



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Hezekiah Gilbert Carlton

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Hezekiah Gilbert Carlton, a native Virginian, went to Callaway County, Missouri with his parents when he was a small child. He served from there in a Missouri Confederate infantry regiment, and moved to northeast Tarrant County shortly after the War.. He lived in the Keller area for many years before finally moving to Jones County, Texas where he died soon after the turn of the century. His brother, William R. Carlton, is also one of the veterans who appear on our memorial.

Family sources at ancestry.com say Hezekiah G. Carlton was born in Halifax County, Virginia on October 7, 1834. His parents were Leroy Charlton Carlton (1808-1880) and his wife, Cassandra (Hart) Carlton (1812-1854), both of whom died in Callaway County, Missouri. Census records suggest that the family moved from Missouri to Callaway County about 1837.

The family appears in the 1840 census of Callaway County. At that time, they were recorded as the owners of three slaves. Three people in the family were involved in agriculture.

When the 1850 census was taken, Hezekiah was shown as a fifteen-year-old boy in his father's family in District 12 of Callaway County. Leroy Carlton was farming land which he owned. By 1850, Mr. Carlton owned only a single slave, a black woman about forty years old.

Hezekiah G. Carlton and his family appear in the 1860 census of Cedar Township, Callaway County, Missouri. They lived in the area served by the post office at Hibernia, Missouri. Mr. Carlton headed the family which included only three of his younger siblings: Sarah, Lydia, and William. They were no longer slaveowners.

Mr. Carlton's records which have survived in the National Archives are very sparse. He enlisted in Callaway County, Missouri on July 1, 1862 for a term of one year. He became a private in Co. H, Clark's Regiment of Missouri Infantry. He was still with the company at the time a muster roll was made for the period of March and April 1863.

A marriage record exists in Callaway County, Missouri for one Hezekiah Carlton and Judy T. Henshaw. The marriage took place on May 6, 1866. We have not discovered whether or not this record refers to the Hezekiah Carlton who shortly after this moved to Texas. Only one man named Hezekiah Carlton lived in Callaway County, Missouri in 1860. No one named Hezekiah Carlton appears in the 1870 census there. Some family sources give the same date for Mr. Carlton's marriage to Julia Tennessee Walker in Tarrant County, Texas. However, no Tarrant County marriage records survived the court house fire in Fort Worth in 1876.



Julia Walker Carlton

After Mr. Carlton arrived in Tarrant County, probably about 1866, he married Julia Walker. A now-lost or unreadable headstone in Birdville Cemetery gave her birth date as May 18, 1845. Family genealogists at ancestry.com say her full name was Julia Tennessee Walker, that she was born in Tennessee, and was the daughter of William A. Walker (1802-1853) and his wife, Margaret (Weir) Walker (1810-1898), both of whom died in Tarrant County, Texas. They came to Tarrant County from Fort Osage Township in Jackson County, Missouri. Julia Walker was the sister of Mary I. Walker, the first wife of Hezekiah's brother, William R. Carlton.

The census taker in 1870 found Mr. Carlton and his family living in northeast Tarrant County in Precinct 4, probably in the area near Keller, judging from the names of his close neighbors in the census. Their oldest child was three years old, and had been born in Texas. Ten years later, in 1880, Mr. Carlton and his wife, Julia, were still living in

northeast Tarrant County with their five children.

Mr. Carlton's entry in the 1880 agricultural census gives an insight into the family's life at that time. His farm included eighty acres of tilled ground, forty acres of woodland, and one hundred acres of other land in use as range or lying fallow. He estimated the value of his farm at two thousand dollars, and of his farm equipment eighty dollars. He owned livestock worth three hundred seventy dollars. He estimated that his farm productions in 1879 had been worth four hundred fifty dollars. He owned five horses, two mules, seven hogs, thirteen milk cows, and nine cattle of other classes. Eight calves had been dropped on his place in the past year, and he had sold three live cattle. He had produced one hundred pounds of butter. He owned one dozen chickens. He produced a considerable amount of Indian corn but the numbers are not legible on the form. His twenty acres of wheat produced one hundred eighty bushels. He made four bales of cotton on his thirteen acres. He had a peach orchard of three acres which contained two hundred trees.. He had cut six cords of wood off his place in the past year, worth twelve dollars.

Mrs. Julia Carlton died in Tarrant County on November 26, 1883. As late as the 1960's she still had a readable headstone in Birdville Cemetery in present-day Haltom City. Recent cemetery inventories have failed to find or recognize it. The obituary of one of their children indicates that Mr. Carlton moved the family to Jones County, Texas in 1883.



Mary Rowell Carlton

Mr. Carlton's second wife was Mary B. Rowell, whom he married in Jones County, Texas on December 14, 1892. She was born August 1, 1861 in Pike County, Alabama to Richard W. Rowell and his wife, Lucy Emma Jenkins. Mr. Rowell died in a hospital at Point Lookout, Maryland in the summer of 1865 after service in the Confederate Army.

At the time the 1900 census was taken, the Carltons had moved to Precinct 1 of Jones County, Texas, north of Abilene. Mr. Carlton's family included his second wife, his son from his first marriage, Hezekiah, and three children from his second marriage. Mrs. Carlton said she had given birth to three children, and all three were still living. The family was farming on land which they owned.

Mr. Carlton died at his home near Funston in Jones County, Texas on October 23, 1905. He lies buried in Bethel Cemetery there. A short obituary appeared in The Stamford Tribune: ***“Uncle H.G. Carlton, an honored***

citizen and old settler of Jones county died near Funston at his home, last Saturday and was buried with Masonic Honor Sunday in the Funston cemetery. A throng of people were there to witness the services, Dr. G.C. Rankin Editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, of Dallas preached to a crowded house Sunday night.”

Mr. Carlton's death certificate adds the information that he died at 9 o'clock (whether a. m. or p. m. is not legible) of blood poisoning and “senile gangrene.”

Mrs. Carlton and her five children appear in the 1910 census of Jones County, Texas. She told the census taker she had given birth to five children, all of whom were still alive.

Ten years later, in 1920, she was still there. The children still with her were Ewing, Emma, and Eva Carlton. Ewing was working as a salesman in a furniture store and was supporting the family.

Mrs. Mary Carlton died at her home near Funston, about six miles east of Anson, Texas, at 5 p.m. on February 27, 1937. Her death was caused by myocarditis, cerebral apoplexy, and arteriosclerosis. She was buried beside her husband the next day.

Family sources at ancestry.com listing Mr. Carlton's children are confusing and contradictory. They report seven children for Mr. Carlton in his first marriage, and six in his second. Those in his first marriage included Margaret G., Lucy, Leroy H., Arthur Hezekiah, Julia Etta, Cassandra, and Walker Hezekiah Carlton. His children in his second marriage included Gilbert Watson, Willie N., William Ewing, Mary Tula, Lucy Erma, and Eva Bell Carlton.

Margaret G. (or J. or E.) Carlton was born about 1867. She married George Abraham Fanning in 1884 in Denton County, Texas. By 1900 they had moved to the Chickasaw Nation in present-day Oklahoma. She died in 1945 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

Some sources report a daughter named Lucy Carlton, who was born about 1869. She was not with the family in the census records of 1870 or 1880. The L. Carlton with the family in 1870 was a male, and seems more likely to be Leroy H. Carlton.

Leroy H. Carlton was born about 1869. He was with the family in 1870 and 1880. There was a Hezekiah Carlton, born in October 1870 living with his father and step-mother in Jones County, Texas in 1900. This is not Arthur Hezekiah Carlton, because he was living next-door with his family. It was not unheard of for more than one child in a family to have the same middle name, and this may be an instance of that.

Arthur Hezekiah Carlton was born in June or August 1871. He moved with his father's family to Jones County in 1883. He married Lela G. Raughton (1872-1949) in December 1894. He died on December 13, 1947 in a Stamford hospital and was buried in Bethel Cemetery.

Julia Etta Carlton was born May 11, 1873. She married Henry Brown about 1893. She died March 15, 1948 in Los Angeles, California.

Cassandra Carlton was born in 1877. She married John Houston Mitchell (1863-1954) in Jones County, Texas on October 11, 1896. She died May 2, 1914 in Delhi, Beckham County, Oklahoma. She lies buried in Delhi Cemetery at Sayre, Oklahoma.

Some sources list a son named Walker Hezekiah Carlton, who was born in 1877 and died in Los Angeles, California on February 7, 1953. No one appearing to be Walker Hezekiah Carlton is living with the family in the 1880 Tarrant County census. One source says he was born October 15, 1881, and that he is the Hezekiah born in 1870 shown with his father's family in 1900.

Gilbert Watson Carlton was born October 28, 1893. He married Iva Lena Cannedy (1900-1945). He died in October 1983 in Florence, Fremont County, Colorado. Other sources say he died in Texas.

William Ewing Carlton was born August 3, 1896. He married Lois Rike. He died September 8, 1968 in Texas. His name appears in some census records as Willie Carlton and Ewing Carlton. There is one Willie N. Carlton shown as a child in the 1900 census. It seems likely, to this researcher at least, that the census actually says "Willie U.," a misabbreviation of "Ewing."

Mary Tula Carlton was born July 21, 1898. She married Irvin Morrow Sanders. She died April 21, 1984 in Texas.

Lucy Erma (or Erma Lucy) Carlton was born September 14, 1900. She married Charles Arthur Graham (1902-1975) in Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma on March 20, 1932. She died February 23, 1989 in Dallas, Texas.

Eva Bell Carlton was born September 5, 1902. She married William Stone Lewis. She died in Dallas, Texas on December 10, 1986.



Hezekiah and Mary Carlton

