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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

George W. Hope

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George W. Hope was a Confederate veteran who lived in northeast Tarrant County for a time in the 1850's and 1860's. He later died in Hill County, Texas.

Descendants report that George was born in Mississippi about 1832, and was a son of Hugh Smith Hope (1803-1879) and his wife, Isabel McNabb (b. 1806). George appears in the family of his father in 1850 in Harrison County, Texas. Census data in 1850 indicates the family moved from Mississippi to Louisiana about 1837, and on to Texas about 1839.

Descendants report he married Martha Elizabeth Norwood in Harrison County, Texas on September 2, 1852. They list the following children: Samuel Hope (born about 1860); Elizabeth Hope (born about 1867); Jason P. Hope (born about 1870), and Robert Wesley Hope (born about 1876).

George was in our general area by August 12, 1856 when he purchased something at the sale of the estate of John W. Hughes of Tarrant County. Many of the other names at the sale are known to be northeast Tarrant county men. He was also involved in the settlement of the estate of Absalom H. Chivers, who died in present-day Southlake in 1856. Some papers concerning him also appear in the settlement of the estate of William W. Hall, who died about 1862.

G. W. Hope was a chain man for deputy surveyor of Tarrant County F. Wilcox in surveying a tract for Philip D. Hudgins thirteen miles northeast of Birdville on January 30, 1857. Interestingly, one Hugh S. Hope (same name as George's father) is named in 1860 in Tarrant County as a commissioner to partition and distribute the land in the estate of Hannah Throop, deceased.

George was listed as a resident of Dallas County when the 1860 census was taken. He was working as a miller at the time, and was living in the Farmer's Branch area in Precinct 4. With him in 1860

were his wife, Martha (born about 1836 in Alabama), and four Cunningham children. Their next-door neighbors were a family headed by Robert Norwood, a carpenter born about 1832 in Alabama.

Hope served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. A 34th Texas Cavalry, as did many other men in this community. According to his records in the National Archives, Hope enlisted at Grapevine, Texas on January 15, 1862 under Matthew W. Deavenport for a term of twelve months. He was due \$11 for the use of his own arms, and traveled 110 miles to the rendezvous to muster into the Confederate service. He is shown present on a regimental roll for the period of January and February, 1864, and was at that time serving as the Brigade Carpenter.

There is in George W. Hope's file an affidavit very clearly pertaining to A. M. Hope, including a clear signature of A. M. Hope. There was one A. M. Hope who was a Texas Conscript.

Mr. Hope paid a poll tax in Tarrant County in 1865. He was named in another soldier's pension application affidavit as living in the Grapevine area when he enlisted.

Descendants report he married Martha J. Cunningham about 1878, and Martha Ann Yates (1855-1929 in Callahan County, Texas) about 1886. They report one child in his third marriage: Abner Mack Hope (1895-1928).

By the time the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Hope and his family had moved to Robertson County, Texas, where they were living in District 4. Living with him were his wife, M. J. Hope (born about 1840 in Louisiana); four of his children: Samuel (born about 1860 in Texas); Elizabeth (born about 1867 in Texas); Jas.? P. (born about 1870 in Texas); Robert W. (born about 1876 in Texas). This census suggests M. J. Hope may have been a second wife, since the birthplaces of all the children are shown as Alabama. Also, in Mr. Hope's household there is one A. Reynolds, a step-daughter born about 1866 in Louisiana. There is also one Mary B. Hope, born about 1867 in Texas, who is shown as Mr. Hope's sister. Also in the household there is a widow named Emaline Medlin (born about 1840 in Mississippi) and three of her children: William (born about 1868), John (born about 1869), and Ollie (born about 1874). Finally, there is a married couple with one child whose surname is not readable in the census microfilm.

Family genealogists at Ancestry.com say Mr. Hope died in 1897 in Hill County, Texas. George W. Hope's widow did not apply for a Confederate pension in Texas.

Researchers at Ancestry.com say G. W. Hope's son, Robert Wesley Hope, was born at Robinson, McLennan County, Texas on October 3, 1876 and died in Maryland on August 29, 1955. One of the older sons, Samuel M. Hope, was born February 27, 1860 in Texas and died at Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas on February 3, 1938. Some sources say the son born about 1870 was named James Porter Hope.