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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas Pritchard

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Thomas Pritchard came to northeast Tarrant County from Missouri about the time the War began. He enlisted in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, in which many other community men served. He later moved to Llano County, and finally to Burnet County, Texas where he died.

Thomas Pritchard was born in Tennessee in December of 1836. He told the census taker in 1900 that both his parents were also native Tennesseans. Several genealogists have posted information at ancestry.com concerning the family of Mr. Pritchard's wife, Rosanna Lumbley.

By the early 1850's, Thomas had left Tennessee and moved to Missouri. Descendants of the Lumbley family report that Thomas Pritchard married Rosanna Lumbley in Lawrence County, Missouri on November 4, 1852. She was born in Arkansas and moved to Missouri with her parents, George Washington Lumbley and his wife, Elizabeth Chenault. The Lumbleys and Pritchards apparently came to Texas together, settling first in northeast Tarrant County. Mrs. Pritchard told the census taker in 1900 that she was born in January, 1834.

In 1860 Newton County, Missouri census, the Pritchards are listed in Buffalo Township next-door to William S. Lumbley and George W. Lumbley, Mrs. Pritchard's brother and father, respectively. The Pritchards had no children with them. They probably came to Tarrant County in 1860 or 1861.

Mr. Pritchard entered in the Confederate Army in northeast Tarrant County, and served in Company A, 34th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted January 15, 1862 at Grapevine, under Hiram Crowley, for an initial term of twelve months. He is shown in the records as absent on sick leave beginning on January 13, 1863. He was due money for mileage from the Confederate government for the one hundred ten miles he traveled from Grapevine to the regimental rendezvous. He is shown present for duty on a roll for January and February 1864. No other records specifically pertaining to him have survived in the National Archives.

Thomas returned to Tarrant County at the War's end. He registered to vote in Tarrant County on August. 5, 1867, as a resident of Precinct 2. He said he was born in Tennessee, and had been living in Precinct 2 for five years.

By 1870, Washington Lumbly and William S. Lumbly had moved their families from Tarrant County and settled in Caldwell County, Texas, in the area served by the post office at Lockhart. We have been unable to find Thomas and Rosanna Pritchard in the 1870 census anywhere in Texas.

The 1880 census taker found "Tom and Rosana Prichard" living in Precinct 2 of Llano County, Texas. They had one child with them, Harriett, who was born about 1872 in Texas.

On August 8, 1899, Mr. Pritchard applied for a Confederate pension. He said he was sixty-three years old, and had been living at Bluffton in Burnet County, Texas for one and one-half years. He had lived in Llano County, Texas for twenty years before that.

He said he suffered from pain and soreness in his hip, thigh, and leg. He claimed service in Co. A, Alexander's Regiment, from the fall of 1861 until the Spring of 1864. At that time he went home for one week, then re-enlisted in Beard's Regiment where he served until the end of the War. He had no real estate. He owned one pony worth ten dollars; he said it was twenty-three years old and he had paid four dollars for it. He said he enlisted for the second time at Waco.

A physician who examined him in 1899 said he had sciatica, rheumatism, and was constitutionally debilitated from the effects of lagrippe. He signed his name "Thos. Pritchard."

An affidavit made by J. W. Millsap of Voca, McCulloch County, Texas, said Millsap was fifty-nine years old, and that he had come to Texas in 1849. He said he first knew Mr. Pritchard in Tarrant County in October 1861. He said Mr. Pritchard enlisted for the second time in Co. A, 26th Texas ...at the upper falls in Falls County, Texas. About Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Millsap said: **"...He was taken sick in his first company with something like dropsy and went home and in a short time he returned to service and enlisted in Co. A, 26th Regiment."** Jack Foster, Jarrett Foster, and Henry Cox, all fellow soldiers and all residents of northeast Tarrant County, made affidavits for Mr. Pritchard as well.

Pritchard's wife, Rosana Pritchard, said she and Thomas were married about 1851. She said she received letters from him during the service, including one in which he described the Battle of Yellow Bayou, which was so disastrous to the 34th Texas Cavalry.

Mr. Pritchard made an affidavit to submit with his pension application in which he explained the circumstances of his leaving the 34th Texas Cavalry. It said, **"Before me Ike D. White on this day personally appeared Thomas Pritchard the applicant in this case for a Confederate pension who is known to me to be a credible resident citizen of this Burnet County who being by me duly sworn on his oath stated that when he left the first command in which he enlisted in Crowley's Company in Alexander's Regiment it was because of the fact that the command had been ordered across the Mississippi River and he and others did not want to serve east of the said river and not because they did not want to serve in and fight for the Confederacy [...illegible...] Confederacy. That**

they left the said command in the day time in presence of the officers and commander of said army at that point, some of whom interposed any force or means of preventing them and said applicant from leaving except that they begged us to stay and they would try and get the order to cross the river revoked. It was my intention when I left said command in which I first enlisted to join some other company [...illegible...] on west side of said river [...illegible...] I returned home I only remained there about a week when I proceeded to Waco and reenlisted in Baird's regiment in Saloys? Company."

Even though Mr. Pritchard made his application for a Confederate pension giving Burnet County as his residence, he and Mrs. Pritchard appear in the 1900 census of Precinct 2 of Llano County. He said he was born in Tennessee in August 1836 to two Tennesseans. Mrs. Rosanna said she was born in Arkansas in January 1834. She said she had given birth to only one child, and that it was no longer living. The Pritchards were living on rented land and he was working as a day laborer.

The pension bureau was notified on his death on May 31, 1930. He probably died sometime during the month of May. When the 1930 census was taken, Thomas Pritchard was living at age ninety-eight with the family of his niece, Wilmerth (Lumbley) Rowe in Precinct 5 of Runnels County, Texas. He told the census taker he was a Civil War veteran. Interestingly, he said both his parents were born in the "Irish free state."

We have found no Texas death certificates for Thomas or Rosanna Pritchett. Neither have we found any Texas death certificates which appear to show them as the decedent's parents. Mrs. Pritchett did not apply for a Confederate widow's pension in Texas, if indeed she survived him.

Family sources say Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett had only one child, who died in infancy. They raised another girl as their own; she was Dolly Harriett Crider...the Harriett who was shown with them when the 1880 census was taken. Harriett's mother died at her birth, and her father, John Crider, was believed to have taken his other daughter with him into the Indian Territory. Dolly Harriett Crider has/had a granddaughter who is very interested in the family history. She may have other information or photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard. We will continue to try to locate her.