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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Abraham B. Harbison

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Abraham B. Harbison was a Confederate veteran who lived in Precinct 3, Tarrant County, south of Big Bear Creek, when the 1880 census was taken. At the time, he owned no real estate. While living at Grapevine in 1905, he applied for a Confederate pension.

He said he was born January 7, 1839, and had been living at Grapevine since about 1885. He stated that he was a soldier in Co. D, 3rd Tennessee Infantry. He said he enlisted at Knoxville, Tennessee in the spring of 1861 and served until the end of the war. He was captured in September, 1864 and was imprisoned for the rest of the war at Knoxville. A comrade, John Cain, made an affidavit for Harbison in which he said Harbison enlisted at Benton, Polk County, Tennessee. He said he was mustered into the service at Knoxville, and served as infantry until the surrender at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863, after which time he served as mounted infantry. The official records in Washington show that he enlisted June 6, 1861 at Lynchburg, Virginia, and he appears on muster rolls for the regiment until April 6, 1864.

Harbison's application for a Confederate pension was originally rejected because his record showed him absent without leave, but John Cain made an affidavit for him explaining the situation: Cain said that in the spring of 1864 Harbison and about thirty others, under the command of Harbison's brother, Capt. W. L. (Bill) Harbison, were sent into Tennessee on some sort of detail. A. B. Harbison was captured and was held in prison in Knoxville until December of 1865, having been indicted for treason. He was released under President Johnson's amnesty proclamation, and went to his home at Benton, Polk County, Tennessee. Cain and Harbison came to Texas together about 1876. Harbison's doctor at the time of his pension application was L. H. Colley for whom Colleyville was named.

Mary Harbison, Abraham's widow, applied for a Confederate pension also. She said her husband died January 1, 1912 in Delta County, Texas. They were married on December 10, 1871 in Franklin County, Missouri. She made her application in 1926 while living at Murchison in Henderson

County, Texas, where she had lived since about 1912. In 1926, she was eighty-one years old, a native of Tennessee, and had been living in Texas since about 1875.

Mrs. Harbison died in Delta County, Texas on July 5, 1937. Her death certificate says she was born Feb. 16, 1845, and died at Enloe, Delta County, Texas of internal injuries resulting from a fall from her bed, and with senility as a contributing factor. She was born in Tennessee. The informant was A. H. Harbison of Dallas. She was buried in Murcheson Cemetery.



Headstone in Lake Creek Cemetery, Delta County, Texas.

(Updates to this biography coming soon.)