



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Ezekiel Eli Lamkin

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Ezekiel Eli Lamkin was a Confederate veteran who lived in the Keller area for several years after the War. He later moved to Wise and Jack Counties, and finally settled in Oklahoma where he died and is buried.

An excellent biographical sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Lamkin, complete with photographs of them taken about the time of the War, appears in the History of Parker County, published by the Parker County Historical Commission in 1980. The sketch on Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lamkin was written and submitted by a trio of Lamkin descendants, John Willet Kuhn, Flo Nell Morris-Ozell, and Wanda Rose Gray-Peterson. Nearly all of this sketch is the result of their work.

E. E. Lamkin was born in Tippah County, Mississippi on January 11, 1841, the first of seven children. He was the son of John Lamkin and Syntha Louisa (McCain) Lamkin.

Quoting from the Parker County book, “...About 1848-1849 the family moved to Upshur County, Texas then moved to Missouri about 1851-52 and stayed there about two years. About 1854-55 the family came back to Texas, stopping briefly in Fannin County and settling in Tarrant County along the north side of Big Bear Creek in the Mt. Gilead community east of Keller. One of their neighbors was the Sebastian family from Missouri.

“About 1861, Ezekiel Eli married Lucinda “Silk” Sebastian. She was born December 23, 1844 in Missouri. Apparently they obtained farm land in that neighborhood.

“When the Civil War started in 1862 their first child, Elizabeth Ann, was born about the same time that Ezekiel enlisted as a private in the Confederate 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry, Company C. War records show a muster-in date of February 25, 1862 at Ft. Washita, C. N. [Oklahoma] and describe him as fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes, a height of 5 feet 6 inches and age 20 with a horse

worth \$140 and rigging worth \$20. His occupation was listed as "farmer." The 22nd Regiment of Texas Cavalry was known at various times as Taylor's Texas Mounted Rifles, First Indian Texas Cavalry and Steven's Texas Dismounted Cavalry. Records show Ezekiel was absent on detached service in March-April 1863. He had enlisted for 12 months, but on the last entry of record, May-June of 1863, he is recorded on the muster roll as absent without leave and a remark entry reads "For use of private's gun for 14 months \$14."

"Ezekiel's six brothers and sisters married in the period of 1871-1876. His father died August 18, 1870. About 1877 Ezekiel, two brothers and two sisters and their families moved west to Parker County. Ezekiel moved further on to the Grub Hill Community, four miles south of Bridgeport in Wise County.

"Ezekiel and Lucinda had ten children, some in Tarrant County and some in Wise County. In approximate birth sequence they were Elizabeth Ann, Mary Jane, John M., Sumner Houston, Eliza Clementine, Rachel Cordelia, Charlie, Alonzo David, Lulu Belle and Effie Lee. At this date of publication Effie Lee Lamkin-Poole is living at age 92 with her daughters George Ann Poole-Cook and June Poole-Purcell at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

"About 1888 Ezekiel and Lucinda decided to move to Oklahoma for more and better ranch land. Apparently they continued to have cattle holdings in Parker County for they arranged to ship a herd by rail from Weatherford to Oklahoma. He and his sons were having trouble holding the herd around the loading chutes when a Jew drove a buggy through the herd and scattered it. Ezekiel's son, Sumner Houston, was so angered and frustrated that he jumped off his horse, picked up a rock, threw it at the Jew and knocked off his derby hat. The Jew charged assault so Sumner rode out for Oklahoma. They located there around Poolville.

"In the 1906-1909 period the family came back to Gibtown in Jack County and Loving's Valley near Salesville, returning to Oklahoma in 1909."

On September 18, 1915 Mr. Lamkin filed an application for a Confederate pension. At the time he lived at Pooleville, Carter County, Oklahoma. His initial application was rejected on October 7, 1915, but was finally approved on July 3, 1917. He told pension officials he was discharged one hundred fifty miles south of San Antonio, Texas, on or about May 10, 1865. He said he was seventy-three years old, was born in Tippah County, Mississippi, and had lived in Oklahoma for seventeen years. Isaac Smith made an affidavit in support of his pension claim, saying that he was present when Lamkin enlisted in Fannin County, Texas.

In 1923, Mrs. Lucinda Lamkin of Pooleville, Carter County, Oklahoma, applied to the state for a Confederate widow's pension. She said she had lived in the county continuously for the past eleven years. She was born in Madison County, Missouri and was eighty years old. She married Mr. Lamkin in Fannin County, Texas on June 18, 1861. He died August 7, 1923 near Pooleville, Oklahoma.

Again from the Parker County history, "...Ezekiel Eli Lamkin died August 7, 1923 and Lucinda died July 21, 1933. Burial was in Poolville, Oklahoma."