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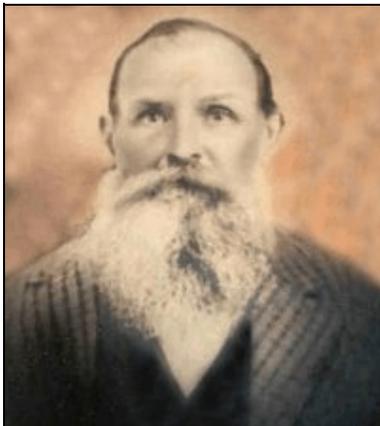
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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Lorenza Dow Burnett

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Lorenza Dow Burnett

Lorenza Dow Burnett was born in Morgan Co. Indiana on March 7, 1830. Family genealogists at Ancestry.com say he was the son of John Burnett and his wife, Lucretia Evans.

By 1850 he and his family were in Cass County, Texas, where the census taker made a valiant but muddled attempt at spelling his name: "Las adow". The birthplaces of his siblings shown in this census suggest the family moved from Indiana to Missouri about 1836, and from Missouri to Texas during the early 1840's. By 1854, he and several other Burnetts had arrived in Tarrant County.

On January 16, 1858 he patented three hundred sixteen acres of land which sat astride the Dallas/Tarrant County line, just north of where the West Fork of the Trinity River exits the county.

He served in Co. K, 7th Texas Cavalry, having enlisted at Mansfield in Tarrant County on October 26, 1861 under Thomas O. Moody. He was mustered into the service at Camp Pickett near San Antonio, Texas on November 15, 1861. He traveled three hundred miles to the rendezvous, bringing with him a horse worth \$150 and equipment worth \$30. He was shown present for duty on the muster roll for January and February, 1862. He was captured at Bayou Teche, Louisiana on April 13, 1863, and four days later his name appeared in a camp of prisoners opposite Camp Bisland, Louisiana. He was paroled on May 5, 1863 at Prophet's Island below Port Hudson, Louisiana. He was absent from the company in January and February, 1864. No further trace has been found of him in the official records. In her pension application, Mrs. Burnett said he served until May 1865. Descendants believe two or more of his brothers also enlisted and served with him: Rufus, John, Martin, and James.

On January 10, 1864 in Tarrant County, Burnett married Malissa Virginia Gibson, who was born February 15, 1840 in Missouri. This marriage date is verified in a statement Mrs. Burnett made in 1927 to the Pension Board in Austin, Texas.



Malissa (Gibson) Burnett

By the time the 1870 census was taken, the Burnetts had moved to Arkansas, where they are found in Richland Township, Washington County. Only one child, M. M. Burnett, is with them. The daughter shown in other records at ancestry.com, Elizabeth Adeline Burnett, born in 1854, is not with the family. Mrs. Burnett said in her pension application that she and Mr. Burnett were married in 1864.

By the time of the 1880 census, the family had moved to Aurora in Wise County, Texas. The birthplaces of the children shown in this census would suggest that they made the move from Arkansas to Texas between about 1874 and 1878. In this census, Mrs. Burnett said her father and mother were born in Virginia and Tennessee, respectively. Mrs. Burnett's death certificate in 1934 said she had lived near Perrin, Texas for fifty-two years, hence they must have moved there from Wise County about 1882.

The 1900 census found them in District 36 of Precinct 2 of Jack County, Texas. In that year, Mrs. Burnett said she had given birth to nine children, seven of whom were still living. The listing at the end of this article lists twelve, some of whom are obviously duplications.

Amazingly for so early a date in a rural area, a death certificate was prepared and filed for L. D. Burnett. He died of tuberculosis at 6 p.m. on April 13, 1904, five miles east of Gibtown, and is buried at Gibtown Cemetery, Jack Co Texas. He had been suffering from tuberculosis for eight years and six months.

Mrs. Burnett applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1927 while she was a resident of Perrin, Jack County. She said she was eighty-seven years old, had been a resident of Texas for sixty-two years (since about 1865) and of Jack County for forty-six years (since about 1881).

Malissa Virginia (Gibson) Burnett died near Perrin on November 2, 1934, and was buried beside her husband at Gibtown. The cause of death stated on her death certificate was old age and dropsy. No information about her parentage is shown on her death certificate.

Genealogical information submitted to Ancestry.com lists the following children of L. D. Burnett: Elizabeth Adeline Burnett (1854-1879, married William M. Kemp); Mary Magdelene Burnett (1869-1906, married John J. Cranford); Lieu Crecia May Burnett (1871-1956, married Joseph Morgan); Pernecie Lee Burnett (1871-1906); Lucretia M. Burnett (1872-1906); Primrose L. Burnett (b. 1872); Betty Anne Barnett (1873-1950, married James Monroe Howell); Nettie A. Burnett (1873-); John Thomas Burnett (1877-1970); Loranza D. Burnett (1879-); Loringa D. Burnett (1879-); and Lorenza Dow Burnett (1881-1912). Some of these are obviously in error or are duplications.

