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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Henry W. Wilson

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Henry W. Wilson was a native of Kentucky and a Confederate veteran of a Texas regiment. He lived at Smithfield in 1910 when he applied for a Confederate pension. He later moved to Oklahoma, where he died and was buried in 1916.

Mr. Wilson was born November 5, 1830 in Kentucky, according to his pension application. His death certificate says he was born March 5, 1830, and was a son of John Wilson and Mary Osborn. He married Sinnie Cox about 1851 in Kentucky. Mr. Wilson told pension authorities that he came to Texas in 1858.

By 1860 he and his wife, S. Wilson, were living in Grayson County, Texas in the area served by the post office at Sherman. Mrs. Wilson said she was born about 1834 in Kentucky. They had two children with them: Emma J. (who was born about 1856 in Indiana) and Maria (who was born about 1858 in Kentucky).

Mr. Wilson wrote in his pension application that he served the Confederacy in Co. B, 4th Arizona Texas Cavalry (Showalter's). He enlisted in March 1862 and served until the end of the War. The regiment was also known as Baird's Texas Cavalry Regiment. He said he left the army with his command below Houston, Texas. The National Archives could find no records to support his claim, but approved his claim anyway.

Some records have lately been found for Mr. Wilson in Baird's Cavalry. He appears as a private, who was detailed to drive beef cattle for the regiment on September 1, 1864. He was detailed to the interior for clothing and blankets on October 14, 1864 by Col. Ford. His file also contains some correspondence from the Oklahoma Confederate Pension officials.

When the 1870 census was taken in Grayson County, Texas, Mr. Wilson and his family were living in Precinct 4 in the area served by Kentucky Town. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had three children with them: Emily, who was born about 1855 in Indiana; Marion, a female who was born about 1857 in Kentucky; and Serena, who was born about 1868 in Texas.

About 1879, Mr. Wilson and his family moved to the Smithfield area of Tarrant County. In the 1880 census of Precinct 4 Henry and Sinna Wilson had two children with them: Cyrena A., who was born about 1869; and Marthy V., who was born about 1871. Next door was the family of John and Emily Jane Stewart, Henry Wilson's daughter. Emily said she was born about 1854 in Indiana.

The Wilson family appears in the 1900 census at Keller, Texas. Henry said he was born in November 1830 in Kentucky two Virginian parents. Sinnie Wilson said she was born in April 1832. They had been married or forty-nine years, hence they must have been married about 1851. Mrs. Wilson said she had given birth to six children, four of whom were still living. In 1900 the Wilson's had a Stewart grandson living with them whose mother's birthplace was shown as Indiana.

When Mr. Wilson applied for a Confederate pension in November, 1910, he was living at Box 27 in Smithfield in Tarrant County. At the time he had a daughter who lived near Grapevine.

Mr. Wilson applied for a Confederate pension in Oklahoma in 1915. He told pension officials in Oklahoma he had been living at Mangum, Oklahoma for ten years, but he obviously had not since he appears in the census in Tarrant County, Texas only five years before. He said he had been receiving a pension in Texas, and was very feeble and had a bad memory due to old age.

Henry W. Wilson died in Greer County, Oklahoma on November 27, 1916 at 9:10 a.m. Dr. C. W. Austin of Brinkman, Oklahoma said Mr. Wilson's death was the result of old age. Sinna Wilson died in Oklahoma on October 5, 1922.

One of the Wilson children was Mrs. Emily Steward, whose death certificate shows she was born in Missouri on June 19, 1854. She died on July 7, 1934 in the city-county hospital in Fort Worth. Her last address was in that city at 1416 Harrington Street. She was buried in Smithfield Cemetery. She was married to J. H. Steward. Her parents are shown as Henry Wilson and Sinnie Cox.

Maria Wilson was born April 10, 1858. Her married name was Wells. She died in Fort Worth, Texas on July 8, 1942. Her last permanent address was Route 6, Box 149 in Fort Worth. Her death certificate shows she was buried at "Park Lawn" in Fort Worth; no cemetery in Fort Worth is currently known by that name.

Another of the daughters was Mattie Wilson, who was born about 1871 in Texas. She was the wife of John W. Tyner. She was living in Mangum, Greer County, Oklahoma in 1920.