



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Samuel Withrow

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Samuel Withrow was born April 11, 1838 in Tennessee. According to family information posted at Ancestry.com, he was a son of Hampton T. Withrow and his wife, Frances Teague, both of whom died in Coffee County, Tennessee.

Samuel Withrow enlisted in May 1861 and served until the end of the war. He was a soldier in Co. G, 24th Tennessee Infantry. He was captured at the Battle of Nashville on December 18, 1864, and was a prisoner for the rest of the war. A. D. Mash of Coffee County, Tennessee made an affidavit for Mrs. Withrow when she applied for a Confederate pension in which he said Withrow and he went into the service together in May 1861 at Camp Anderson, Tennessee, and served together until July 22, 1864 when Mash was wounded at Peachtree Creek in Georgia.

Withrow had previously lost the first finger on his right hand at the Battle of Resaca, Georgia. Mash said "Withrow made a good soldier and was always found at his post of duty....He married one Miss Mary Embrey." They lived on a farm with Mash for two or three years after their marriage and then "went west."

Mabel Simmons Wood, a descent of Withrow's, contributed a biographical sketch of the family to the Grapevine Area History, published in 1979. It lists Samuel's children as Samuel Key Withrow (b. April 17, 1870); Frances Naomi Withrow (born November 22, 1871, the wife of William C. Brown); Martha Elizabeth Withrow (born Jan. 27, 1874, the wife of Edward Thomas Simmons); Joseph Harlen Withrow (born January 13, 1876); Edward Thomas Withrow (born October 13, 1880); and Mettie Myrtle Withrow (born December 27, 1882, married Thomas McPherson). When the 1900 census taker visited Mrs. Withrow's home, she said she had given birth to seven children, six of whom were still living. The seventh child was not alive at the time the family was listed in the 1880 census of Coffee County, Tennessee.

Mollie C. Withrow filed an application for pension in 1913. She said he died August 30, 1882 in Tarrant County. She married him July 4, 1869 in Coffee County, Tennessee. She said she was 66 years old, born in Franklin County, Tennessee, and came to Texas in February of 1881. Mrs. Withrow was born March 30, 1849 and died March 7, 1927. In her pension application she said she and Samuel came to this community in February of 1881. She lived on Worth Street in Grapevine from the time she applied until her death. Widow lived on Worth Street until she died in 1927.

Mrs. Withrow's pension file also contains an affidavit made by Joseph G. Roddy of Coffee County, Tennessee, who was First Lieutenant of Co. G, 24th Tennessee Infantry. He said all the regiment was surrendered on December 18, 1864. He said he saw Withrow after he [Roddy] came home on June 22, 1865. Roddy said "Mr. Withrow made a faithful soldier and was always found in the line of duty."

Mrs. Withrow's death certificate gives her name as Mary Elizabeth Withrow. Some other sources say her middled name was Cassandra. An obituary for her appeared in the Grapevine Sun on March 10, 1927: *"Pioneer Lady of This Community Dies. Mrs. Mollie C. Withrow, widow of Samuel Withrow, who died August 30, 1882, and the mother of S. K. Withrow, Denton; Mrs. Fannie N. Brown and E. T. Withrow of Fort Worth, Mrs. Mattie Simmons and J. H. Withrow of this place, died at her home here Monday, March the 7th at noon. Except for a short illness some weeks ago, she had been enjoying good health for one of her age until a few hours before her death. Mrs. Mollie C. Withrow (nee Embrey) was born in Coffey County, Tennessee, March the 30, 1848. She married Samuel Withrow, July the 4, 1869. To this union seven children were born, five of whom still survive. Miss Mary Lu Withrow died July 29, 1879, and Mrs. Hettie*



M. McPherson died October 2, 1923, are the two who have preceded her to the Great Beyond. Funeral services were held in the Grapevine Baptist Church the afternoon of March the 8th. Rev. W. H. Day of Rice, Rev. J. L. Dwight, Rev. B. P. Milburn and Rev. L. Pat Leach of Grapevine, took part in the services. Interment was made in the Lonesome Dove cemetery where she will rest by the side of the remains of her departed loved ones. Mrs. Withrow, or Grandma Withrow as she was familiarly known to a host of loving friends and relatives, was converted to the Christian faith in 1864 and joined a Baptist church in Alabama and has lived a consistent Christian life for more than sixty years. It is this good pure life that has so endeared her to her children, whom she loved so dearly and to the many friends who are bowed in grief at her departure. No earthly heritage could equal a name like that nor heavenly reward be too rich for a life so consecrated to her children and [illegible....] many years. How much better would this world be and how much richer would heaven seem if we would all consecrate our lives in deathless devotion to duty as did Grandma Withrow."

Several genealogists have advertised an active interest in Samuel Withrow at Ancestry.com. Both Mr. and Mrs. Withrow are buried in Lonesome Dove Cemetery in Southlake.