Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Thomas McCray Buck

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Thomas McCray Buck was a Union veteran of the Civil War who lived at Grapevine and worked as a blacksmith for several years before 1900. Before his death he left the area and died in the Indian Territory.

Thomas was born in Monroe County, Tennessee on December 10, 1838. His parents were Jacob Buck (born April 18, 1802) and Mary Moore McCray (born January 1, 1810). In 1850 Thomas and his parents and siblings were living in Lawrence County, Missouri.

Thomas served the Union in the same company as his brother, Daniel, who also settled in Grapevine. They were in Co. F, 1st Missouri Light Artillery.

Thomas married Margaret E. T. Reynolds in Webster County, Missouri on February 24 1870. They appear in the 1870 census of Washington, Webster County, where Thomas was working as a farmer. On May 10, 1873 Thomas patented a tract of land in Webster County. About 1875 Thomas and his family moved to Texas.

When the 1880 census was taken, Buck and his family lived in Precinct 3 of Tarrant County north of Big Bear Creek. Thomas was working as a blacksmith, as was his younger brother, Jacob R. Buck, who was living with them. Thomas's wife, named Margaret E. T. Buck in this census, was about 1849 in Tennessee to a North Carolinian father and a Tennessean mother. They had five children with them in that year: William S. Buck (born about 1871 in Missouri); Ezetta B. Buck (born about 1872 in Missouri); Mary E. Buck (born about 1873 in Missouri); Margaret A. Buck (born about 1876 in Texas), and Thomas F. Buck (born about 1878 in Texas).

On September 10, 1888 Thomas filed his application for a pension based upon his service in the Union army. Later, both his widow and at least one of his minor children also received pensions.

Thomas M. Buck died in the Indian Territory on May 7, 1894 and was buried in the old Woodville Cemetery in Marshall County, Oklahoma. He was pensioned by the federal government for his Civil War service. Family sources say he died in Woodville, Oklahoma.

One of his daughters was Ezetta Buck, who was born in 1872 in Missouri, married Robert Simon Bell, and died in 1952 in Grayson County, Texas.

Several descendants of this Buck family have placed queries and posted information on several of the internet genealogy sites. More information on Mr. Buck and his family, as well as two different photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Buck, may be found at:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okbits/thomasbuck.html