



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Stephen Marion Reynolds

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Stephen Marion Reynolds was born in Mill Creek Township, Franklin County, Arkansas on February 14, 1846. The 1850 census of Franklin County indicates that Stephen was born before the family left Greene County, Tennessee, while Stephen's Confederate discharge papers say he was born in Arkansas. He was a son of Thomas Reynolds and his second wife, Elizabeth Winters. About 1853 Stephen's mother died, and about 1854 his father also passed away.

Stephen was raised by his older half-brother, W. D. Reynolds, a veteran of the Mexican War, principally in Phillips and Lee Counties, Arkansas. Stephen may have gone back to Tennessee to live with his brother's family during a portion of the 1850's. In 1859, W. D. Reynolds brought the family to Arkansas permanently. In 1860, Stephen was living with the family of his older half-brother, William D. Reynolds.

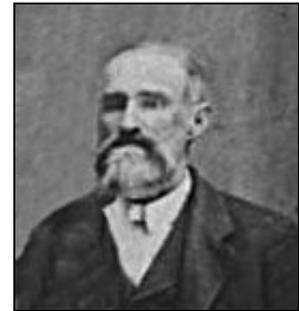
On July 20, 1861 Stephen Reynolds joined the Confederate Army at Camp McRea near Bentonville, Arkansas, for a term of twelve months. He became a member of Co. C, 2nd Arkansas Mounted Rifles. He traveled two hundred fifty miles to the rendezvous, and furnished his own horse (worth \$130) and his own equipment (worth \$20). On April 24, 1862 he was absent sick from his company. He was discharged on October 28, 1862 at Cumberland Gap (eastern Tennessee/western Virginia) having served ninety days past his term, and so was not subject to further conscription. He was last paid on November 6, 1862 for seven months and



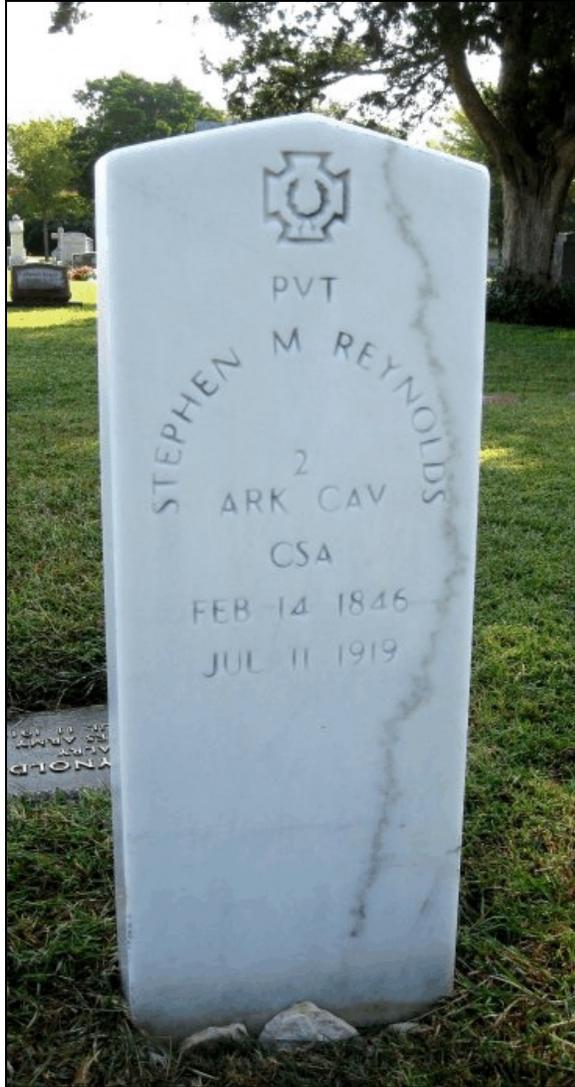
twenty-eight days (\$95.20) and was allowed seventy-five dollars as a travel allowance from Cumberland Gap to Brownsville, Arkansas (ten cents per mile). He was also paid an allowance of forty cents per day for 242 days he had used his own horse. A duplicate handwritten copy of his discharge has survived among the papers of the regiment which were captured at the end of the War. At the time, Reynolds was 5' 7" tall, had a fair complexion, gray eyes, and light hair. He later re-enlisted in the army, and fought in the Battle of Helena, Arkansas on July 4, 1863. He was present at the surrender of Little Rock, and was in a number of smaller skirmishes. In the latter part of 1864 he was captured in Phillips County, Arkansas and was sent to Helena, where he remained for two weeks until paroled.

Stephen worked on his brother's land until about 1868. On September 20, 1868, he married Mary Jane McGrew of Phillips County, Arkansas, a daughter of William and Sallie (Clabough) McGrew. She was born in Phillips County, Arkansas on February 24, 1847. Soon after his marriage, Stephen moved to Sharp County, Arkansas and worked as a blacksmith for about one year, then returned to Phillips County. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were members of the Christian Church.

By 1890, Reynolds was a successful farmer and stockman in Marion Township in Phillips County. He later came to Texas, and lived for a time after 1902 in Colleyville with his younger brother, Robinson C. Reynolds, along the east side of present-day State Highway 26 at about its intersection with Tinker Road.



Stephen and Mary Reynolds were the parents of eight children: W. T. Reynolds, Henry L. Reynolds, James Pleasant Reynolds, Marion F. Reynolds, Mary E. Reynolds, Carrie A. Reynolds, Minnie G. Reynolds, and Octavus Reynolds. A short biography of Reynolds, probably from material he supplied, appeared in 1890 in Goodspeed Publishing Company's Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas. Stephen M. Reynolds died July 11, 1919, and is buried in Frankford Cemetery in extreme southern Collin County, Texas. His grave was marked in 2007 with a headstone from the Veterans Administration erected by his great-nephew, Jimmy Reynolds, and this compiler.



I certify, That the within named W. M. Reynolds is a Private of Captain J. P. Eagle Company (B) of the Second Regiment of Arkansas Infantry, born in Pratt County in the State of Arkansas, aged 17 years, 5 feet, 7 inches high, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and by Scout was enlisted by Jos. Mcintosh at Camp Merca on the 20 day of July 1862, to serve one years, and is now entitled to discharge by reason of having expired after the expiration of his enlistment time.
 The said W. M. Reynolds was last paid by Capt. W. H. Staton on the 25 day of February 1862, and has paid due from that date to the present date.
 There is due to him seventy five dollars Dollars traveling allowance from Cumberland Gap the place of discharge, to Brownsville Ark. the place of enrolment, transportation not being furnished in kind.
 There is due him nothing for clothing and has paid for horse hire and other expenses at the rate of forty cents per day.
 He is indebted to the Confederate States nothing Dollars on account of
 Given in duplicate at Cumberland Gap this 25 day of October 1862.
J. P. Eagle Capt.
 Commanding Company.

ACCOUNT TO BE MADE BY QUARTERMASTER.

For pay from <u>28th</u> of <u>February</u> 186 <u>2</u> , to <u>28th</u> of <u>October</u> 186 <u>2</u> , being <u>7</u> months and <u>28</u> days, at <u>Seventy five</u> Dollars per month,	95 20
For pay for traveling from <u>Cumberland Gap Tenn</u> to <u>Brownsville Ark.</u> , being <u>750</u> miles, at ten cents per mile,	75 00
<u>For hire of horse 242 days at 40¢ per day</u>	96 80
Amount,	
Deduct for clothing overdrawn,	
Balance paid,	267 00

RECEIVED of Capt. W. H. Staton A. S. M. C. S. Army, this 25th day of November 1862 two hundred and sixty seven Dollars and no Cents, in full of the above account.

(Signed duplicates.)
W. M. Reynolds
 WITNESS: A. J. L. Stephens