade Drive.

When the 1880 census of Tarrant County was taken, Buckner lived with his family in Precinct 3, north of Big Bear Creek. His next-door neighbor was a Union veteran, Frank Beaver. Mr. and Mrs. Buckner had four children living with them at the time: Thomas G. Buckner (born about 1863 in Georgia); Hiram F. Buckner (born about 1865 in Georgia); Sidna J. Buckner (a female, born about 1867 in Georgia); and William R. Buckner (born about 1869 in Texas).

When the 1900 census of Tarrant County was taken, Mr. Buckner was living with his son, William R. Buckner and his family. William W. Buckner was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, appearing on its 1900 membership roll. He has numerous descendants in and around northeast Tarrant County, Texas.

In spite of the fact that his headstone records his death date as 1919, his obituary appeared in the Grapevine Sun on January 31, 1920: *“Another Pioneer Gone. It is our sad and solemn duty to announce the death of another old pioneer of our community in the person of Mr. W. W. Buckner, which occurred last Sunday morning. He had been in feeble health for a long time previous to his death and his passing away was not unexpected by his many friends and neighbors. Mr. Buckner*

was born in East Tennessee December 16, 1842, and came to Texas in the fall of 1867. He has lived here continuously ever since. He leaves a wife and four children — three sons and one daughter — T. J. Buckner of Denton county, H. F. and W. R. Buckner of Grapevine, and Mrs. S. J. Wilkinson of Hill county. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. His remains were laid to rest in Whites Chapel cemetery, followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. E. Newton conducted the funeral services. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.”

