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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Royal Columbus Hall

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Royal Columbus Hall, a native of Tennessee, was a brother of the Grapevine blacksmith E. A. Hall. Royal came to Grapevine about 1881. He was a veteran of a Tennessee Confederate infantry battalion. Also known as Kell Hall, he was a charter member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth. Mr. Hall later died a horrible death at his home in Fort Worth.

Royal Hall was born in Cocke County, Tennessee on July 23, 1832. Family researchers at ancestry.com say he was the son of Royal Columbus Hall, Sr. (1806-1872) and his wife, Ruth Winford (1807-1870). When the 1850 census of District 11 of Cocke County, was taken, Royal Jr. was shown as a twenty-year-old farmer living with his parents and siblings.

Royal Hall married Lovena Angeline Ikard (1838-1827) on October 14, 1855. Mrs. Hall told pension officials she was born in Catawba County, North Carolina on July 12, 1838. Her death certificate lists her birthdate as July 29, 1838. Ikard family genealogists say she was a daughter of Henry Ikard (1793-1872) and Elizabeth Miller (1808-1882), who died in Cocke County, Tennessee and Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas, respectively. In 1979 there was no standing readable headstone for Mrs. Ikard in northeast Tarrant County.

Mr. Hall served the Confederacy as a soldier in Co. E of the 16th Tennessee Battalion. He enlisted at Greeneville, Tennessee on February 27, 1863 for three years or the War. He was captured at Greeneville, Tennessee on April 13, 1864 by members of the 3rd Indiana Cavalry, and on May 13 was sent to be held at Nashville for further processing. On May 16 he left federal custody at Nashville, Tennessee and arrived at the military prison at Louisville, Kentucky the next day. On May 21 he left Louisville, Kentucky for Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana where he arrived the next day, and spent the rest of his time in the service. He was finally released on February 17, 1865 after he took an oath of allegiance to the Federal government.

When the 1880 census was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Hall were living in District Six of Montgomery County, Tennessee. Both their sons, S. E. Hall and Asa H. Hall, were with them. Mr. Hall was farming. According to a statement Mrs. Hall made many years later to pension authorities, they left Tennessee and came to Texas about 1881.

Mr. Hall appears in the 1883 tax list of Tarrant County, Texas with no real estate or personal property. In August of 1884 he registered at the Confederate reunion in Dallas and said he was a resident of Grapevine.

When the 1900 census of Tarrant County was taken, the Hall family was found living in Precinct 1 in the Polytechnic area of Fort Worth. Mrs. Hall said she had given birth to two children, and both of them were living. They were Stephen Edward Hall and Asa H. Hall. At that time, Asa was still living with his parents and Stephen was living next-door with his family. Royal C. Hall was farming on rented land in that year.

On Thanksgiving Day of 1904 Mr. Hall was bitten by a small dog. An account of his final days appeared in the Fort Worth Record on January 12, 1905: ***“AGED MAN DIES A MOST AWFUL DEATH. R. C. HALL, BITTEN BY A MAD DOG THANKSGIVING, SUCCUMBS TO RABIES. DOG HAS BEEN KILLED. Mr. Hall Was a Farmer Who Lived on the Cedar Springs Road, Near Masonic Home.***

After having been bitten about the hands on Thanksgiving day by a small dog that was given to him by one of his neighbors, R. C. Hall, aged 73 years, died of hydrophobia at his home near the Polytechnic college about 7:30 o'clock last night. Death came in the usual terrible manner peculiar to rabies.

Mr. Hall was taken sick last Saturday night but inasmuch as he was an old man and a chronic sufferer from rheumatism, no special significance was attached to the illness. At an early hour Tuesday morning, however, symptoms of rabies began to develop. Mr. Hall refusing water, which is one of the infallible signs of the dreaded rabies. The sick man's condition grew worse and worse and at last death ended his suffering yesterday evening.

Drs. Hooper and Hall of Fort Worth and Dr. Rainey of the Masonic home, attended the patient. The deceased was a Mason, being a member of Fort Worth Lodge, No. 148, which lodge will conduct the burial services.

The dog that bit the deceased was returned to the neighbor from where it originally came, where it was killed after it was learned that it had bitten Mr. Hall.

The deceased was a farmer and made his home on the Cedar Springs road, between the Polytechnic college and the Masonic home for a number of years. He is survived by a widow and two grown sons.

No announcement regarding the funeral was made last night.”

Mr. Hall's grave in Polytechnic Cemetery in Fort Worth now has no readable headstone. When the 1910 census was taken, Mrs. L. A. Hall was living at the Masonic Home in Forest Hill on the Bowman Springs Public Road.

Mrs. L. A. Hall applied for a widow's pension in 1913 in Arlington while she lived in that city at the Home for Aged Masons. Mrs. Hall's pension file in the Texas Archives contains a letter from Ina Hall Keith of 726 Waverly, San Antonio, Texas, dated May 18, 1957, wanting information to help her complete her application to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. L. A. Hall died at the Home for Aged Masons in Arlington, Texas on November 2, 1927. Her death certificate lists "old age" as the cause of death. She was buried beside her husband in Polytechnic Cemetery.

Stephen Edward Hall was born March 26, 1870. He sometimes appears in the census as Eddie S. or Edward S. Hall. He spent much of his life working in the furniture business. He died at his home at 1226 Ash Crescent in Fort Worth on August 21, 1942. He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in the Handley section of east Fort Worth.

Asa H. Hall was born March 20, 1872. He was a lifelong bachelor. He died at his home in Fort Worth at 1230 Ash Crescent on January 26, 1915. The cause of death listed on his death certificate was intestinal tuberculosis.



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THE STATE OF TEXAS;

County of Tarrant
Notary Public

BEFORE ME, W. K. Cook a

in and for said County, State of Texas, this day personally came and appeared E. A. Hall

known to me well known, and who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say
my brother R. L. Hall went out into the
Confederate army with Captain Rumber
from Cook Camp, Tenn. I was not with
him. I was with Captain Bottery - would
meet him occasionally.

E. A. Hall
mark proper

Sworn to and subscribed before me. Witness my hand and seal of office, in
this the 11 day of Nov A. D. 1905

W. K. Cook - Notary Public
Tarrant County, Texas.

By _____ Deputy.