



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### Randolph Marcum

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Randolph Marcum was a native of West Virginia who served in two West Virginia Union regiments. After the War he moved to Ohio, then to Minnesota, then to northeast Tarrant County, Texas. He finally moved to the Indian Territory during the 1880's where he died just before the turn of the century.

Family sources at Ancestrycom report that Randolph Marcum was born about 1838 in Wayne County, [West] Virginia. He was a son of William Welcome Marcum (1819-1897) and his wife, Nancy Jane Crum (1821-1880).

Randolph Marcum appears as a twelve-year-old boy in his father's family in the 1850 census of District 66, Wayne County, Virginia. Randolph grew up in a community with many his mother's and father's relatives as close neighbors.

Ten years later, Randolph is found in the 1860 census of Wayne County, still living with his parents and siblings. He was twenty-one years old, and was working as a farm laborer. Census data suggest Randolph Marcum must have married and moved to Adams County, Ohio soon after 1860; by the time of the 1870 census he and his wife had a ten-year-old daughter born in Ohio. Some family sources say Randolph married Elizabeth Wilson after the War; if that is true she must have been his second wife.

One family researcher online says Randolph's parents, William W. and Nancy Marcum, left West Virginia and moved to Adams County, Ohio early in the 1860's. This was soon after their seventeen-year-old son, Isom Marcum, was shot and killed in his own yard by members of a Home Guard unit. Also soon after this, Randolph's brother, Kelley Marcum, joined the Confederate Army. All the rest of the Marcum family were Unionists.

Randolph Marcum served the Union in two different West Virginia regiments. He originally enlisted in Co. F, 5<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry, and also served for a time in Co. G of that regiment. On November 9, 1864, the 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Veteran Infantry was formed from the consolidation of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry regiments. The regiment was mustered out July 21, 1865. The high cost of obtaining copies of military service files and pension files from the National Archives precludes their use within the scope of this project.

When the 1870 census was taken, the family was found in New Virginia Township in Meeker County, Minnesota. Randolph's name was the last recorded on one page of the census which apparently became lost or was microfilmed out of order. Elizabeth Marcum's name is the first on the next page, and was recorded without her surname. She said she was born about 1840 in Kentucky. The children with her were Mary Jane, Harvey, Elizabeth, John W., Kelley, and Rosetta L. Marcum, who was born in November 1869. Only Rosetta was born in Minnesota, all the other children were born in Ohio.

On October 1, 1873, Randolph Marcum filed a homestead claim for eighty acres with the Litchfield Land Office in Minnesota. His homestead was located in Meeker County, Minnesota.

In the 1880 census, Randolph Marcum and his family appear in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County. With him were his wife, Elizabeth, who was born about 1840 in Kentucky, and seven children: John W. (born about 1866), Kelley (born about 1867), Rosetta L. (born about 1869), Joshaway (born about 1871), Delley (born about 1873), Ida (born about 1876), and Anna Marcum (born about 1878). Also with them was a step-daughter of Randolph's, Elizabeth Wilson, who was born about 1864 in Ohio; this fact also seems to prove that Elizabeth was his second wife. The census suggests the family moved from Ohio to Minnesota about 1868, and from Minnesota to Texas about 1877.

Randolph Marcum does not appear in the 1880 agricultural census of Tarrant County. He does appear in the tax list for that year, but did not own any real estate. He owned one carriage or wagon worth ten dollars, four horses or mules worth fifty dollars, three cattle worth eighteen dollars, and farming implements worth five dollars.

On April 15, 1890, Mr. Marcum applied for an invalid's pension based upon his Union service. By that time he was living in the Choctaw Nation in the Indian Territory. On April 1, 1897 a minor survivor's claim was filed on the basis of his service. The index card says simply "Rosa Tribbley Gdn."

Family sources report that both Randolph and Elizabeth Marcum died in 1897 during an influenza outbreak at McAlester, in later Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. Mr. Randolph has an upright military headstone in North McAlester Cemetery in Pittsburg County. It does not contain his dates of birth or death, and the style of its manufacture suggests it was probably erected soon after his death.

Mrs. Elizabeth Marcum's headstone in North McAlester Cemetery in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma gives her date of birth as February 8, 1841 and her date of death as January 29, 1897. Her husband's marker has no dates of birth or death, but records his service in Co. G, 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Veteran Infantry.

Census records have disclosed the names of the following eleven Marcum children. Since Mrs. Marcum did not survive until the 1900 census, we do not have that source for determining the number of children she had borne and the number who still survived.

Mary Jane Marcum was born about 1860. She was still alive with her parents in Minnesota in 1870, but was not with them in Texas in 1880.

Harvey Marcum was born about 1861. He was still alive with his parents in Minnesota in 1870, but was not with them in Texas in 1880.

Elizabeth Marcum was born about 1864. She was still alive with her parents in Minnesota in 1870, but was not with them in Texas in 1880.

John W. Marcum was born about 1867. He was still alive with his parents in Texas in 1880.

Kelly Marcum was born about 1869. He was still alive with his parents in Texas in 1880.

Rosetta L. Marcum was born in November 1869. She married Alexander Blevins about 1891, and was living at McAlester in the Choctaw Nation when the 1900 census was taken. She was living as a widow in 1920 in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma.

Joshua Marcum was born about 1871. He appears in the 1900 census of McAlester in the Choctaw Nation, living with the family of his married sister, Rosa [Rosetta] Blevins. He said he was born in March 1872 in Minnesota. He appears in the 1920 census as a widower. There is a Joshua Marcum buried in Tannehill Cemetery in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma; he was born April 16, 1866 and died May 1, 1950.

Deely (Della) Mae Marcum married Smith Thompson and lived with her husband and children in McAlester, Oklahoma in 1910. Her headstone in Oak Hill Memorial Park in McAlester says she was born April 4, 1870 and died September 20, 1966.

Ida Ella Marcum was born February 28, 1875. She married Andrew Cramer Plymate (1868-1942) about 1896. She died January 12, 1907 in Oklahoma. They lie buried in North McAlester Cemetery in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma...the same cemetery in which her parents lie buried.

Annie Marcum was born about 1878. She was still alive with her parents in Texas in 1880.

Margaret Marcum was born in October 1880. When the 1900 census was taken, she was living with her married sister, Ida Plymate, and her family in Township 5 of the Chickasaw Nation in the Indian Territory.

