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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Creason Price

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William Creason Price was a native of Missouri who served in three different Union units from his native state during the War. He came to Texas in the 1870's and settled near Keller, where he remained for the rest of his life.

William Creason Price was born December 3, 1841 in Ray County, Missouri. He was a son of Keller pioneers Thomas Washington Price and his wife, Rebecca (Creason) Price.

In the census of 1850 in District 75, Ray County, Missouri, William Price was shown as a seven-year-old boy in his father's family. Ten years later he appeared with his full name as an eighteen-year-old young man with Thomas Price's family in Ray County's Fishing River Township in the area served by the post office at Crab Orchard, Missouri.

The only details we have of Mr. Price's service come from the index cards to his and his wife's pension records. They say he had service in three organizations: Co. D, 4 Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia; Co. A, Ray County Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia; and Co. E, 51st Missouri Militia. The prohibitive cost of obtaining copies of the pension files from the National Archives precludes their use in this project. Mr. Price filed his application for a pension based upon his age on November 11, 1907. His widow, Frances Ann Price, filed for her benefits on July 8, 1911.

When the 1870 census was taken, Thomas and his family were still in Ray County, in Camden Township in the area served by the post office at Richmond, Missouri. By that time, William Creason Price had married and started a family, and thus was not with Thomas and his family in the census. We have not been able to locate William C. Price and his family in any state in the census of 1870.

Mr. Price and his family appear in the 1880 census in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. With him was his wife, Frances Ann Price, who was born about 1850, and four of the Price children.

William Price appears in the 1890 census of Union veterans at Keller, Texas in Precinct 4. The listing does not give any details of his service.

William Price and his family appear in the 1900 census of Tarrant County in the Keller area. He said he was born in December 1841. Frances was born in May 1850 in Missouri. Frances said she had given birth to three children, one of whom was still alive. The census says they had been married twenty-seven years, thus they were married about 1873. Since the Tarrant County court house burned in 1876, no official record of that marriage has survived if it took place here. These statements make it seem likely that William was earlier married to someone else, and that Frances (Tarwater) Price was his second wife. There is no readable headstone in northeast Tarrant County which could be for a first wife of William C. Price. It seems reasonable to assume that she lies buried in an unmarked grave in Mount Gilead Cemetery at Keller.

Mr. Price died at Keller on June 30, 1908, and was buried in Bourland Cemetery. His wife's side of his double stone is completely blank. Mrs. Price's widow's pension began in 1911.

In 1910 [Frances] Fannie Price lived with the family of her son and his wife, John W. Price and L. J. Price. Fannie said she had given birth to three children, one of whom was still alive. In 1920 she was still with them.

In 1930, Fannie Price, who was then eighty-four years old, lived in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County with the family of her granddaughter, Bertha (Price) Housewright. Bertha was the daughter of Fannie's son, John William Price. We have been unable to locate a death certificate for her.

Rebecca Jane Price was born April 23, 1866. She was married to Lawson Stateham (1862-1948) on November 1, 1883. She died January 11, 1940 at Keller, and both of them lie buried in Bourland Cemetery.

Marthy Ann Price was born about 1870. She was still with the family in 1880.

Barbara Ella Price was born July 15, 1873 (her death certificate says the year was 1872). She married Miles Green West (1853-1916) on January 29, 1894. She died December 18, 1930 at the Baptist Hospital in Fort Worth, Tarrant County. She and Mr. West lie buried in Bourland Cemetery. Oddly, she does not appear in the 1880 census with them, but was in the same community with the family of her paternal grandfather, Thomas W. Price. Mrs. Frances Price's statement in 1910 that she had given birth to only three children again bears some thought. If that is so, it seems likely that Barbara Ella Price was the last child born to William C. Price's first wife. Ella may have gone to live with her grandparents at the death of her mother, and stayed with them after her father remarried.. Frances must have given birth to one more child. If that child was born between her marriage and 1880, it had died before the taking of the census in that year. If it was born after 1880, it had died before the census was taken in 1900.

Margaret Alice Price was born about 1877. She was alive with the family in 1880, but must have been dead by 1900.

John William Price was born June 14, 1879. He married Liza Jane Haney (1874-1912). He died May 23, 1951 at Keller. They lie buried in Bourland Cemetery.



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