



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Francis Marion Millican

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Francis Marion Millican was a pioneer in the Grapevine Prairie and Bear Creek area. He was a Confederate veteran, and the brother of another two more of our veterans, Benjamin Franklin Millican and Solomon E. Millican.

A biography of F. M. Millican appeared in the Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas, by the Lewis Publishing Company in 1892. Written from material furnished by Millican himself, it reads: *"Francis Marion Millican, a prosperous farmer of Dallas county, is a son of Benjamin F. and Rebecca (Howell) Millican. The father, a native of Tennessee, removed to Alabama when a young man, settling in Jackson county, where he died in 1840, at the age of thirty years. He was a blacksmith and gunsmith by trade, and followed the same all through life.*

"The paternal grandfather, Solomon E. Millican, was a native of Ireland, and came to America when a young man, settling first in Indiana and afterward in Tennessee, where he subsequently died. Our subject's mother, Rebecca Howell, was a native of East Tennessee and a daughter of Caleb Howell, an early settler of that State. She died in Jackson county, Alabama, in 1856, at the age of forty-seven years.

"Mr. and Mrs. Millican's children are: Solomon E., a resident of Tarrant county, Texas; Caleb, who died in infancy; Susan, also deceased in infancy; Francis Marion, our subject; Nancy, deceased in infancy; Benjamin F., whose sketch appears in this work; George who died a few years ago in the Creek nation; and Mary, the wife of Joseph Milam, of Sebastian county, Arkansas.

"The subject of this sketch was born in Grainger county, Tennessee, October 6, 1832, but was reared in Jackson county, Alabama. In the fall of 1858 he emigrated to Missouri, settling in Newton county, where he enlisted in 1861, in the Confederate army, in Company E., Missouri State Troops, under Captain Ed. McCulloch. Her served in the Trans-Mississippi department, and was with Price on his raids in Missouri, taking part in the battle of Oak Hill, Missouri; Elk Horn, Arkansas; Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and Saline River, Arkansas. Mr. Millican served in the ordnance

department, and received a gunshot wound in the left thigh at Saline River, Arkansas. He was twice captured, first in Newton county, Missouri, at the opening of the war, and next in the Indian Territory, while trying to make his way to the Confederate lines.

“He was mustered out at Shreveport, Louisiana, June 1, 1865, after which he came to Dallas county, Texas, and later went to Tarrant county, where he was engaged in a mill one year. He then bought a small farm, of the George Burgoon survey, from R. B. Murrell survey, which he improved and sold in 1883, to Ben Croley. The same year Mr. Millican bought the place where he now lives, in Grapevine prairie, near the Tarrant County line, where he has 141 acres of black land, nearly all of which is under cultivation.

“He was married June 9, 1870, to Martha D. Ferguson, a native of Mississippi, and a daughter of William Elkanah Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Millican have had eight children, viz: Joseph E., Walter Lee, Dewitt Clinton, Charles Marion, Addie, Martha Lilly, Sallie Frank, and Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Millican is a Mason, having become a member of the Grapevine Lodge in 1871-'72. and is also a member of Estelle Lodge, No. 570, of this county.”

Two of Francis and Martha Millican’s children who died young have headstones at Bear Creek Cemetery: Fannie Millican (June 26, 1876-October 7, 1877) and Johnie Millican (March 18, 1882-March 20, 1882).

When the 1900 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Millican were living in Dallas County, Texas in Precinct 8, next-door to Nathan D. Hudgins. Mrs. Millican told the census taker she had given birth to nine children, seven of whom were still living. Thus it seems the only two who died young have headstones at Bear Creek.

Mr. Millican’s death certificate says he died at 10 a.m. on December 18, 1907 at Grapevine of heart failure, with a contributing cause of heart and liver disease of three years duration. Dr. T. B. Dorris was the attending physician. Mrs. Millican was born June 27, 1846 and died March 21, 1923. She lies buried beside her husband in Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.

