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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jasper Doyle (or Downs) Denney

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Jasper Doyle (or Downs) Denney was born in Missouri on July 18, 1845, and was a son of Burnett Denney and Priscilla (Doyle) Denney. When he was a young child, Burnett Denney moved his family to Madison County, Arkansas, where they were living in War Eagle Township when the 1850 census was taken.

The elder Denney moved from place to place after his marriage... census data indicates he lived in Tennessee in the 1831-1833 period, in Illinois about 1836; in Arkansas about 1838, in Missouri around 1843-1845, and had returned to Arkansas by about 1848.

Denney was a full brother of another of our veterans, Francis Marion Denney, but he may have spelled his name without the final "e" in his surname. The single surviving signature in his pension file is written in a clear hand, but it is impossible to tell how he spelled his last name because of a peculiarity of the way he formed his letters. His headstone shows his name as "Denney."

In 1860, Jasper was living in War Eagle Township, Madison County, Arkansas with his parents and siblings.

He served the Confederacy as a private in Co. B., Harrell's Battalion Arkansas Cavalry. He appears in some records as Downs Jasper Denney. His name appears in the rolls of his company as "Downs Denny." He is shown present on the last surviving roll of the company for the period of March 2 through June 30, 1863. He enlisted in Madison County on March 2, 1863, and served until the end of the war.

The 1870 census of War Eagle Township shows Jasper and Mary Denney with two children, Francis (born about 1867) and William (born in November, 1869).

In 1875 he left Arkansas and settled in northeast Tarrant County in the area between the old Pleasant Run and White's Chapel Communities, probably in present-day Southlake or Colleyville. The 1880 census of Tarrant County shows him to be living in Precinct 3 north of Big Bear Creek. The children shown with the family in that census are: Frank S. Denney (born about 1868); a son whose name appears to be Melvan B. Denney (born about 1870); Ransom R. Denney (born about 1872); Lillie P. Denney (born about 1875); Cam B. Denney (born about 1878), and Priest L. Denney, born in April, 1880).

While living in the White's Chapel community, Jasper and Mary Denney lost one child, an infant who was born and died on September 20, 1885. The child was buried in White's Chapel Cemetery near several members of the family of Francis Denney, Jasper's brother. The Jasper Denney family remained in northeast Tarrant County until about 1890, when they moved to Springtown in Parker County, Texas.

While living in Parker County, Jasper applied for a Confederate pension in 1905, and complained of kidney trouble which kept him from working. He listed as his assets one house and lot in Springtown, one cow worth fifteen dollars and one horse worth three hundred dollars.

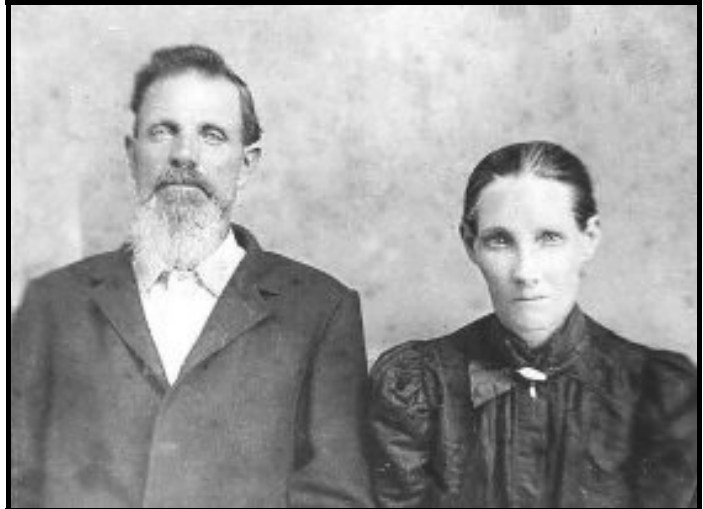
Jasper Denney died in Tarrant County, Texas on April 11, 1925. He died of pneumonia at his home at 2826 Avenue E in Fort Worth. His death certificate says he was the son of C. B. Denney and Myrtle Hayes. He lies buried with a readable headstone in the town cemetery at Springtown, Parker County, Texas. He was married to Mary Catherine Montgomery about 1866. She was born Jan. 9, 1845 in Madison County, Arkansas and died in Texas on January 26, 1920.

An obituary for Mr. Denney appeared in the Fort Worth Record on April 12, 1925: "*J. D. DENNY. J. D. Denney, 79 years old, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Jenkins, 2826 Avenue E. Besides Mrs. Jenkins he is survived by four sons: F. S. Denney of Woodville, Oklahoma; P. W. Denney of Waurika, Oklahoma; M. B. Denney of Springtown and J. C. Denney of Bovina. Pending funeral arrangements the body is being held at the Spelman Undertaking Company.*"

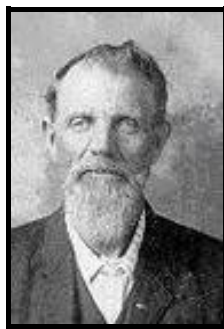
When the 1900 census was taken in Parker County, Mrs. Denney (or at least the person giving the information) said she had given birth to eight children, seven of whom were still alive. She said the same to the 1910 census taker. Sources at Ancestry.com list the following ten children for Mr. and Mrs. Denney: John Denney (born about 1867 in Arkansas); Francis S. Denney (born about 1869 in Madison County, Arkansas); Ulysses Denney (born January 1870 in Arkansas); Melvin B. Denney (born October 29, 1870 in Madison County, Arkansas); Ransom Albert Denney (born December 29, 1871 in Madison County, Arkansas); Lillie Pearl Denney (born April 23, 1874 in Madison County, Arkansas); Campbell Burnett Denney (born December 6, 1877 in Tarrant County, Texas); Prece Williamson Denney (born February 2, 1880 in Tarrant County, Texas), Priest W. Denney (born February 2, 1880 in Tarrant County, Texas), and Jasper Clarence Denney (born in 1882 in Tarrant County, Texas). As is to be expected, some census sources show differing information.



Mr. & Mrs. Jasper D. Denney



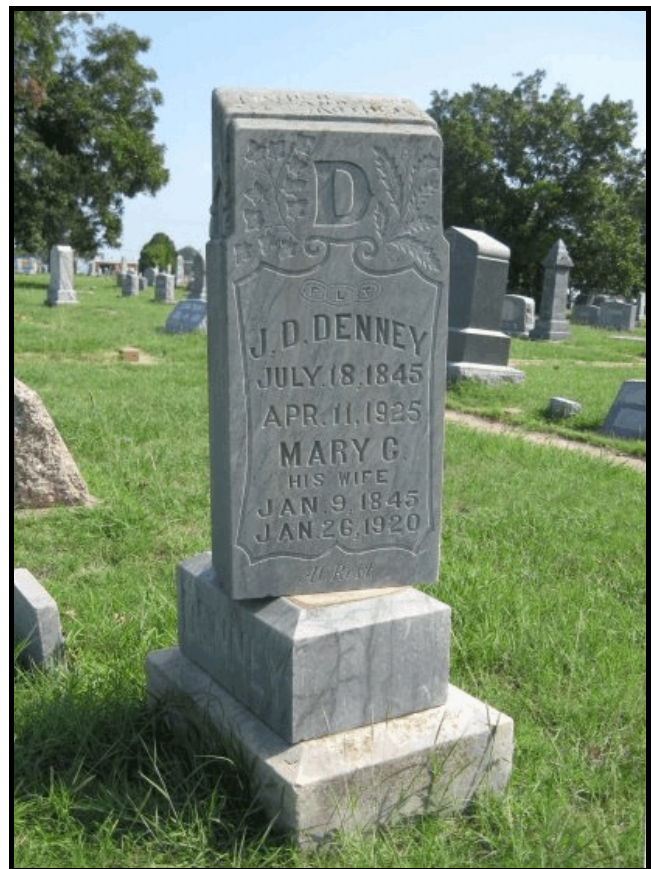
Mr. & Mrs. Jasper D. Denney



Jasper Denney
in his older years



Jasper (left) and Francis Denney (right)



Jasper's headstone in the cemetery at Springtown