



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Samuel Walter Cook

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Samuel Walter Cook was a Confederate veteran of a North Carolina regiment. He spent several years living around Grapevine and Keller before moving to Fort Worth near the end of his life.

Mr. Cook was born in Watauga County, North Carolina on September 30, 1846. Family sources at ancestry.com say he was a son of Jacob Cook (1808-1877) and his wife, Myra (Norris) Cook (1815-1909), both of whom died in Watauga County. Samuel was one of eighteen children, fifteen of whom were still alive in 1900.

Samuel first appears in the U. S. census in 1850 in Watauga County in his father's household. In 1860 Samuel lived with his parents and siblings in the Boone District of Watauga County, North Carolina.

Mr. Cook served the Confederacy in Co. C, 11th North Carolina Battalion. His records in the National Archives show him to have served in Companies A, B, and D of the 11th Battalion of North Carolina Home Guards. He was captured by Federal forces in Watauga County, North Carolina on February 2, 1865. He was first sent to Knoxville, Tennessee, then to Chattanooga on February 16, next to Nashville, Tennessee, and was forwarded to Louisville, Kentucky on February 19 where he arrived the next day. On March 3, he was sent to Camp Chase. He signed an oath of allegiance to the U. S. government on June 13, 1865 at Camp Chase and was released. At that time he was described as being nineteen years old, a resident of Watauga County, North Carolina; with dark complexion and dark hair, blue eyes, and stood 5' 7" tall.

After his release, Samuel returned to Watauga County and in 1870 was living again with his parents and siblings in Beaver Dam Township there. Mr. Cook told pension officials he moved to Tarrant County, Texas in 1878. Mr. Cook and his wife, Mary E. Holland, were married November 6, 1881 in Tennessee, according to a statement she made to Texas pension officials in 1930. It is not

explained how they came to be married there if they both lived here in Tarrant County at the time they were married.

Mrs. Cook was born in Tarrant County on June 24, 1865. She told pension officials she had lived in Tarrant County all her life except for one year she lived in Tennessee.

When the 1900 census of Tarrant County was taken, Mrs. Cook said she had given birth to eight children, seven of whom were still living. The children with them in that year were Fred O., Maudie M., Nora E., Margaret L., Claudie A., Walter S., and Henry G. Cook, thus they had lost one in the 1880's or 1890's.

In 1910, Mr. Cook and his family were living in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. They had been married twenty-nine years. His wife, Mary E. Cook, was born about 1866 in Texas. She had given birth to ten children, nine of whom were still alive. They included Claudie (born about 1895), Walter S. (born about 1897), Henry G. (born about 1899), Winnie L. (born about 1901), and James M. (born about 1904).

Mr. Cook applied for a Confederate pension in 1926 while he still lived at Grapevine. He said his participation in the War ended on June 10, 1865 when he was released from Camp Chase, one of the federal military prisons. When he applied, he owned seventy-four acres of the Thomas Mahan survey.

His brother, J. M. Cook of Cottle County, Texas made an affidavit for him which was submitted to the Texas pension bureau, as did H. A. Hartley of Tarrant County.

Mr. Cook has an obituary in the Grapevine Sun on September 18, 1930: "*S. W. COOK, FORMERLY OF THIS PLACE, DIES AT RIVERSIDE. S. W. Cook, age 83 years, Civil War veteran, died at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning at his home, 2528 Primrose. Mr. Cook was a native of North Carolina, coming to Texas 52 years ago. He moved to Riverside two years ago from Grapevine, where he lived for a number of years. Besides his wife he is survived by five daughters: Mrs. M. M. Brewster, Mrs. C. F. Moore, Mrs. W. M. Gilland and Mrs. R. E. Duke of Fort Worth and Mrs. W. T. Wood of Clovis, N. M.; and four sons, Fred Cook, Dallas; H. G. Cook and J. M. Cook, Fort Worth, and W. S. Cook of Barnard, Texas. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon by Rev. O. C. Reid, pastor of the Riverside Baptist church; interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.*"

The Fort Worth Record of September 16, 1930 said: "*CIVIL WAR VETERAN'S FUNERAL TO BE TODAY. Funeral services will be conducted for Samuel Walter Cook, 83, Civil War veteran, at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence, 2528 Primrose Street, where he died yesterday at 2:30 p.m. A native of North Carolina, he came to Texas 52 years ago and moved from Grapevine in 1928. Survivors are five daughters, Mrs. M. M. Brewster, Mrs. C. F. Moore, Mrs. W. M. Gilland and Mrs. R. E. Duke of Fort Worth, and Mrs. W. T. Wood, Clovis, N. M.; four sons, H. G. and J. M. Cook, Fort Worth; Fred Cook, Dallas, and W. S. Cook, Barnard, Texas. Rev. Oren C. Reid, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, will officiate at the services. Interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.*"

Mr. Cook's death certificate says he died at his home at 2528 Primrose in Fort Worth at 2:30 a.m. on September 15, 1930. The immediate cause of death was arteriosclerosis. It says he was born in North Carolina on September 30, 1846, and was a son of Jacob Cook, a native of Germany. Several census records clearly say Jacob Cook was born in North Carolina. Samuel W. Cook was buried at Mt. Olivet on September 16.

Mrs. Cook applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1930. Mrs. Cook's death certificate says she was born June 24, 1865 in Texas to M. K. Holland and Mattie Vought. She died at 2424 Marshall Street in Fort Worth, where she had been living for twelve years; on January 25, 1940. She died of broncho pneumonia of five days duration. The informant was H. G. Cook of Fort Worth, and she was buried at Mount Olivet on June 26. She *may have been* the daughter of M. F. and Martha Holland who were living in Tarrant County when the 1870 census was taken.

Samuel W. Cook's children included Fredrick Osco Cook, Maudie Mae Cook, Nora Cook, Henry Grady Cook, Margaret Lee Cook, Claudie Ann Cook, Walter S. Cook, Winnie L. Cook, and James M. Cook. There was one more whose name we have not discovered.

Fredrick Osco Cook was born at Mansfield, Texas on October 15, 1882. He worked as an automobile mechanic. He last lived in Dallas County, Texas, and died there on November 6, 1956. He lies buried in Southland Cemetery in Grand Prairie, Texas. His wife, Kate L. Cook (1889-1970) is buried beside him.

Maudie Mae Cook was born in Texas on March 4, 1884. She worked as a seamstress for Walter Johnson Clothiers. She was married twice, secondly about 1918 to V. V. Brewster (1858-1920). She died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth on August 26, 1953 and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Nora Cook was born in November, 1887. If the information in her father's obituary is correct, she married either C. F. Moore or R. E. Duke.

Margaret Lee Cook Gilliam was born February 10, 1891. She married W. M. (Maxey) Gilliam (1884-1958). She died March 16, 1975 in St. Joseph's Hospital, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Claudie Ann Cook was born November 23, 1893. She married William Tom Woods (1884-1955). When her father died she was living in Clovis, New Mexico. She worked as a department store clerk. She was hit by a car while walking in Azle, Texas and died about two hours later in John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth on June 11, 1971. She was buried in Bourland Cemetery in Keller, Texas.

Walter S. Cook was born about 1897 and was still alive in Barnard, Texas when his father died in 1930.

Henry Grady Cook was born at Keller, Tarrant County, Texas on November 1, 1898. He worked as a bus driver.

He died enroute to St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth on June 7, 1963, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Winnie L. Cook was born about 1901. If the information in her father's obituary is correct, she married either C. F. Moore or R. E. Duke.

James M. Cook was born about 1904 and was still alive in Fort Worth when his father died in 1930.



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