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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Moses Smith

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Moses Smith was born January 5, 1835 in Missouri. By the time the Civil War began he had arrived in northeast Tarrant County. Several family genealogists have an interest in Mr. Smith, but they have been unable to learn who his parents were or exactly where in Missouri he was born.

He enlisted on January 15, 1862 in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, at Grapevine under Major Deavenport for one year. He was shown as due \$11.00 for the use of his own weapons, as well as mileage for 110 miles to the rendezvous. He was present on a muster roll for the company for the period February 28-June 30, 1863 and on another for January and February, 1864. He was captured at the Battle of Yellow Bayou, Louisiana on May 18, 1864, and was received as a prisoner at New Orleans on May 21, where he remained until at least July 7. He was sent north to the mouth of the Red River for exchange on October 22, 1864.

Moses Smith's first wife was Eliza Ann Starr, whom he married about 1866. She was a daughter of Grapevine pioneer Daniel Starr. Mr. and Mrs. Smith appear in the 1870 census of Tarrant County with four children: A. E. C. Smith (a daughter born about 1859); J. J. C. Smith (a son born about 1861); Maggie A. Smith (a daughter born about 1867), and Mattie E. Smith, (a daughter born in March 1870, married to a Mr. Breeding, and widowed by 1900).

Smith's second wife was Mary Ann Stone, a daughter of Reuben F. Stone and Fetna (Hurst) Stone of Claiborne County, Tennessee. She was born in Claiborne County on January 20, 1846. She probably came to Grapevine with the family of John W. and Virginia B. (Stone) Miller who arrived about 1868, and with whom she was living when the 1870 census was taken here. Mary Ann and Mrs. Miller were sisters. Two more of the Stone sisters, Margaret and Amanda, were married to Grapevine-area Civil War veterans...John Sherman Saunders and Job B. Standifer, respectively.

Moses' and Mary Ann's children were Minnie J. Smith (born about 1876), Maud Smith (born in February 1878) and Murt Smith (born in August 1881). When the 1900 census was taken, Mary Ann Smith said she had given birth to three children, all of whom were still living.

Their home is shown on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County. In modern-day terms, it sat in Grapevine a short distance northwest of the intersection of Dove Road and Dove Loop, perhaps inside the area defined by Dublin Circle.

Neither Moses nor Mary Ann Smith was pensioned for his Confederate service. Moses died December 27, 1905, and was buried in Grapevine Cemetery. No death certificate for Mr. Smith has been found. He has a readable headstone, but his wife does not. A notice of Mr. Smith's death appeared in the Grapevine Sun on December 30,

1905: *"Another Old-Timer Gone. Last Wednesday night about 12 o'clock Mr. M. Smith, "Uncle Mose," as he was familiarly called by his many friends, passed away at his home. He had been in ill health for a long time previous to his demise, and consequently suffered much, which he bore with the patience and fortitude becoming a Christian. He had reached his three score and ten years—a ripe old age. He was a member of the Methodist church. "Uncle Mose" leaves a wife, seven children, including two step-children, a number of grand-children and other relatives, besides a host of friends to mourn his death. To them the Sun tenders its sincere sympathy."*



Mary Ann Smith died at Grapevine on February 2, 1915. Dr. T. B. Dorris certified that she died of aortic sterosis, with a cold, bronchitis, and old age as contributing factors. An obituary for Mrs. Smith appeared in the Grapevine Sun on February 6, 1915: *"DIED. Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, who has been ill for several days, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Robinson, Tuesday morning, the 2nd inst. Mrs. Smith has resided here for many years and has scores of friends who loved her and will miss her. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Wednesday morning by her pastor, Rev. George P. Kornegay, assisted by Revs. Baker and Harrison, and attended by a large concourse of friends and loved ones, and the remains of the deceased were laid to rest in the Grapevine Cemetery. She is survived by a son, two daughters, a sister and two brothers to whom the Sun, with many friends, offers condolence."*

