



# TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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## Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

### James Henry Williams

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James Henry Williams, a native of Missouri, was a Union veteran of a Missouri infantry regiment. He lies buried in Minter's Chapel Cemetery.

Several genealogists have posted information on Mr. Williams at ancestry.com and other internet sites. They report he was born January 20, 1842 in Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri. His headstone shows his birth date as April 28, 1842. Family genealogists report that he was a son of Samuel Smith Williams (1805-1875) and his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Cocke) Williams (1812-1891), both of whom died in Lawrence County, Missouri. Lawrence County was formed in 1845, and included the northern part of Barry County. James's paternal grandfather, John Williams (1782-1864) is recognized as the first permanent settler in Lawrence County, having settled there in October, 1831.

James appears in the 1850 census of Lawrence County as an eight-year-old boy with his parents and siblings.

James Henry Williams served the Union in Co. B, 15<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. Several details of his service seem to be contradictory. His name appears on a muster roll as a Third Corporal in Co. B, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment "Provisional Enrolled Mo. Militia Cav." for the period October 31, 1863 to Aug. 31, 1864. He brought a horse with him worth one hundred fifty dollars, and horse equipment worth twenty-five dollars. He was due pay for the use of his own horse and equipment for a term of three hundred five days. This company subsequently became Co. B, 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry.

Mr. Williams appears on a company muster-in and descriptive roll, dated at Springfield, Missouri on July 15, 1864. He was born in Lawrence County, Missouri and was twenty-two years old. He enlisted November 1, 1863 at Mount Vernon, Missouri for a period of twenty months. He had blue eyes, black hair, and a fair complexion. He was five feet, nine inches tall. He was mustered into

the federal service on July 15, 1864 at Springfield, Missouri. His enlistment was credited toward the quota of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Missouri at Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri.

Mr. Williams appears on a muster-out roll dated at Springfield, Missouri on July 1, 1865. He was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1863. A notation in his file says "Stop 1 gunsling #1.25, one swivel 75cents, one screw driver and cone wrench 23 cents Total \$2.23."

Descendants report three marriages for Mr. Williams. The first was to Nancy Fullerton on October 1, 1868. There was a second marriage to Sarah Ann Higby on January 21, 1877, and a third marriage to Mahala Cate on September 7, 1883 in Dallas County, Texas.

Mahala Cate was born July 26, 1849 in Arkansas. She was first married to Thomas Lucas (1842-1882) about 1871, with whom she had several children. Mr. Lucas lies buried in Sowers Cemetery in Irving. She died at Sowers, Dallas County, Texas on February 28, 1924. She lies buried under a readable granite headstone in Sowers Cemetery in Irving, Texas.

Mr. Williams' widow, Mahaley, appears in the 1890 Union veterans census at Sowers in Dallas County, Texas. This record says her husband was a veteran of Co. D, 15<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. Mrs. Williams index card for her pension shows his service to have been in Co. B.

Mrs. Williams appears in the 1900 census of Dallas County's Precinct 8. She said she was born in July, 1849 in Tennessee, as were both her parents. She said she had given birth to nine children, seven of whom were still alive. Three were still living with her: Charles T. [Lucas] (born in January 1878), William J. [Lucas] (born in September 1882), and Mary E. [Williams] (born in July 1885).

There is one Mahala Williams in the 1910 census in Precinct 8 in Dallas County. She was born about 1851 in Missouri to two Tennesseans. She had one daughter, Etta, born about 1887 in Texas, with her. She operated a boarding house and had five boarders at the time the census was taken.

Descendants show his death January 3, 1888 in Irving, Dallas County, Texas. His headstone in Minter's Chapel Cemetery clearly shows the date as January 3, 1887.

Mr. Williams' daughter in his third marriage, Mary Etta Williams, was born July 19, 1885 at Sowers in Dallas County. She married John Willis Roberts (1883-1918) in Dallas County, Texas on December 18, 1910, but they were later divorced after having several children. Her last permanent address was 218 West First Street in Irving. She died in Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas on December 17, 1960. Both she and Mr. Roberts lie buried in Sowers Cemetery in Irving, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith Williams  
Parents of James Henry Williams