



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Lott Lee

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William Lott Lee was a native of Illinois who settled in northeast Tarrant County about 1858. He served the Confederacy in a local cavalry unit, and died here during the early 1870's. He is one of the few Anglos buried in Mosier Valley Cemetery south of Euless.

William L. Lee was born September 12, 1830 in Illinois. Family members at ancestry.com say he was the son of William Lee, who died in Illinois in 1840; and Mary (Ferguson) Lee, who died in Van Zandt County, Texas in 1876.

Family sources say Mr. Lee married Martha A. Treadwell in Rusk County, Texas on July 28, 1852. Descendants report she was born in Warren County, Mississippi on May 3, 1836, and was a daughter of Shelley Greene Booth Treadwell (1810-1846) and his wife, Sarah Ann Culbertson (1815-1888).

William L. Lee patented the one hundred-sixty acre tract which bears his name on October 11, 1859. In modern-day terms, the tract is located in the city limits of Fort Worth within the extension far to the east of downtown made years ago to encompass the property at the old Carter Field Airport. It lies south of the Euless city limits. The Lee survey's north line lies along Mosier Valley Road. No modern-day streets lie along any of its other three boundary lines. Much of it lies in undeveloped river bottom land, and its east and west lines cross the West Fork of the Trinity. The southern portion of the survey is in Arlington's Rose Brown May Park. Mosier Valley Cemetery lies within the William L. Lee survey.

The Tarrant County tax list for 1860 shows that Mr. Lee's tract was worth two hundred dollars. He owned one slave in that year.

Along with several other northeast Tarrant County men, William L. Lee enlisted in the Confederate service in Vermilion, Louisiana on August 27, 1862 and became a 3rd Corporal in Capt. J. C. Terrell's Company of Waller's Battalion of Texas Cavalry. Mr. Lee was thirty-two when he

enlisted. Terrell's Company became Co. F. Lee presented himself for service riding his horse worth one hundred fifty dollars and with equipment worth twenty dollars. On a roll dated February 29, 1864, Mr. Lee appears as a 2nd Corporal. On that day, Mr. Lee was present for duty but was sick. No other information specific to his service has survived in his compiled military records file in the National Archives.

W. L. Lee appears in the 1865 Tarrant County tax list. He still owned his entire one hundred sixty-acre survey, and it was worth one dollar per acre. He also owned eleven horses worth three hundred twenty dollars. He is not shown with any other personal property or livestock.

Mr. Lee registered to vote in Tarrant County on August 19, 1867. He said he was a native of Illinois, had lived in Texas twenty-six years, and in Precinct 2 of Tarrant County for eleven years.

Mr. Lee and his family appear in the 1870 census of Tarrant County in Precinct 2. They were living in the Mosier Valley area south of Euless. His real estate was valued at six hundred dollars and his personal property was valued at five hundred. With him and his wife in the census that year were four children: Alfred S., Ed W., James W., and Mary C. Lee.

Mr. Lee died February 1, 1872. He has a readable marble headstone in Mosier Valley Cemetery. It was made by the same craftsman who made the two old oldest stones in nearby Bear Creek Cemetery and the oldest stone in Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine.

Some descendants say Mrs. Martha Lee died in Tarrant County on December 8, 1874. She probably lies buried in an unmarked grave in Mosier Valley Cemetery.

One Lee descendant has posted the following note on the Tarrant County genweb site: ***"...They left children in Tarrant County, most old enough to manage on their own, except my grandfather, James Jackson Lee. He was probably less than two when they died. His older brother Alfred Shelly Lee had the family bible and all the family pictures. I would love to locate this family bible."***

Alfred Shelley Lee was born about 1855. In 1880 he was living with and working for the family of E. P. Taylor in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. Family members say he died in 1898.

Edward Walter Lee was born about 1862. Family members say he died in 1882 in Tarrant County.

James W. Lee was born about 1866. In 1880 he was living with the family of Wesley Armstrong in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County.

Mary C. Lee was born in January 1870, according to the 1870 census.

John Jackson "Guy" Lee was born December 25, 1870 according to family members. He appears in 1880 in Tarrant County living with a widow, Christina Hust in the Birdville area of Tarrant County. He married Nora Indiana Hollums (1879-1965) in Tarrant County on November 20, 1898. They spent much of their lives in Caddo and Lincoln Counties, Oklahoma. A grandchild of John Jackson Lee has posted the following account at ancestry.com: ***"When John was born 25***

December 1870, his mother Martha died. He was raised by a slave women that had just gave birth herself. Feeding her child and John. When he was little older, his father William died. John was taken away by Christena Hurst and her husband. You will find him on a 1880 census, Tarrant county, precinct 3, Texas. John told his son, James Monroe Lee (my father), that he was forced to work hard as if he was a man,(he was 11 on that census)He said "One time he was so sick, he couldn't hardly make it. Christena came to the barn and beat him with a horse brittle, until John went back to work. After sometime had passed John's brother Shellie heard what was happening and took him away to live with him." John Jackson Lee died at Stroud, Lincoln County, Oklahoma on May 3, 1947. He shares a headstone in Stroud Cemetery with his wife, Nora.

