



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Fielding Wilhoite Cherry

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Fielding Wilhoite Cherry was a veteran of a Missouri infantry regiment. He lived at Smithfield in Tarrant County when he applied for a Confederate pension. He later moved into Fort Worth and lies buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Fielding W. Cherry was born December 19, 1842 (according to his death certificate), probably in District 50 of Linn County, Missouri where he appears in the 1850 census with his parents, Henry L. Cherry (1822-1916) and Nancy Kemper Cherry (1818-1881). The family was farming on land they did not own.

Ten years later when the 1860 census was taken, eighteen-year-old Fielding was living with his parents in Township 58, Range 20 of Linn County. By this year, they owned a farm worth one thousand dollars and personal property worth eight hundred thirty-three dollars.

According to the marriage records of Linn County, Missouri, Mr. Cherry married Melvina E. Hosford there on November 9, 1865. They were married by R. E. Sidebottom, a minister of the gospel.

In or about 1868, the Cherry family moved from Missouri to Texas. Both F. M. Cherry's parents eventually settled in Texas and both are buried in Ellis County; his father is buried in Red Oak Cemetery and his mother is buried in Couch Cemetery.

On November 1, 1917, F. W. Cherry of Rt. 2, Box 4, Smithfield, Texas applied for a Confederate veteran's pension. It was approved on November 20. Mr. Cherry said he was seventy-five years old, a native of Missouri, and had lived in Texas since 1868. He said he had lived at Smithfield since 1890. He said he served from 1862 until 1864 in Co. A, 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, but that his command had been raised in Arkansas.

A compatriot of Cherry's, Price Arnold of Tarrant County, said in an affidavit, *"I joined Co. A 9<sup>th</sup> Mo. Infantry at Springfield Mo. April 1862. F. W. Cherry was then already a member of that Company. I served with him until May 1862, after the Elk Horn Battle. At that time we were shipped over for the Shiloh Battle. Cherry was left behind and I did not see him again until after the war closed. He was a faithful soldier and never deserted or abandoned his post of duty."*

Another compatriot, L. O. Wilson of Ellis County, Texas, said he knew of his own personal knowledge that Mr. Cherry had enlisted on Lee's Creek in Crawford County, Arkansas and became a member of Co. A, 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, and that he was paroled at Shreveport, Louisiana in June 1865.

Mr. Cherry's records in the National Archives show that he served as both a private and a corporal in Co. A, 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. One record in his file shows he enlisted at Sims Station on November 3, 1862. He was wounded in the arm at the Battle of Pleasant Hill on April 9, 1864. Two days later he was admitted to the Confederate General Hospital at Shreveport, and was furloughed from there on July 19. His name appears on a list of men surrendered by Gen. E. K. Smith at New Orleans on May 26, 1865 and paroled at Shreveport on June 8, 1865.

By the time the 1870 census was taken Fielding Cherry was settled at Red Oak in Ellis County, Texas. He owned no real estate but owned personal property worth five hundred dollars. With him were his wife, Melvina (age 26), his son Arthur (age 3) and his daughter Evelina (age 6). It appears that the ages of the two children may have been inadvertently switched. Two households away Fielding's father and mother and their younger children were living.

In 1880 the census taker found Mr. Cherry and his family living in Precinct 6 of Ellis County, Texas. With Mr. Cherry and his wife, Melvina, were Arthur W. 13, Evelinah 11, Alonzo P. 8, Henry R. or K. 6, and a brother, Benjamin F., age 20. The Cherrys were farmers.

In the 1880 agricultural census, Mr. Cherry appears as the owner of a farm consisting of fifty acres of cultivated land and thirty acres of unimproved land. He estimated that the entire farm, buildings, and fences were worth five hundred dollars. He owned farming implements worth seventy dollars. He estimated all his livestock to be worth one hundred fifty dollars, and that all his farm production in the past year was worth about \$210.00. He owned three horses, eleven hogs, and about thirty chickens. He had five acres in Indian corn which had produced five bushels, and ten(?) acres in cotton which made four bales in the past year.

Mrs. Malvina G. Cherry died in Ellis County, Texas on August 17, 1887. Her headstone shows her birth date as March 15, 1843. Her grave is marked with an upright marble slab in Midlothian Cemetery, Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas.

On August 3, 1896 in Tarrant County, Mr. Cherry was remarried to a widow named Drucella "Ella" O. Cromwell, the widow of Henry Cromwell. She brought one daughter to the marriage, Grace G. Cromwell (1894-1978). By 1900 Mr. Cherry had adopted her.

By 1900 Mr. Cherry had moved to Precinct 4 of Cooke County, Texas. With him was his new wife, Ella, who was born in Louisiana about 1859. She had given birth to no children, according to the census taker, but he must have meant in her marriage to Mr. Cherry. Living with the family were two of Mr. Cherry's sons by his first marriage, Arthur W. (born in November 1866), and Alonzo P. (born in January 1872). There was also a six-year-old adopted girl with them named Gracie G. Cromble [Cromwell].

In 1910 Mr. Cherry was living in Precinct 2 of Wichita County, Texas in the home of his married daughter, Ev, and her husband, Albert L. Cody. This record shows Ev to have been born about 1870. The second Mrs. F. W. Cherry was not with them.

In 1919 F. W. Cherry applied for membership in the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Fort Worth. He said he had been a member of the UCV camp at Decatur for many years. In his application, he also mentioned that he was wounded at the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern and had fought in the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill in Louisiana. There is a well-known photograph of Confederate veterans from Wise County taken on the steps of the court house in Decatur, and all are identified at the bottom of the photo. If Mr. Cherry is shown, we have not been able to decipher his name in the handwritten list. In 1919 he gave his address at Smithfield, Texas.

The census taker in 1920 found Mr. and Mrs. Cherry living alone in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County along the Smithfield and Keller Road. They owned the farm on which they lived.

Mr. Cherry has a death certificate on file in Tarrant County. It shows his birth date as December 19, 1842, and names his parents as H. L. Cherry (a native of Missouri) and a Miss Camper (a native of Kentucky). It shows that he died at 6 p.m. at his home in the Riverside Section of Fort Worth on October 6, 1924. Dr. A. L. McElroy recorded the cause of death as acute nephritis and cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried the next day in Mount Olivet Cemetery in North Fort Worth. His grave is unmarked. The Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777, Sons of Confederate Veterans, has offered to produce a marker for him and install it at no charge. To this point, the cemetery is unwilling to waive their installation fee which is more than three times what it costs us to produce the stone. If any descendant reads this account and is willing to pay the installation fee the SCV will provide the stone and deliver it to the cemetery.

A document in the widow's pension file shows that as a widow, Mrs. Ella O. Cromwell was married to Mr. Cherry on August 3, 1896 in Tarrant County by R. R. Richardson, a gospel minister.

Fielding's widow, Mrs. Ella O. Cherry applied for a Confederate widow's pension on October 31, 1924 and it was approved a few days later. She said she was sixty-five years old and was born near Alexandria in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. She said she had lived in Texas about thirty-five years, hence she must have arrived here about 1889. She said she was married to Mr. Cherry in Denton County in the month of August, but did not specify the year or the day of the month. She said Mr. Cherry died October 6, 1924 in Tarrant County. At the time of her application she owned a homestead worth eight hundred dollars and personal property worth about seventy dollars.

Mrs. Cherry's death certificate shows that she died at her home along Highway 121, the Grapevine Road, along Fort Worth's rural route 1. She died at 11:30 p.m. on March 8, 1951. The cause of death was shown as coronary occlusion and hypertension. Her birth date was shown as July 30, 1858; her birthplace was Louisiana and her father's name was William Russell. Her death certificate shows she was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. The original invoice issued by Ray Crowder Funeral Home of Fort Worth for Mrs. Cherry's service is in her pension file. The total cost of her funeral service was five hundred sixty dollars.

Census records disclose the names of four children born to Fielding and Melvina Cherry. The following paragraphs give brief outlines of their lives.

Arthur Wilhoite Cherry was born, according to his death certificate, on November 4, 1866. He married Alma Ottie Booker (1889-1984) who lies buried beside him. He died at his home at 1507 North Main Street in Weatherford, Parker County, Texas on June 10, 1939. He was buried in Weatherford in Oakland Cemetery.

Evelina (Evalenah) Lee Cherry was born, according to her death certificate, on April 17, 1869. She married Albert L. Cody about 1891, and in 1910 was living with her husband and children in Wichita County, Texas. She died at her home at Box 326 at Earth, Lamb County, Texas at 9:30 a.m. on May 7, 1962. She was buried the next day in Springlake Cemetery in Lamb County. Her grave there is marked, but there is apparently no marker there for her husband. Her death certificate says her mother's name was Melvina Gray Hosford.

Alonzo Price Cherry, was born, according to his grave marker, on January 30, 1872. For a time he worked as a watchman at the Fort Worth Stock Yards. He married Mellie Vandiver (1879-1962). He died in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. His last home was at 1406 Gould Street in Fort Worth. He died May 8, 1950 and is buried in a marked grave in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

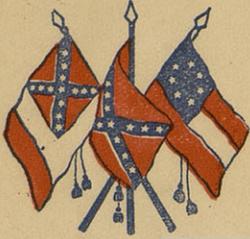
Henry Kimble Cherry was born, according to his draft registration for World War I, on July 14, 1874. His death certificate shows his birth date as July 14, 1873. In 1918 he was living in Healdton, Carter County, Oklahoma. He married Rhoda O. Morris (1885-1966). Census records reveal that he moved around quite a bit seeking employment. In 1900 he was in Precinct 6 of Wise County, Texas. In 1910 he was in Precinct 3 in Montague County, and in 1920 he lived at Parks in Stephens County, Oklahoma. They were probably living in Montague County, Texas when they lost a child there in 1931. He was divorced at the time of his death. He died at 11:15 p.m. in Houston, Harris County, Texas on November 17, 1944, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Houston two days later.



Headstone for Mrs. Fielding W. Cherry

UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

DESCRIPTIVE LIST



Fort Worth, Texas Dec 28th 1919

Name F. W. Cherry

When and Where Born in 1841 Linn County Mo

When and Where enlisted in Lexington Mo. 1861

Rank Private Company C Regiment 300th Brigade Clark's

Division Corps Army Trans Miss Dept

SIGN THIS AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES

REMARKS

Under this head will be included changes in Commands, important battles in which engaged, and other important facts connected with your Confederate record

I was wounded at Elkhorn then was in the Mansfield & Pleasant Hill battles in La in 1864

I am a member of the U.C.V. Camp of Decatur Texas and have been ~~member~~ for many years. I am living in this County now and want to join the R.E. Lee Camp of Ft Worth I was discharged at Shreveport La 19th day May 1865 I am on the Pension roll. Pice Arnold of this Camp and I soldiered in the same Regt.

Reference

Pice Arnold

F. W. Cherry  
P.O. Smithfield Tex

Any member the Decatur Camp U.C.V

Approved by committee  
E. P. Simpson

E. J. P. [unclear]

