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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William M. Cross

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William M. Cross was born July 13, 1840 in Hempstead Co., Arkansas, a son of Tarrant County pioneers Robert and Ann H. Cross, who lie buried in Birdville Cemetery. About 1843, the Crosses moved to Kentucky for a short time, but by about 1845 had returned to Arkansas. In 1850 they were living in Ozan Township in Hempstead County.

According to voting registration records made during Reconstruction, the Crosses arrived in Texas from Arkansas about 1853, settled in Tarrant County about 1854, and moved to the Birdville area about 1859.

William enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 at Grapevine, Texas, and served in Capt. J. C. Terrell's Company of Waller's Texas Cavalry Regiment. He was officially enrolled August 27, 1862 at Vermilion, Louisiana for three years. He is shown as present for duty on February 29, 1864. His details of service remaining in the official records match those of another of our veterans, W. H. White, exactly. Nothing more is to be found in his official records.

He was active in the Methodist Church at Smithfield, and was a member of the Smithfield Conference representing Zion Methodist Church in 1886-1887. Cross was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp of the United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth, and he received the Southern Cross of Honor in June 1910. He gave the Camp a written statement in which he said he crossed the Mississippi River in the spring of 1862. He was at one point left sick with pneumonia at Horsehead Bayou, Arkansas, and was later discharged. He said he re-enlisted in Fort Worth in March of 1862 and served until the end of the war.

William Cross died June 10, 1912, and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Cross's wife, Nancy J., died December 15, 1874 at the age of thirty-one and was also buried at Smithfield. No death certificate was filed for Mr. Cross.



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