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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William R. Trice

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William R. Trice lived in northeast Tarrant County when he joined the Confederate Army. He lived here for many years before moving to Comanche County, Texas, and finally to Erath County where he died.

William R. Trice was born in Jackson County, Alabama in April, 1834. He was a son of James Trice, who appears in the 1840 census of Jackson County, Alabama, with a wife and two sons under five years old. There was also a female living with the family, probably born during the 1770's, who may have been one of William's grandmothers.

W. R. Trice settled in northeast Tarrant County about 1857. He appears in the 1860 tax list of Tarrant County, Texas. He owned no real estate.

Mr. Trice served the Confederacy in Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, as did many other men in this community. William entered the Confederate service at Camp Reeves and was mustered in on October 14, 1861. He joined for a term of twelve months. He said he was twenty-three years old. He traveled one hundred fifty miles to the rendezvous, riding a horse worth ninety dollars and bringing along equipment worth twenty dollars. On the last day of 1861, he was with the regiment at Fort Gibson in present-day Oklahoma.

Mr. Trice's name appears on all the surviving muster rolls of the 9th Texas Cavalry during the entire War. He surrendered with the rest of his regiment at Citronelle, Alabama on May 4, 1865, and was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi on May 13, 1865. Trice stated his residence on that day as "Grapevine Tex."

An excellent account of the 9th Texas Cavalry's service during the War is to be found in Martha L. Crabb's, All Afire to Fight: The Untold Tale of the Civil War's Ninth Texas Cavalry, published in

2000 and widely available. Ms. Crabb is a descendant of another of the soldiers who fought in Company A with Mr. Trice.

W. R. Trice appears in the 1865 tax list of Tarrant County. He owned no real estate or personal property, and paid only poll tax and county tax.

When Mr. Trice registered to vote on August 30, 1867, he said he had lived in Texas, Tarrant County, and Precinct 2 for ten years. He said he was a native of Tennessee.

When the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Trice was a boarder living with the family of another of our veterans, Ransom L. Deen, in the Grapevine area. By the time the 1900 census was taken, Mr. Trice had moved to Comanche County, Texas. He lived there in Precinct 5 as a boarder in the home of Samuel O. Sanders.

He was still living there ten years later in Precinct 6 of Comanche County, Texas, a boarder in home of William H. Kelso. In that year Mr. Trice said he was born in Alabama to two Tennesseans, and said he was a Confederate veteran. Mr. Trice did not apply for a Confederate pension from the State of Texas.

William R. Trice died at 5 a.m. at Dublin, Erath County, Texas on October 11, 1916. His death certificate lists enterocolitis of twenty-two days duration as the cause of death. He was buried in the Old Dublin Cemetery in Erath County. He was apparently never married.

He has a readable headstone which includes his name, date of death, and approximate age.