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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Pleasant Jasper Hyde

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Pleasant Jasper Hyde was a native of Tennessee who served in a Texas cavalry unit. He lived for several years in present-day Southlake in Tarrant County, Texas. He died in New Mexico in the early 1890's and lies buried there.

We are fortunate that two Hyde descendants, Teresa Wagon and Daniel G. Hyde, shared their records with us and reviewed this sketch before it was posted. Coincidentally, Mrs. Wagon now lives in Tarrant County where Jasper Hyde spent many years after the War.

Pleasant Jasper Hyde was born January 7, 1837 in Roane County, Tennessee. He was the son of Hiram Hyde and his wife, Rachel Irwin, who were married in Roane County in 1815. Hiram Hyde was a veteran of the War of 1812, and died about 1847 in Webster County, Missouri. He lies buried there in Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery. His wife was buried beside him in 1864.

The Hyde family moved to Missouri in 1844 from Roane County, Tennessee. There were seventeen children, thirteen of whom made the move to Missouri with their parents. They founded the Prospect Baptist Church at Niangua, in present-day Webster County, Missouri. The church is still holding services each Sunday.

Jasper Hyde was thirteen years old and living with his widowed mother and siblings in District 102 of Wright County, Missouri when the 1850 census was taken. His mother, Rachel Hyde, was born about 1797 in Virginia. Webster County was formed on March 3, 1855 from parts of Greene, Dallas, Christian, and Wright Counties.

The church records of the Prospect Baptist Church indicate that P. J. Hyde was given a letter of dismissal on the third Saturday in August 1860. This almost certainly was the time he left Missouri.

We have been unable to find P.J. Hyde in the 1860 U. S. census. This may be a result of the fact that the 1860 Tarrant county census is missing; a statement he made to voter registration officials in 1867 seems to indicate he may have been here at that time. The church record in Missouri

suggests that he may have been moving at the time. The census taker made his rounds in Union Township in Webster County, where the Hydes lived, in August, 1860.

Pleasant J. Hyde served the Confederacy in Co. G, 2nd Texas Partisan Rangers, also known as Chisum's Texas Cavalry Regiment (Dismounted). The regiment was known by several other designations, including Stone's Texas Cavalry. Several other local men served in the same regiment. He appears in the regiment's records as "P. J. Hide" and "Pleasant J. Hyde."

On December 3, 1863 he was captured while detailed on scouting duty at Brashear City, Louisiana. Three days later on December 6, he was confined in the customs house at New Orleans, Louisiana. On December 21 he and a number of other prisoners were sent from New Orleans to New Iberia, Louisiana for exchange. Early in 1865 he was furloughed and had not returned at the time the last regimental list was made in April of that year. No other records specific to his service have survived in the National Archives.

Probably as much as any family in America, Jasper Hyde's was fatally affected and permanently changed by the War. His nephew, Thomas Alfred Hyde, was a Confederate who died of wounds and is buried in a mass grave of Missouri soldiers at Point Clear, Alabama. Jasper's brother, Sam Houston Hyde, fought for the Union and was killed in the Battle of Springfield, Missouri. Two more of his brothers, Austin H. and James D. Hyde, were Union soldiers who died of disease during their service; James's wife also died of typhoid during the War. Two more of the Hyde brothers, John Ansell Hyde and William Irvin Hyde, served in Union Missouri Enrolled Militia regiments and survived the War. A man married to one of the Jasper Hyde's sisters also died in the service. Probably as a result of all the carnage the War visited on the family, Jasper Hyde's mother also died during the War.

Family sources report Mr. Hyde married Mary E. Hightower (1840-1910), a daughter of John and Mary (Cunningham) Hightower. She was born in Tennessee. The 1860 Tarrant County tax list includes one John Hightower, who owned no real estate here at the time. Mrs. Hyde's headstone says her birthdate was in October, 1840. An in-person look at the stone would reveal a complete date of birth. The only photograph of it online is unclear, but it appears to contain a complete date.

By 1865, Jasper Hyde was living in Tarrant County. He appears in the tax list of that year without any real estate or personal property. On August 9, 1867, P. J. Hyde registered to vote in Tarrant County, stating that he had lived in Precinct 3 since about 1860.

We have been unable to locate Mr. Hyde in the 1870 census of Tarrant County. On March 12, 1872, P. J. Hyde patented a tract of one hundred sixty acres in present-day Southlake, Texas. It was a square, one-half mile on each side. Its south line is today marked by one-fourth of a mile of Continental Drive, west of its intersection with White's Chapel Road and east of Peytonville Avenue. The survey's southeast corner is about where Wilmington Court meets Continental. Its southwest corner is along Continental about where Wyndham Hill approaches it most closely from the south. Carriage Way follows the survey's north line for most of its (Carriage Way's) length. No modern-day streets correspond to its east or west lines. When the 1875 tax list for Tarrant County was prepared, Mr. Hyde still owned one hundred twenty acres of it. J. S. Austin owned the remaining forty acres of the survey in that year.

Neither have we been able to find Mr. Hyde and his family in the 1880 federal census. By 1883 the family had settled and bought land near present-day Bridgeport in Wise County, Texas. One of the Hyde sons, John A. Hyde, died in 1883 and was buried on their property in a cemetery which

had been established by 1879. In 1885 Hyde sold the cemetery plot to J. E. Barnes, whose wife and son had died on the same day and had been buried there six years earlier. It is known as the Hyde Cemetery today, and has a Texas Historical Marker.

By 1891 Mr. Hyde and his family had left Texas. On January 7, 1891 the New Mexico Interpreter ran an article which mentioned Oscar Hyde, George Hyde, and a Miss Hyde, all of Nogal, New Mexico, having attended a wedding.

Pleasant Jasper Hyde died at Nogal, Lincoln County, New Mexico on January 20, 1892. He has a readable headstone in Nogal Cemetery.

Mrs. Hyde appears in the 1900 census in Precinct 8 of Lincoln County, New Mexico. Her son, Walter, was living with her. Their next door neighbors were Walker C. Hyde and his wife. Nearby were George A. Hyde and his family.

Mrs. Hyde died January 28, 1910 at Tularosa, Otero County, New Mexico, and was buried there in Fairview Cemetery. She has a readable headstone.

One Hyde relative who knew several of the Hyde sons, Richard Bays, said their nicknames were "Longie, Tallie, Buck and Baldy." He thought George Alexander Hyde was "Tallie".

Family descendants have discovered the names of five of the Hyde children. When and if census records for 1870 and 1880 can be located, we will amend this list if necessary. The following short accounts of their lives were taken from descendants' records placed on internet genealogy sources, census records, headstone records, and notes placed at the Find-a-Grave site.

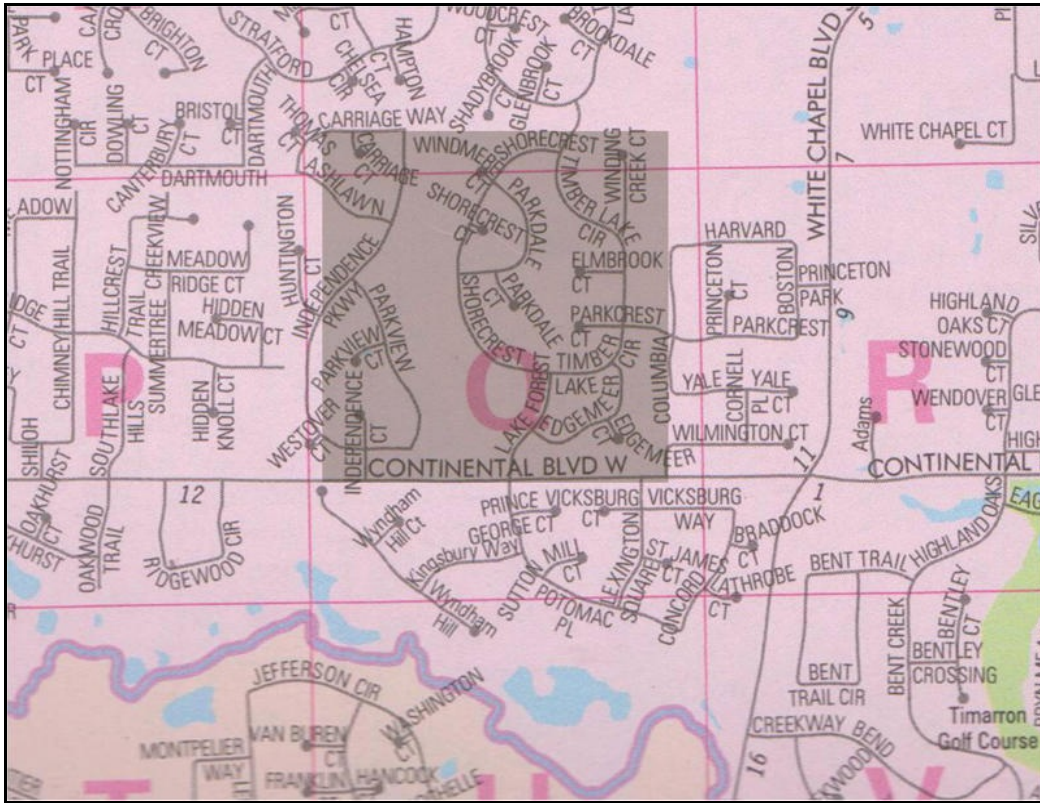
Oscar Hyde was born in May 1863. He and his wife, Mary Hyde (born 1870), lived at Nogal in Lincoln County, New Mexico in 1900.

George Alexander Hyde was born January 16, 1864 (some sources say 1865 and 1868). He married Clara Belle Henley (1874-1927) about 1892. In 1900 they lived in Lincoln County, New Mexico. He died October 9, 1931 in Alamogordo, Otero County, New Mexico, and lies buried there in Monte Vista Cemetery.

Walter Hyde was born in August 1871. He was alive and living with his mother in Lincoln County, New Mexico when the 1900 census was taken.

Walker C. Hyde, shown on his headstone as Calvin Walker Hyde, was born September 7, 1874. He died in 1956 in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, and was buried there in Evergreen Memorial Park. He married Florence Beatrice Blackham (1879-1969) about 1900. He was a ranchman, sheriff of Lincoln County, New Mexico; and a police officer in both El Paso, Texas and Tucson.

John A. Hyde was born July 11, 1879. He died in Wise County on May 30, 1883 and lies buried in the Hyde Cemetery near Bridgeport in Wise County, Texas. His headstone was made by John Martin Harvey Dwight, whose wife was Frances Paralee Hyde and who was probably a kinswoman of Pleasant J. Hyde. Dwight made several headstones in northeast Tarrant County and Wise County, and later moved to New Mexico. Five of Dwight's immediate family members are buried in the Hyde Cemetery, strengthening the possibility that P. J. Hyde and Mrs. Dwight were closely related.



Detail from modern-day map of Southlake showing P. J. Hyde's patented survey.



