



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Samuel D. King

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Samuel D. King was born in Ray County, Missouri on April 25, 1844. When he applied for a pension in 1901, he said he was “partially raised in Tarrant County,” and that he had lived in the Smithfield area for several years.

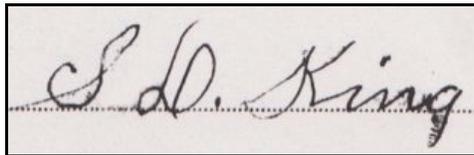
With so many other northeast Tarrant County men, King served in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry. His compiled military service records say he enlisted October 14, 1861 at Camp Reeves for a term of twelve months, that he traveled one hundred fifty miles to rendezvous with the rest of the regiment, and was at Fort Gibson [Oklahoma] on December 31, 1861. He was sick in camp on the rolls for May-June 1862, and was detailed as a pioneer at some time during the months of September and October, 1862. He was away from the regiment while sick in a hospital at some point between May and August, 1863, and appears absent under arrest from October 6, 1863. King was captured near Union City, Tennessee on March 16, 1864. He was received at Camp Chase, Ohio on April 22, 1864, and was sent to City Point, Virginia for exchange on February 25, 1865. There he was paroled. He was furloughed from Jackson Hospital in Richmond, Virginia on March 9, 1865 for thirty days.

In old age he claimed to suffer from rheumatism contracted during the war from exposure and exertion. When he joined the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth in 1907, he supplied a written statement which said he “...went with Capt. Mart B. Lloyd to Mexico and came back in [the] summer of 1861 and rejoined the command and was in this regt till the end of the war. Was in all the battles of the command except one Indian fight till captured near West Point, Mississippi 8th of March 1864 and spent the balance of time in prison at Camp Chase Ohio till February 27, 1865 I was paroled there at Aikens Landing with 500 others on James River 12 miles from Richmond.”

Mrs. Margaret M. King said she and her husband were married December 1, 1886 in Wood Co., Texas (there is no record of the marriage in Wood County). About 1897, they lived in the Polytechnic section of Fort Worth. When the 1910 census taker visited the family, Mrs. King said

she had given birth to two children, one of whom was still living. King died October 13, 1922 at 3542 Fitzhugh Street in Polytechnic, at the home of his son-in-law, A. P. Clark.

His obituary appeared on page 24 of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the same day he died. Mrs. King died at her daughter's home in Fort Worth on March 6, 1936. They lie buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Both Mr. and Mrs. King were pensioned by the State of Texas for his Confederate service. Mr. King's obituary was as follows: "*KING. S. D. King, 78, died at his home, 3542 Fitzhugh Street, at 2:30 a.m. Friday. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Lula L. Clark, of Fort Worth. The body will be taken to Smithfield by the Harveson-Cole Undertaking Company for burial.*"

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. D. King". The signature is written on a light-colored background with a faint horizontal line.