



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William Franklin Driskill

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William Franklin Driskill was born February 22, 1822 in Coles County, Illinois, a son of Elias Driskill and Christina (Eaton) Driskill. It is interesting to note that in the year 1850 in Pulaski County, Missouri, William Driskill and his family were close neighbors (appearing on the same census page) of Lilburn H. Colley and his family, for whom the town of Colleyville was named decades later.

William was married at least twice, first about 1848 to Charlotte Davis. Along with his brother, John Driskill, he served in Captain William W. McGinnis's Co., 20th Brigade, Texas State Militia, so it seems apparent that they had moved to northeast Tarrant County by that time.

He patented the the 160-acre William Driskill survey on June 30, 1871. His survey sits in present-day Grapevine and is bounded on the west by State Highway 121, on the south by Hughes Road, and with its southeast corner at the intersection of Hughes Road and Hall-Johnson/Baze Roads. The survey lay in a square and extended one-half mile north of Hughes Road from its southeast corner.

William's last wife was Mrs. Susanna Hunt McDaniel Gray. In terms of modern-day landmarks, in 1895 she was living on the Driskill survey on the north side of Hughes Road, about halfway between Highway 121 and Hall-Johnson Road's new eastern extension. Driskill died at his home south of Grapevine on December 9, 1884, and lies buried beside his mother and sister in Parker Memorial Cemetery in the south edge of Grapevine, Texas. His mother, Christina Driskill, died in 1862 and her headstone is the oldest readable monument in the cemetery.

William's descendants continue to use the cemetery today. Family genealogists report that William and his first wife had the following children: William Franklin Driskill, D. J. Driskill, John Eli Driskill, Mary E. "Polly" Driskill, and Luvisa Christina (Mrs. Benjamin Samuel) Day. William and Susannah had at least the following children: George Douglas Driskill, Green Parker Driskill, and

Betty Elizabeth (Mrs. William Patilla) Dyer. There is biographical material for several of William F. Driskill's descendants found in Grapevine Historical Society, [Grapevine Area History](#).



Headstone of William's mother in Parker Memorial Cemetery, before the stone was destroyed by vandals.