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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Jules Douaire

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Jules Douaire was a native French-Canadian and Union veteran who lived and worked at Keller around the turn of the last century. He probably died at Keller between 1900 and 1910.

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. Douaire said he was born in French Canada in January of 1837. By the time the Civil War began, he was living in Illinois.

Mr. Douaire lived at Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois when he enlisted on May 24, 1861 in Co. B, 15th Illinois Infantry. He enlisted as a veteran on January 1, 1864. He served until his discharge on October 9, 1865. He filed an application for a pension on October 4, 1897 and it was approved. When he was interviewed by the 1890 census taker at Keller he said he had lost his papers relating to his service.

The 15th Illinois Infantry was active during most of the War west of the Mississippi. It took part in the Battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, and Bentonville, North Carolina, as well as many smaller skirmishes and maneuvers.

A newspaper called the Keller Kourier was published for a short time around the turn of the last century. In the issue of February 17, 1899, is found: *“...The drug store of Wallace & Seaton, presents a neat and inviting appearance, so much so in fact that the editor cannot pass without being constrained to enter. These gentlemen keep a well selected stock of drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, wall paper etc. The firm also owns a harness shop presided over by Jule Dwyre, an expert in this line...”*

The last trace of Mr. Douaire we have discovered was his entry in the 1900 census. At that time he was living in Keller, boarding with the family of John H. Wallace. He was working as a harness maker.

The search for records of Mr. Douaire has been frustrated by the many ways in which his name may be phonetically spelled, and thus indexed in the records available. In addition, the “u” has often been mistaken for a “v” and the “r” has been mistaken for an “s.” He appears with multiple spellings in the records of the 15th Illinois Infantry, and the high cost of obtaining records from the National Archives has made it impossible to utilize them.