



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Elisha Barton Cannon

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Elisha Barton Cannon was a native of Alabama who was a Confederate soldier in his state's infantry and cavalry regiments. He lived in northeast Tarrant County for a few years around 1880, and later returned to Alabama where he died and lies buried.

By his own statement in the 1907 Alabama Confederate soldier census, Elisha said he was born at Old Democrat, Walker County, Alabama on September 22, 1838. He was a son of John and Mary Cannon.

When the 1850 census of Walker County was taken, Elisha was eleven years old and the oldest child in his father's family. They lived in Five Mile Beat of District 31. His father was a small farmer whose real estate was worth fifty dollars.

About 1858 Elisha married Zilpha Snow, who was born in Walker County, Alabama on March 4, 1839. Family sources at ancestry.com she was a daughter of Dr. William Henry Snow (1814-1883) and his wife, Matilda Ann Chilton (1819-1904), both of whom died in Alabama.

In 1860 George and his wife and their daughter, Matilda, lived in Walker County's Woods District. They lived in the area served by the post office at Elyton, Alabama. Their next-door neighbors were Elisha's parents and siblings. Matilda was seven months old.

During his interview for the 1907 veterans census, Mr. Cannon said he enlisted in September 1861 at Jasper, Alabama. He said he was captured at Selma, Alabama about March 29, 1865, and was paroled and discharged at Montgomery, Alabama on the following April 15.

According to his own statements, Cannon spent time in Co. I, 26th Alabama Infantry, Co. I, 50th Alabama Infantry, and Co. G (Wharton's Company) of Stewart's Battalion of Alabama Cavalry.

Mr. Cannon's records which have survived in the National Archives are quite sparse. They show that he enlisted on September 23, 1861 at Camp Abington, Alabama for a term of one year. He was present at the time a muster roll was made for the 26th Alabama Infantry for March and April 1862.

We have been unable to locate this family in the 1870 census. Mr. Cannon and his family apparently spent some time in Arkansas during the 1870's. In 1880 Elisha B. Cannon and his family lived in Tarrant County's Precinct 3 in the area south of Big Bear Creek. They had two children with them: Elisha T. and John A. Cannon. This census says Elisha was born in Alabama and John was born in Arkansas. Their next-door neighbors were Elisha's brother, Daniel Cannon, and his wife.

Elisha Cannon appears in the 1880 agricultural census of Tarrant County. At that time he was working a rented sixteen-acre farm of improved land worth one hundred fifty dollars. Elisha's farm equipment was valued at sixty dollars, and his livestock was worth forty-five dollars. He estimated his total farm production in the past year was valued at one hundred dollars. He owned one horse, two hogs, and five chickens. He estimated he had gotten twelve dozen eggs from his hens in the past year. His eight acres of Indian corn had made one hundred bushels, and his eight acres of cotton had yielded one bale. He had dug five bushels of sweet potatoes from his quarter-acre patch.

Elisha B. Cannon and his family moved back to Alabama after 1880, possibly as early as about 1881, where they appear in the 1900 census at Pleasant Field in Walker County, Alabama. In that census the birthplace of one of his children is shown as 1882 in Alabama. With him were his wife, a daughter named Henry E. Cannon, his son, Elisha T. Cannon, and Elisha's wife, Nancy. Mrs. Cannon said she had given birth to five children, only three of whom were still alive. Soon after 1900 the State of Alabama granted a Confederate veteran's pension to Mr. Cannon.

When the 1910 census was taken Elisha and his wife, and their son Elisha T. Cannon and his wife, all lived together on the Baltimore Road in Precinct 22 of Walker County.

Mrs. Zilpha Cannon died December 10, 1920 in Walker County, Alabama. Mr. Cannon died there on September 10, 1923. They lie buried in Pleasant Field Cemetery in Walker County. We have discovered the names of four of their five children: Matilda, Elisha T., John Asberry, and Henry E. Cannon.

Matilda Cannon was born about 1859. She was apparently dead by the time the family was listed in the 1880 census.

Elisha T. Cannon was born in March 1864. His wife was Nancy A. Cannon. They lived with his parents in both 1900 and 1910, and by the latter year Nancy was still childless. He died in Walker County, Alabama on October 8, 1959.

John Asberry Cannon was born February 19, 1873. He married Louetter Odom (1879-1959) about 1898. In 1900 he and his wife lived next-door to his parents in Walker County. Mr. Cannon died March 23, 1961 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.

Henry E. Cannon was born in Alabama in January 1882. Henry is very plainly shown as a female in the 1900 census.