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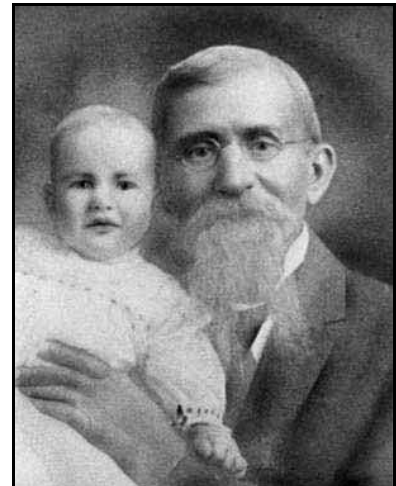
Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Rev. Washington Marion Isham

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Rev. Washington Marion Isham was a well-known and influential Methodist minister here for many years. He was a veteran of a Georgia infantry regiment. He is generally considered to be the founder of the modern-day First Methodist Church of Hurst, through its parent congregation, the Isham's Chapel Methodist Church. He lies buried in the Isham's Chapel Cemetery, a short distance south of the West Fork of the Trinity River, in present-day Fort Worth, along the north side of John T. White Road just west of Williams Road.

One of Mr. Isham's descendants, Marlene Isham Borman of Hurst, Texas, worked for many years to document his family. This compiler knew her and her step-father, J. W. Sifford. Mrs. Borman and her husband were killed instantly in a car crash in 2000 in another state while on vacation. She had completed a book on the descendants of Mr. Isham, but all her work was lost when her computer was stolen after her death.



Rev. Isham with one of his grandsons

Rev. Isham was born September 4, 1831 in Georgia. Family internet sources say he was born at Everett Springs, Chattooga Co., Georgia and that he was a son of John A. Isham and his wife, Samantha Jane Henderson, who died at Everett Springs in 1847 and 1867, respectively. Both are buried there in the Isham Family Cemetery in Floyd County.

On September 2, 1852, Rev. Isham and his wife, Rosamond Brewer were married in Floyd County, Georgia. She was born December 22, 1838 in Grayson County, Virginia.

When the 1860 census was taken at Floyd Springs, Floyd County, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Isham were listed with three of their children: Franklin, James, and Cicero. Their next-door neighbors were Mr. Isham's widowed mother and sister.

Mr. Isham enlisted in the Confederate service on May 6, 1862 at Rome, Georgia for a period of three years. He became a private in Co. D, 65th Georgia Infantry. He was appointed 5th Sergeant on February 1, 1863. By the time the regimental rolls were made for July and August, 1863, he was 4th Sergeant of the company. At the end of December, 1863, a notation was made in the records that he was still due a commutation payment for his service from November 6, 1862 to October 8, 1863. At some time between April 30 and August 31, 1864, he was away from the regiment in a military hospital.

On August 20, 1864 he entered a military hospital at Shelby Springs, Alabama. He also spent time in the 1st Mississippi C.S.A. Hospital at Jackson, Mississippi for treatment of "febris intermittens." He was returned to duty on January 23, 1865.

He was with General Joseph E. Johnston's army in North Carolina when it was surrendered to General Sherman. Mr. Isham was paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina on May 1, 1865.

The website of the First Methodist Church of Hurst says that the Isham's Chapel Church was established in 1866, and was located at 9200 Trammel-Davis Road in Hurst. If this is true, then the Ishams must have moved to this area quite soon after the War ended and earlier than the 1869 date Mrs. Isham indicated when she applied for a Confederate widow's pension.

Both Mr. Isham's home and the Isham's Chapel Methodist Church are shown on Sam Street's Map of Tarrant County, which was made in December of 1895. Mr. Isham lived south of the river on the B. Spencer survey, probably quite close to the Isham Cemetery. Isham's Chapel Church was north of the river, in the northeast corner of the present-day intersection of Precinct Line Road and Trammel Road. Both sites are now included within the city limits of Fort Worth.

Rev. Washington M. Isham died January 23, 1904, and was buried in the Isham's Chapel Cemetery near several of his children who had died before him.

On November 4, 1908, Mrs. Rosie Isham applied for a Confederate widow's pension. She said she was seventy years old, and had been living in Texas since 1869. She said her husband served about three years in Co. D, 64th Georgia Infantry, and was discharged in March 1865. Her application was disapproved because she owned too much real and personal property to qualify for benefits.

Mrs. Rosamond Isham died in Blair, Oklahoma or at Supply, Oklahoma on June 15, 1924, and was brought back here and buried beside her husband.



Rev. and Mrs. Isham were the parents of a very large family. We have been unable to locate Mrs. Isham in either of the censuses of 1900 or 1910, when the enumerator asked a direct question about the number of children to which each woman had given birth and the number who were still living. The following list was obtained from family sources on the internet and from public records. In several cases, conflicting data has been found.

Thomas Franklin Isham was born November 22, 1854 and died March 9, 1903. He married Mary Hudson.

James Freal Isham was born about 1856. He married Sarah Margaret Tilley on December 1, 1879 in Tarrant County. He died January 3, 1923 in Young County, Texas.

Madora Liller Isham was born October 1, 1857. She married J. T. Shive.

Hercel Cicero Isham was born November 8, 1859 and died November 22, 1946 at Blair, Jackson County, Oklahoma. He married Louisiana Pickett (1857-1955) in Tarrant County on February 17, 1881. Cicero traveled around a great deal; he lived in Greer County, Oklahoma in 1900, Curry County, New Mexico in 1910 and 1920, and Jackson County, Oklahoma in 1930.

William Isham was born October 27, 1860 and died July 31, 1933 at Blair, Oklahoma. He married Mary Emma Jones. In 1910 and 1920 they were living in Hobart Township, Kiowa County, Oklahoma.

Anedore Lilla Isham was born about 1865. M. Hamilton Isham was born March 22, 1866 and died October 24, 1889. He was buried in Isham's Chapel Cemetery in Tarrant County.

Fielding Gordon Isham's death certificate says he was born March 25, 1867. He married Minnie Plummer. He died in All Saint's Hospital in Fort Worth on February 3, 1942. His last permanent residence was Handley, Texas. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of east Fort Worth.

Mary Jane Isham was born January 16, 1870. She married John Thomas Davis, Jr.

Alburthy Isham was born September 19 1872 and died October 17, 1885. She lies buried in Isham's Chapel Cemetery.

Lizie Isham was born February 4, 1875. She died July 16, 1903 and was buried in Isham's Chapel Cemetery. She was never married.

Phillip "Tip" Isham was born February 22, 1877. He died October 23, 1940 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Biff (or Biffie) Isham was born May 30, 1879. He died December 7, 1928 in Tarrant County and was buried in the Isham Cemetery.